



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.



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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 Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



“Every form of sexual submission must be clearly rejected. This includes all improper interpretations of the passage in the Letter to the Ephesians where Paul tells women to “be subject to your husbands” (Eph 5:22). This passage mirrors the cultural categories of the time, but our concern is not with its cultural matrix but with the revealed message that it conveys. As Saint John Paul II wisely observed: “Love excludes every kind of subjection whereby the wife might become a servant or a slave of the husband... The community or unity which they should establish through marriage is constituted by a reciprocal donation of self, which is also a mutual subjection”. Hence Paul goes on to say that “husbands should love their wives as their own bodies” (Eph 5:28). Sexuality is inseparably at the service of this conjugal friendship, for it is meant to aid the fulfilment of the other. *Pope Francis, Ch.4#156, Amoris Laetitia*)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
6th - 7th October 2018

An American rabbi tells how a young couple came to see him one evening. Their wedding was coming up and he was to officiate at it. At one point the young man said to him, ‘Rabbi, would you object if we made one small change in the wedding ceremony? Instead of pronouncing us husband and wife ‘till death do us part’, could you pronounce us husband and wife ‘for as long as love lasts’? We’ve talked about this and we both feel that, should the day come when we no longer love each other, it wouldn’t be morally right for us to be stuck with each other.’

But the rabbi replied, ‘I do object, and I won’t make the change. You and I know that there is such a thing as divorce, and we know that a lot of marriages these days don’t last until one of the partners dies. But let me tell you something. If you go into marriage with an attitude of “If it doesn’t work out, we can always split”, then I can almost guarantee you that things won’t work out for you. ‘I appreciate your honesty. But you must understand that a marriage commitment is not just a mutual willingness to live together, but a commitment to accept the frustrations and disappointments that are an inevitable part of two imperfect human beings relating to each other. It’s hard enough to make a go of marriage even when you give it everything you’ve got. But if only a part of you is involved in the relationship, then you have virtually no chance.’

The result would inevitably be a fragile, tentative relationship that was sure to fail. Some enter into marriage expecting it to make their lives pleasurable all the time, and when at times it offers pain and conflict they want out of it. When two people get married, their lives are linked together. From that point on they have a common destiny. They are committed to one another, and are responsible to and for one another. God then seals and blesses this bond. However, the bond is not made of unbreakable material. It is made of human, and therefore, imperfect material.

God made us for love –to receive it and to give it. However, the ability to love is not something that is given to the couple on their wedding day with all the other gifts. Love is something that has to be learned. The real journey married couples have to make, and not just them but single people too, is the journey from selfishness to love.

Nothing is a greater challenge to love, nothing provides a greater opportunity for growth in it, than marriage. It calls for a lot of maturity. When two people get married they bring to it their strengths and weaknesses, loves and hates, hurts and wounds, hopes and fears.

However, the difficulties they encounter can become opportunities for growth. There is more depth to a relationship that has weathered some storms. I wish you all a beautiful week full of joys,

Fr. Alex, SVD

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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Daily Readings: starting 8 October 2018

Mon: Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37
Tues: Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Lk 11:1-4
Thu: Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26
Sat: Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28
Sun: Wis 7:7-11
 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Prayers of Devotion to St. Joseph

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 6-7pm; every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:00pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

SHARING THE TRADITION

Marriage is both a social institution and a sacrament—an action through which God's love is made manifest. In this way the love of a husband and wife is a sign of the love of God for all his people. Through the love between husbands and wives, they draw closer to each other and to God.

- Examine the Church's understanding of Christian marriage. (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church §1601ff). You could invite a married couple to share their understandings. You could explore some Catholic groups which exist to promote marriage and the Family.
- Under certain circumstances the Church allows for the annulment of marriages. You could examine 'free consent' (CCC §§1625-1629) and explore the process of the Tribunal of the Catholic Church.
- There may be some difficulty or confusion among catechumens on the Church's teaching about civil divorce and remarriage. Deal with this sensitively (CCC §§ 1650-1651). What are some of the pastoral implications of the Church's view of the issue?

PLENARY 2020: START NOW

The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is



an opportunity to write a response to this question, "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" and "What question do you have for the Catholic Church in Australia today?". Please submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team. If you are unable to access internet, please write your response(s) to the above question after some time of prayer and listening to your inner voice, place your response in the special box at the back of the church. The priests will email your response(s) directly to the top. This individual approach will be rolled out for a few weeks until we start working and consulting all parish service and pastoral groups.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED & BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOU WISH FOR!

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the New Testament world both a husband and a wife could initiate divorce but only for the gravest of reasons. This differs from the biblical Israelites who had no law which allowed a women to initiate divorce.
- This is one of the few gospel texts in which Jesus offers a direct teaching in opposition to that Judaism at his time.



OLSH Priests' Movements

Fr Raass: 1 Oct - 21 Oct: Holy Land & Italy Pilgrimage;
22 Oct - 26 Oct: Clergy Retreat, Darwin
11 Nov - 11 Feb 2019: Home Leave, Fiji

Frs Alex & Oli: 22 Oct - 26 Oct: Darwin, Clergy Retreat

During Fr Raass' absence, Fr Alex will be the Acting Parish Priest and assisted by Frs Nick de Groot SVD & Olivier SVD (back on 26/10)

WELCOME!

To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.



Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat "Claiming Your Inner Voice"	Saturday, 10 th , November, full day to Sun morning – midday Venue: St Francis Centre. Suggested Donation to cover costs—\$25-\$30	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne
Spirituality in the Pub	Friday, 12 th , October, 7 pm Venue: Todd Tavern 6:30pm dinner/drinks for 7:00pm start	Hannah Purdy (NT Shelter) & Leigh Woolcock (Anglicare Housing Support)



Spirituality in the Pub

Not 'just talk'....
a modest contemporary forum for conversation

Homeless in Alice Springs?

What can we do in Central Australia as individuals, church, community & government

Hannah Purdy (NT Shelter)
& **Leigh Woolcock** (Anglicare Housing Support)
will assist us to explore the 2018 Homelessness Statement 'A Place to Call Home' of the Australian Catholic Bishops.

Read at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au
Hosted by OLSH Catholic Parish in Alice Springs.
All welcome

Friday 12 October 2018 at 7 pm
Todd Tavern, 1 Todd Street, Alice Springs
Meals & drinks available from 6pm

Living the Change

Our 2018 Season of Creation ended well for fifty people who celebrated mass in the courtyard in creation with a special blessing of the pets on St Francis's Feast day last Thursday 04 October. Many more made the Laudato Si pledge last Sunday to pray for and with creation, live more simply and advocate to protect our common home.

On the same day, Laudato Si animateurs from around Australia and our world met online to encourage us all to keep moving forward. Here are some inspiring next steps:

- 1) We can send our prayer intentions to those who are now walking the climate pilgrimage from the Vatican to the United Nations Climate talks in Poland. Details of other action you can take and info about what we're calling for from climatepilgrimage.com
- 2) Discover inspiring past and future Season of Creation activities at seasonofcreation.org
- 3) Make the Laudato Si pledge and join the journey inspired by Laudato Si Pope Francis' letter on climate change and ecology at [liveLaudatosi.org](http://live Laudatosi.org)

Thank-you to all of us who have 'set out on the long path to renewal' each in your own way.

OLSH FAMILY BIKE RIDE

Dear parishioners, a big thank you for supporting the bike ride event to Simpsons Gap last Saturday, in memory of Marie Litvensky Joachim.

There were about 30 riders who took part in the event, ranging in age from 5 to 70 years of age.

Thanks must also go to those who donated but were unable to ride and to our 6 support staff for preparing the food, cooking and transporting people and bikes home. You did a fantastic job – may God Bless you all.

Our fund raising effort raised \$1500.00 for the Melanoma Institute of Australia.

This was our third event and hopefully we will be able to do another next year.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Dorothy Jamela, Anna Wasson and Ronda Ayliffe Saba will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the 6:00pm Mass on October 6th 2018 and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. All parishioners are invited to support our new members of OLSH Parish by your prayers and faith witness. Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at light refreshments in the JP2 Hall following this 6:00 pm Mass.
Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Director

Making Connections

Put particular effort into your own marriage or a significant relationship this week. In what ways can your love for another become a present representation of the love of God for all people?



Please be informed that the Catholic Precinct from 2-4 Hartley Street is now a **NO SMOKING zone**.

Roster for weekend of October 13 - 14, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta	Rosalia Fernandes David Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	Julie Permezel Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Jeremy Jones Emil Tabbada	Br James Hodge Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Aileen Batimana Joel Tolentino	Cindy Decosta Thomas J John Goury Nair

Cleaning: October 13, 2018 **Group 5**
Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counters: October 14, 2018
Darryl & Leonie Smith

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,601.85 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,049.00 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 1,222.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.



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Entrance Antiphon:

Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading:

Genesim 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a 'woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 127

R/ May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:9-11

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord

1 Jn 4:12

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessings.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: December 02, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir

TBA

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m dr)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, JP2 Hall

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry

3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs)

4th Friday of the month

Finance Team Ministry

1st Saturday from 8:00am-9:30am

CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

Social Justice Awareness Group:

4th Sunday of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Sunday Mass Pick-Up: Every Sunday if you can help those who wish to attend Mass at the main Church.

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....next one around September 2018

Parish Soup Van Ministry

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?

"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

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