



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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Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

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Mr Manfred Casseeram

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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 Mikweken Community
1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace.* 2nd 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.

2nd Sunday of the month. 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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”



“How many wars take place within the people of God and in our different communities? In our neighbourhoods and in our workplace, how many wars are caused by envy and jealousy, even among Christians! Our world is being torn apart by wars and violence, and wounded by a widespread of individualism which divides human beings...Beware of the temptation of jealousy! I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion”, Pope Francis. Question: When was the last time you truly cared for your enemy and rejoice in their gifts?

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OUR RESURRECTION FAITH

On ALL SOULS Day, two Holy Masses were offered at the Alice Springs Cemeteries. About fifty parishioners came and prayed for their loved ones who have gone before them marked with signs of faith, good works and loving memories. It is something self-evident. It is good to do so – to go to the cemetery.

To take leave of ones loved ones is perhaps the most difficult thing one has to deal with throughout life. It means to accept something very painful, to get over without dying inside and to keep thankful memories to live with. I remembered crying the whole day when my dad died. It was something really hard to deal with and maybe deep inside I still have hope.

In this month of November we remember the memory of All Souls. It fills us with some sadness. And the big question is, “Is there life after death?” There are no ready-made answers to this question. There are no cogent proofs with which to persuade every rational person to recognise and accept as evident that there is indeed an afterlife. But I still have faith in the words of Jesus about “the last things”. Infinity and eternity are at the most something that a Christina can surmise, desire, and feel in our bones.

While I know death is part of the human condition, my heart and mind refuse to let my dad be forgotten; or that he belongs definitely to the past or living in a land of no return, shut off with tightly bolted gates. In my prayers since the day he died, I have come to be aware that my communion with God in love must be stronger than death. It makes sense when, as if in a vision, I now begin to see that God is so much a God of the living. “For to him all are alive”, (Lk 20:27-38). Jesus’ genuine faithfulness is so strong that he cannot let death put an end to his covenant with us (2 Thess 2:16:3-5). Undeniably, suffering and death will still batter us daily but have no fear my friends, we have a rock to rely on. This conviction is expressed in the OT Books of Daniel, 2 Maccabees and Wisdom. So our Catholic life is not a hopeless struggle. In Jesus death is defeated and His followers rightly proclaim, “Jesus you are our resurrection and life, already now, before death”. Do not give up on your future. Do not give up on God. My prayer is that your faith in Jesus Christ is strong enough to roll away the tombstones that keep you from really living today and the rest of your years on earth. *Fr Raass*

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 7 November 2016

Mon: Titus 1:1-9 Lk 17:1-6
Tues: Titus 2:1-8,11-14 Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12 Jn 2:13-22
Thur: Phil 7-20 Lk 17:20-25
Fri: 2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37
Sat: 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8
Sun: Mal 3:19-20
 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clara 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 Death

Sheila Alsop

May her soul rest in peace

Michele Castagna's Angel Gifts

Every year Michele would organize gifts/prizes for the annual parish Seniors Christmas Lunch - in memory of her thoughtfulness and love we will be collecting gifts this year. Donations of gifts between \$10-20 to be presented to our senior's on Saturday, December 3rd. The gifts are well received and truly enjoyed by our 40-50 participants. All donations can be dropped off at Mass in Michele's Angel Gift Box and/or the Presbytery and if you have any questions ring Ruth Sexton at 0487860283. Please note, if you do gift wrap please note male or female. Thank you all for both your time and consideration.

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

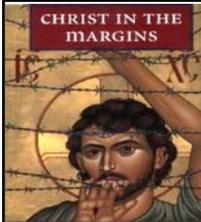
1st and 3rd Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am



YEAR OF MERCY: Pope's Jubilee for Prisoners

"The icon does not make clear which side of the fence Christ is on. Is he imprisoned or are we? Through our cultural institutions and personal lives we are place barriers between ourselves and true happiness. We and our institutions also try to imprison Christ in various ways, to tame him and the dangerous memories he would bring us of our goals and ideals. Christ in the Margins cannot be tamed (Lentz/Gately, Edwina, 2003).

Through the Pope's Jubilee for Prisoners, Sunday 6th 2016, please remember all prisoners and detainees. Many prisoners whose names and faces we do not know deserves God's mercy and all are capable of loving and of experiencing hope. REMEMBER – Jesus himself spent time in jail.

Approved NEW Vision Statement of OLSH Parish 2017-2020

After much deliberation, prayer and consultation, the Parish Pastoral Councillors, as leaders of the parish have voted unanimously to adopt the new Vision Statement of OLSH Parish from 2017-2020. The final and approved vision is

"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 of creation".

Explanatory Notes: *There are seven theological & pastoral principles to this new Parish Vision which will be a major focus of our "dreaming" within the diocesan setting, and hopefully in four years' time will enable us to fulfil our obligation to contribute effectively and faithfully in a changing world. From this new Vision we will draw out a Mission and Action Plan early next year. For three weekends, this bulletin will contain brief commentaries on the seven principles of this new spirit of the Parish:*

"Guided by the Holy Spirit" – Despite the scandals, human weakness, difficulties and trials, the vision affirms that the Church is still guided by the Holy Spirit and will never be without the Lord's help to support it in its journey. We still believe that OLSH Parish is guided by the Holy Spirit, and that it is protected from definitively teaching error on matters of faith and morals. According to the Church, the Holy Spirit reveals God's truth through sacred scripture, sacred tradition, creation and our daily human experiences as well. May the third person of the Holy Trinity, the Lord and Giver of Life, continue to guide & sustain OLSH Parish in the many years to come, see John 14:16-17; 15:26-27; 16:7-15 & Acts 2:14-18.

"OLSH Parish in Central Australia" – In the prologue of John's Gospel it reads, "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14 NRSV). The doctrine of the Incarnation states that Jesus of Nazareth, who walked the dusty roads of Galilee, taught in the Synagogue at Capernaum, celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room, and died on the cross ... this same Jesus was also God, come to live with us and as one of us, in human flesh at OLSH Parish, Central Australia, the land of the first peoples of this nation. Thus the vision is therefore situated in the current pastoral realities and changing landscape of the Red Centre and we hope to build on the sacrifice of the early pioneers, lay and religious missionaries who have built up this parish.

"a family of God" – The word church comes from the Greek word "ekklesia", which means "convocation." The Mystery we call God convokes us to come out of our individualism, from our tendency to close ourselves into ourselves, and he calls us to being in his family. When we try to understand what the Church is, we can do no better than to call it, with Vatican II, "the family of God." Therefore if we do not understand what a family is, we will not understand either the Church or God. Even the Holy Bible describes the Church in terms that can only properly be described as "familial"—Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Holy Mother and communion of Saints (1 Tim 5:8; Acts 10:2; Mathew 15:4; Ex 20:12). Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, the Joy of Love, says that "the joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. Our new vision sits comfortably with the desire to announce the Christian proclamation on the family, which is good news....to be continued next week.

OLSH PARISH ADVENT PROGRAMME

The Church will officially begin a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27th November. New Cycle: Sunday—Cycle A; Weekdays - Cycle 1. A spiritual Advent Programme will soon be drawn up in preparation for Xmas. *Watch this space!*

MONDAY ADULT FAITH & SPIRITUAL FORMATION

A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy

Monday 7 th November	Extreme Compassion	The Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32)
Monday 21st November	The Opposite of Mercy	The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:1-21)
Monday 28th November	God Is Looking For Us	Finding the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Monday 5th December	Who is forgiven More Loves More	The Two Debtors and their Creditors (Luke 7:36-50)
Come, Learn, Share & Celebrate from 7pm-8:30pm		

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS CHOIR

Preparations are underway for the annual Ecumenical Xmas Carols in Alice Springs on Sunday 4th Dec, 7pm at the Anzac Oval. OLSH Parish is participating and there will be one massive choir of all Christians in Central Australia. Singers and musicians are invited to rehearse at the Desert Life Church every Wednesdays from 7:00pm.

2016 National Church Life Survey

Bishop Eugene has approached OLSH Parish to take part in this year's National Church Life Survey. This is an opportunity to reflect upon your experience of church life at OLSH Parish and explore effective ways of better proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ALL parishioners from the age of 15 onwards are invited to take part in this survey and the result will be sent back to us. This is an **anonymous survey** for individuals. Our Mass Centre Code is **TAE00101** (Main Church) & **TAE00102** (40 Ngkarte Mikwekenhe, 40 south terrace).

You will be given a **Attender Survey** next weekend, 12/13th November at all Masses. Please take it home, complete the survey and hand it in either on the 19th or 20th November. A box will be placed at the back of the church for your completed survey or return it to the presbytery. You can also do the survey online: surveys.ncls.org.au If you missed out during the survey week, you will be given a copy on the 19th/20th November, fill it in and return it ASAP.

Cleaning: 12 November 2016 **Group 6**

Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 13 November 2016

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,499.50 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 839.10 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$ 1,075.00

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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

FINAL PARISH ACTIVITIES (NOV-DEC)

DATE & VENUE

Official Closing of the Year of Mercy & Official Opening of the Year of Amoris Laetitia within the Diocese of Darwin..followed by a Parish Picnic for all	ALL MASSES Parish Picnic at the Telegraph Station from 11:00am, Sunday 20 th November
Centenary of Blessed Charles de Focould & 60 Years of Little Sisters in Central Australia	Saturday 26 th November, 11:00am Mass and followed by a light lunch
30 th Anniversary of Saint John Paul's Visit to Central Australia	Sunday 27 th November...a focus on all Masses and Arrenrte elders' contribution
OLSH Parish Pre-Xmas Seniors Luncheon	Saturday 3 rd December, 12 noon & Bath St Hall
Social Justice Awareness Group Future Planning. ALL WELCOME	Sunday 4 th December, 3-5pm @ the JP2 Hall
Ecumenical Xmas Carols for all Churches	Sunday 4 th December, 5-11:00pm @ ANZAC Oval

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE ABOVE PARISH ACTIVITIES & PLEASE DO LEND A HELPING HAND

End of Jubilee Year of Mercy Celebration & Opening of the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* (Joy of Love) for 2017.

At the recent Clergy Retreat in Darwin, Bishop Eugene formally announced the Opening of the Amoris Laetitia, or the Joy of Love in the Family for the Diocese of Darwin. This will coincide with the official closing of the Year of Mercy on the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 20th November at all Masses. The Vicar-General Fr Malcolm Fyfe MSC will be the main celebrant at the 9:30am Mass and all parishioners are welcome to a parish picnic FOR ALL CATHOLIC FAMILIES from 11:00am onwards at the Telegraph Station. Please bring a plate to share. Our hardworking Hospitality team & SJAGers are working on a program for a day of fun and joy on just being together as a family. More details later.

Open Afternoon at Bath Street Campus

Tues 8th Nov: 3:30-4:30pm

Please come along and join us for a sausage sizzle and wander through the school.

Roster for weekend of 12 - 13 November 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Alf Goody Sue Bain	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	John Lillecrapp Ruth Sexton Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Anthony Hay Virginia Loy	Cristy Gennetti Mark Bensted Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Tinna Buenviaje Pat Monaghan	Sammy Nobleza Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

cf. 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading:

Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever. After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 16:1,5-6,8,15

R/ Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Apoc 1:5, 6

Alleluia, alleluia! God Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 20:27, 34-38 (Short Form)

He was not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him. Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf. Ps 15:11

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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: 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 TBA
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.*