



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



“The aesthetic experience of love is expressed in that “gaze” which contemplates other persons as ends in themselves, even if they are infirm, elderly or physically unattractive. A look of appreciation has enormous importance, and to begrudge it is usually hurtful. How many things do spouses and children sometimes do in order to be noticed! Much hurt and many problems result when we stop looking at one another. This lies behind the complaints and grievances we often hear in families: “My husband does not look at me; he acts as if I were invisible”. “Please look at me when I am talking to you!”. “My wife no longer looks at me; she only has eyes for our children”. “In my own home nobody cares about me; they do not even see me; it is as if I did not exist”. Love opens our eyes and enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being.” *“Pope Francis, Ch.4#128, Amoris Laetitia.*

5th Sunday of Easter Year B
28th - 29th April 2018

A TRIMMED VINE

A fine example of a trimmed vine is the person of Paul we meet in Acts. The man who was putting the early Christians in jail has been knocked to the ground from his high horse and has come up a trimmed apostle of Jesus. A conversion has redirected his life. But the converted man is in for some tough times. The people want to kill him. His conversion has led to confusion.

A legend about St Francis of Assisi is an example of conversion leading to confusion and a rearrangement of relationships. Francis, a high-living young man in Italy, frequently passed the begging lepers on the outskirts of his city. One day, something made him stop and look. He felt the usual disgust of a leper. But he also felt a stirring compassion he had never felt before. He saw a bond between them and he got off his high horse and kissed the leper. A never-go-back turning point had been reached. Francis knew in his heart life must change. God is with the poor!

His conversion was not glorious. His friends deserted him. They were confused. Francis struggled for many years like St Paul with how to live his new life and it caused him great anguish. But it also brought him closer to the Lord.

The stuff of pruning and transformation is confusing and sometimes hurtful. You and I cannot plan chaos nor legislated into a mature Catholic. Stuff just happens without our control hence the confusion it creates for people who know us. Decisions have to be made on the spot for love to breathe. And as we change, we are each “pruned” through the confusion of our feelings and thought patterns.

Jesus explains: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15: 1-2). Here we see that the gardener’s purpose for cutting out deadwood and pruning back living stock is to produce more life and fruit. We shouldn’t be surprised that spiritual principles prove true in our experience of the physical world as well.

The Biblical Pruning Principle is this: We will flourish in our personal, spiritual, and physical life when we expose ourselves and family to frequent pruning. Authentic pruning might involve an ongoing process of elimination and refinement through the daily reading of God’s Word, regular Confession, fasting & prayer, counselling, spiritual direction, ministry supervision, talking to a trusted friend about your problems, read inspirational books & listen to beautiful music, contemplation, good works, ongoing formation etc.

We “do all these for our benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow” (2 Cor 4:15) to the glory of God the Father” (Jn 15:8).

Fr Raass 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 30 April 2018

Mon: Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
Tues: Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31
Wed: Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thu: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
Fri: Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Jose Lapuz Sr, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, 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, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lennie, Will Arthur, Zak V (& Hank Zemani, R.I.P.)

May the Lord grant them healing

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.

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

Charismatic Prayer Group (Small Chapel)

Every Thursdays 6:15pm—7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

PENTECOST CELEBRATION



Looking ahead. All parish cultural groups & nationalities are asked to begin preparing your contribution to the upcoming parish Pentecost Celebration on Sunday 20 May at the 9:30am Combined Mass. Please see other notices in the bulletin for other preparations.

Parish Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage

Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are an enduring tradition for the Abrahamic Faith (Islam, Judaism, Christianity) as the place has great significance for them all. OLSH Parish has few more seats left for any parishioner desiring to find a new way of understanding Our Lord's life. Our departure date is Monday October 1, 2018 for 21-days. Join us for an unforgettable experience. Call the Office

POPE FRANCIS' NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION



Pope Francis has written a new apostolic exhortation on "the call to holiness in the contemporary world." "**Gaudete et Exsultate**" is the Latin title of the text, which translated into English means "Rejoice and Be Glad." The words are taken from the Gospel of Matthew (5:12) at the end of the discourse on the Beatitudes. Francis writes of what it means to be holy in the modern world, with many specific examples: viewing a person sleeping on the street not as an obstacle or a political problem but as a human being; refraining from gossip in the grocery store and impatience with our children; reading the Bible even in a time of constant online distractions; avoiding being "caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet" (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html).



St Martin de Porres Charismatic Prayer Group Retreat

The Missionaries of God's Love brothers in Darwin were invited by the Bishop in 1996 to conduct a chaplaincy to the aboriginal people through the St. Martin de Porres community. The Sunday Masses at St. Martin de Porres are very lively and filled with joyful praise and fellowship. The experience is one of acceptance, healing and reconciliation. This community will visit OLSH Parish from 20-22 July and offer a Charismatic retreat.

Distribution of Communion

This quote taken from the Instruction to the Roman Missal 'since the celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet, it is **desirable** that in accordance with the Lord's command, his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those of the faithful who are properly disposed,' encourages each of us to receive both the consecrated host and the precious blood from the chalice.

In order to assist in the smooth flow to receive from the chalice and to avoid a large line forming at the one chalice, we will be having 4 ministers of the chalice and one minister of the host, at our weekend masses. The current rosters have only three ministers named. If you are an extraordinary minister of communion could you please come forward to assist in the distribution of communion until the new rosters come into effect. Thank you

Parish Pastoral Council



The third PPC monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 3 May at the JP2 Hall. All parishioners are invited to submit, recommend or suggest any item of concern and improvement. You may submit to: chairpersonppc@gmail.com

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!



The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended 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.



May 13th, Mother's Day & Closing of Fatima Centenary

OLSH parish has been invited to take part in an initiative of a Rosary crusade throughout Australia on May 13, the last day of the Fatima Centenary. Given that it is Mother's Day, OLSH Parish will say the Rosary together on that Sunday at 3:00pm in the church. Bring your family.

Pentecost Sunday Liturgy Preparation

Once again we are preparing to celebrate the wonderful feast of Pentecost. This feast recognises the 'beginning' of the church as the Spirit fired the hearts of Jesus' followers to spread the Gospel throughout the known world. We are having a meeting on Monday evening 30th April, at 6.30 to plan for the liturgy on Pentecost Sunday. If you are free you would be most welcome to come this meeting. Thank you

NEXT SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

<i>Altierre</i> Catholicism with Arrernte Catholic Elders	Arrenrte Elders & Mike Bowden, MA (Teacher & Aboriginal Community Worker)	Friday May 11 th	Todd Tavern 6:30pm dinner/drinks for 7:00pm start 
WELCOME OR EXCLUSION? Social Teaching on Gender, Race and Place.	Sr Robyn Reynolds OLSH BA (Hons), MA, PhD Yarra Theological Union Lecturer	Friday June 15 th	

Workshops

On Tuesday 8th May at 6.30 pm in the church there will be a workshop for anyone interested in becoming **Communion Minister**. This ministry is a very important ministry in our liturgy. Please consider this invitation seriously and come along to the session.

On Tuesday 15th we will have a workshop for anyone interested in becoming a part of the **reading roster** for our parish. Please consider offering your skills in this important ministry. This workshop will be in the church at 6.30pm

Our Religious Freedom



Religious freedom is being significantly eroded in many countries throughout the world in a resurgence of intolerance and uniformity. This is one of the worst and most violent forms of global religious persecution. It's the insidious marginalisation of those who believe in God that has become a concern for many followers of the Abrahamic faith. It is not a demand for special rights but arises out of a concern that the space for religious freedom is shrinking as secularism and materialism takes hold. Please take and read *Turn the Tide-Reclaiming Religious Freedom in Australia* (back of church) which sets out the challenges and reasons why protection of religious freedom is needed in Australia

Lectors/Readers Preparation Hour



This is a humble reminder to Weekend/Sunday readers to please attend the Lector's Preparation & Reflection with Sr Anne on Tuesdays at 6:10pm after the Mass. You owe it to the people of God to reflect well on what you will proclaim on Sundays. PLEASE DO NOT JUST ROCK UP THE LAST MINUTE ON SUNDAY!

Pentecost's Multicultural Celebration, Sunday, May 20th

Come celebrate your culture at Mass followed by a feast of flavours meal with our community - start working now on your family favourites and bring it to share with the parish. Additionally, the Hospitality Ministry is looking for donations of cakes, biscuits or desserts to sell at our 50th Jubilee fundraising Cake Stall. Look for more information here or contact Losana Hay or Ruth Sexton for more details. Or email parish.

Bible Sharing



Our Parish Bible Sharing Group has resumed on Wednesdays from 6:15pm to 7pm in the small chapel. Remember, "the Bible is not meant to be placed on a shelf, but to be in your hands, to read often - every day, both on your own and together with others," Pope Francis. "Why not read the Bible together as well - two, three, or four of you? In nature, in the woods, on the beach, at night in the glow of a few candles ... you will have a great experience!" "Read with attention! Do not stay on the surface as if reading a comic book! Never just skim the Word of God!". It's sad that many Catholics tend to shy away from sharing how the Word of God has touched them in the depths of their longing. "Come & taste the goodness of the Lord", Psalm 34:8.

Young(ish) Adults Get-Together

Are you in your 20's or 30's? (Or even a bit younger or older?) Single or married? Do you have zero or more children? Do you wrestle with how to live out your Catholic faith? We invite you to an informal discussion about how we could encourage each other. Join us for a bring-and-share picnic dinner on the church courtyard lawn, 5.00pm Saturday 5th May. *From Parish Youth Action Team.*

Roster for weekend of 05 - 06 May 2018

Cleaning: May 05, 2018 **Group 3**
Fred & Lyn Twohig

Counters: May 06, 2018
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$3,344.05 (for the presbytery) \$1,300 from direct credit
2nd Collection: \$1,031.60 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,145.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Bill Rainnie	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Deepthi James	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br James Hodge
Sun 5:30pm	Debbie Cooke	Lennie Sumang Hilda Reeder	Goury Nair Marieta Ives Losana Hay

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

5th Sunday of Easter Year B
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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance

First Reading:

Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 212:26-28,30-32

R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading:

1 Jn 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Jn 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 15:1-5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty alleluia.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation
Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this
Sunday: 13th May 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship
1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am
at Desert Life Church

Bread Delivery to Town Camps
Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir
Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal
every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

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 drive)
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
(Re-structuring)

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry
3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs drive)
4th Friday of the month

Finance Team Ministry
1st Saturday of the month from 8:30am-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.

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?
Call the presbytery and participate in God's Mission.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I
send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I.
Send me! Isaiah 6:8*

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