



# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, strengthened by the Word of God, is united by our Sacramental Life into a Covenant to make Jesus the Christ known and loved in Central Australia.*



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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

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## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

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Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

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## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred C.

## Parish Mass Schedule:

Monday to Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm

Saturday 11 am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

## Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month

- 11am Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—

11 am Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs,

off the Ross Highway.

## Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month's notice required.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Formation of parents falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

## Marriage:

By appointment only, 12 months' notice required.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”



“In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat

**confidently without end:** “Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old” (Ps 25:6), Pope Francis.

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

## STIR INTO THE FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD

What does it mean “I have lost my faith”? It could, indeed, mean that one’s faith has been “misplaced” – put in money or privileges rather than God. Could it mean that my endless cries of healing and justice to God are not heard?

How often good parishioners have studied and prayed and struggled, only to find that they could not believe in humanity and God anymore. Faith is unearned (gift) and often eludes those we would deem most deserving. For those of you who have been gifted with faith, it is also unquestionably a task, something to be worked on, “stirred up” as Paul reminds us (2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14).

How does one “stir into flame” a fire? One can rekindle the flame by fanning the dying embers, by adding new fuel into the fire, or by rearranging the materials. We can witness it when parishioners go on a spiritual retreat or take on a course in Scripture or volunteer for a working bee or Vinnies. I’ve witnessed new flames of faith burst when parishioners attend one or two Monday formation evenings, speaking up for social justice, befriending an indigenous family, meditating on the mysteries of the rosaries, attending daily Mass, Christian meditation, visiting the prisoners or taking up a special ministry.

How does one “lose faith”? Perhaps by not taking advantage of opportunities to “stir the flames” such as what God through OLSH parish and other Christian communities are providing. When someone says, “My faith has died.” The natural response would be, “How sad! Was it sick for very long?” You, yes you, “stir into the flame the gift of God.” Faith cannot be left untended, it can, like any fire, die a natural death.

Hopefully through strong Catholic families, we will all help our children to tend the fires of this special gift. OLSH Parish will glow with faith-fire if the 400+ Catholics who worship every weekend, allow their many God-given gifts to add new materials for each one’s own faith-flames.

In the cool of the evening and when it gets too cold, it’s a good time to stoke the fires, to be on the look-out for chances to fan the flames and to add new fuel. Then who knows, you and I can welcome the many to warm themselves by our fireplace. And you know how fire spreads!

Fr Raass SVD  
Parish Priest

*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.*

**Daily Readings: starting 3 October 2016**

**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  
**Thur:** 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:** 2 Kg 5:14-17  
          2 Tim 2:8-13                    Lk 17:11-19

**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



**Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick**

Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan, Clare Lorkin and Rose Almanza.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Recent Deaths:** Ruperto Ramos 25.09.2016  
                          Lloyd Taylor 27.09.2016

**Death Anniversary:** Des Vida 01.10.2012

**May their souls rest in eternal peace.**

**Parish Working Bee**

A massive thank you goes to all who rocked up for the working bee last Saturday clean up. Great job was accomplished at the back of the church and the front-yard of the 1<sup>st</sup> presbytery (former Marist Residence). *“To see Margaret Nort in her wheel chair pulling weeds was an inspiration. To see Alan Thorpe (Stuart Highway Motors) with his excavator and tipper was the work of the Holy Spirit”*. - Fred Twohig

**FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND MERCY ARE POSSIBLE!**

**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 Fridays from 6-7pm and 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 -7:30pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

Thursday night at 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

**Mission Sunday 2016**

This year we celebrate World Mission Sunday on 16 October. On this day, Catholics all over the world are called to reflect on and recommit ourselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer, sacrifice and personal involvement. In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are all called to be the true face of God by bringing the message of love, forgiveness and tenderness to those who have not yet experienced the love of our God.

Pope Francis in his World Mission Day message says – *“This merciful love, as in the early days of the Church, is witnessed to by many men and women of every age and condition. The considerable and growing presence of women in the missionary world, working alongside their male counterparts, is a significant sign of God’s maternal love. Women, lay and religious, and today even many families, carry out their missionary vocation in various forms: from announcing the Gospel to charitable service.”*

What can you do for God on Mission Sunday? One practical way is to visit one of the many Aboriginal camps in Alice Springs and see where the Spirit leads?

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

After weekly Inquiry Gatherings, our group has expressed their readiness for the next stage of their RCIA Journey. This is scheduled for the 9.30am Mass, 2nd October when the following Rite is planned to occur:

**Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens: Luke Highfold, Gemma O'Brien and Sarah Nankivell.** Each has a particular member of the OLSH community to be their Sponsor during these months of preparation.

All parishioners are invited to support these new members by your prayers and faith witness. Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at the morning tea following this 9.30am Mass.

**OLSH Parish Retreat**

A good number of retreatants have booked themselves in for next week’s retreat. We wish them well and may the Holy Spirit give them guidance. Let us remember them in our prayers.

**Theme:** “The Name of God is Mercy”, Pope Francis

**Venue:** White Gums, Lot 4012, Bullen Rd, Alice Springs.

**Date:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6:00pm – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 12:00midday

**Cost:** \$85 per person (meals and hire of venue)

**Facilitator:** Sr Anne Surtees OSU.

**Diocesan Clergy Retreat (Looking ahead)**

All priests are expected in Darwin from the 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October for their annual spiritual retreat with Bishop Eugene Hurley. There will be **NO MASSES** during this week except for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word by a group of lay ministers.

**Ochre Cards (Police Check)**

Please be reminded if you are volunteering on behalf of OLSH parish and have potential or direct access to associating with children under 18, you need an Ochre Card. **No Exceptions.**

**Memorial of the Week**

**St Francis of Assisi - October 4**

**Our Lady of the Rosary - October 7**

*Perform as many small acts of service as you can this week*

**Baptism**

OLSH Parish welcomes GORDON ANDREW CHARLES, son of Andrew and Angela Charles, who was baptized on Saturday, 1st October.

**Welcome!**

We welcome all new parishioners and their families. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to any of the priests or members of the Parish Council. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and contribute to the reign of God in Central Australia.

**MONDAY ADULT FAITH & SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

*A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy*

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Social Justice Statement 2016	A Place at Table
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Social Justice Statement 2016	A Place at Table
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Compassion for a Stranger	The Good Samaritan (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Who is Forgiven More Loves More	The Two Debtors and their Creditors (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	God Is Looking For Us	Finding the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Extreme Compassion	The Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	The Opposite of Mercy	The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:1-21)

Come, Learn, Share & Celebrate from 7pm-8:30pm

Continuing formation and education are integral to our Catholic sense of responsibility as members of OLSH Parish as we engage in a widely diversified society with various human needs. Please do not claim to think that you have been educated once and for all time. Your personal and spiritual development demands an ongoing deepening of your faith if you are to remain effective as a disciple of Jesus.

OLSH Parish has resumed its Monday Adult Faith, Culture and Spirituality Formation evenings focusing on the beautiful Parables of Mercy according to the Gospel of Luke. However Oct 3 & 10 will focus on the Social Justice Statement. Please bring your bible and explore deeper into Jesus' understanding of Mercy. Turn off your TV and come on Monday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Alison and Michael Ferber who graduated from Certificate III in Theology at Nungalinga Aboriginal Theological College, Darwin. Both Arrenrte Catholics are from Burt Creek, about an hour's drive from Alice Springs.

You are an inspiration Alison and Michael!

**Cleaning:** 8 October 2016 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** 9 October 2016  
Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,204.75 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 931.35 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$ 1,390.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

**OLSH Prison Ministry**

“When I was in prison, you came to visit me”, Mathew 25. If Jesus were on earth today, would we find Him in the prisons, talking and dining with the most loathed criminals and outcasts? Of course we would. There is a good number of parishioners who visit the prison regularly on Tuesdays, the ecumenical rounds on Sundays and the Prison Fellowship. C'mon, do something extra-special in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

**Jubilee for Prisoners**

On Sunday 6th November, a 'Jubilee for Prisoners' will be marked around the world, as designated by Pope Francis in this Year of Mercy. Prison Chaplains across Australia will deliver a special 'Message for Prisoners' from Bishop Terry Brady, Bishop Delegate, Australian Catholic Prisoners Pastoral Care Council (ACPPCC) and Chair of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life. Paper copies of the leaflet are currently being delivered to Prison Chaplains for distribution via their networks to prisoners. OLSH Parish will mark the Jubilee for Prisoners on Sunday 6th November. Any ideas?

**FAREWELL Mr & Mrs John Appelby**

After 19 years in Alice Springs, John Appelby and wife Kerry are heading back to their old Parish of Clare, in South Australia. OLSH Parish would like to thank John and Kerry for their generous contributions to our parish life. We wish John, Kerry and family all the best for the future.

May God Bless you and keep you safe and well.

**Safeguarding Children and the Vulnerable Workshop**

The Diocesan Integrity Officer, Sr Rose Glennen RSM, will be conducting a series of workshops on the safeguarding of children and the vulnerable from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for our three parish Safeguarding Officers, the Parish Pastoral Council and all priests of the parish.

**Head of Campus Tours – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
**8:30-11:00am**

Come and visit Bath Street Campus and see the campus in action. Enrolment enquiries open for 2017. OLSH College caters for the development of academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs. Term 3 concluded on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and school returns on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Bath Street Campus is open on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Karen or Anne at the Bath Street Campus office on 8950 6400 for campus tour information.

**Roster for weekend of 08 - 09 October 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Leonie Smith Sr Jennifer Farrell	David Fernandes R Fernandes H Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Mike Steller	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Jooby Mani	Jenny Dietrich Elfy Jooby	Cristy Genetti Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Denise Simon David Genetti	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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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 heavens and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**First Reading:**

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen: to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny, outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, ‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only; eager for its own fulfillment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. ‘See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 94:1-2,6-9

**R/** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:**

Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

*Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

1 Pet 1:25

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 17:5-10

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately?” Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards?” Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”

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 (Mondays)**  
Theme & dates - refer to bulletin

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &  
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,  
2016 and 15th Jan 2017.

**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

**Yuendumu Aboriginal Mission (5hrs drive)**  
2nd Wednesday of the month

**Children’s Sunday School**  
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**  
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-  
7:00pm

**Telephone Tree Ministry**  
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**  
Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Parish Council Meetings**  
1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**  
Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall

**Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry**  
3rd Friday of the month from 10:00am-11:00am

**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)**  
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm  
**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 40  
South Terrace and the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above  
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and partici-  
pate in God’s Mission.*