



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' love bringing justice, compassion and charity to all creation.



The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 30th - 31st December 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Lk 2:16

First Reading:

Your own son shall be your heir.

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision. 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Ps 104:1-6,8-9

Second Reading:

The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equal by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants that could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. **Alleluia!**

Heb 1:1-2

Gospel:

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom..

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty - four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Bar 3:38

We acknowledge the original custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia. As we share our faith within our Catholic family we also acknowledge those that paved the way to give us our Church and Parish and welcome all into our community.

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MARY, the HOLY MOTHER of GOD
1st January 2018 Readings

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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm;
 Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm,
 Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm;
Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community
 11am Aboriginal Community Mass
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
 3rd Sunday of every month

Reconciliation:
 Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm
Baptism: By appointment: one
 month's notice required. Formation
 of parents falls on the 1st Monday of
 the month. 7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Marriage:
 By appointment only, 12 months'
 notice required.

Entrance Antiphon: cf, Is 9:1,5
 Today a light will shine on us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called
 Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages; and his reign will be without end.

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27
They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are
 to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
 May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his
 face to you and bring you peace.'" This is how they are to call down my name on the sons
 of Israel, and I will bless them.' The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5,6,8
R/ May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the
 Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof
 that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that
 cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and
 if God has made you son, then he has made you heir. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he
 speaks to us through his son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21
*The Shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib ...
 When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby
 lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about
 him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for
 Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds
 went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as
 they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they
 gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception. The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the faithful: Jesus, Son of Mary, hear us

Communion Antiphon: Heb 13:8
 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

Daily Readings: starting 1 Jan 2018

Mon: Num 6:22-27 Lk 2:16-21
 Gal 4:4-7
Tues: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Wed: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34
Thu: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51
Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:6-11
Sun: Is 60:1-6 Mt 2:1-12
 Eph 3:2-3

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Cleaning: January 6, 2018 **Group 7**
 Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy & Rosalie
 Nankivell

Counters: January 7, 2018
 Mike & Rita Steller & John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: TBA (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: TBA (for the parish)
 Planned Giving & Christmas Offering: TBA

*Thank you for your time and
 kind generosity!*

**A BIG THANK YOU AND
 NEW YEAR BLESSINGS!**

WELCOME 2018: HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!!!

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