



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

9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priests:

Fr. Vincent Mai SVD

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Mary Bennett RSM

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Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

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Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Mr Fred Twhig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

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

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.

Sacraments:

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 22nd - 23rd August 2015

YOU ARE FREE TO LOVE

Today's reading spoke clearly to me of freedom of choice, particularly in how I could interpret the familiar, and oftentimes painful, similar to Ephesians 5:21-32, 2nd reading today. Yet, we are encouraged to do our own study with Scripture just as our ancestors did. Our life experience is no less valid or meaningful – and is an integral fibre in the total fabric of our lives.

When I read the word “submission” in Ephesians, I immediately thought of my brother who loved to use this word against my sister-in-law's unwillingness to listen to him. In many of their marital problems, he would use this passage to justify his actions, “wives should submit to their husbands!”, he would shout.

St Paul's letter to the Ephesians tends to hackle up this often traditional and sexist implication of the word “submission”. But you and I reading the Ephesians' passage have a choice to make.

The placement of Ephesians 5 is preceded by Joshua 24, and Psalm 34, which speak of both the choice God offers us in discipleship as well as attentiveness he offers us in times of crisis. The passage in the Gospel of John 6 highlights this crisis of faith that inevitably arises for us all, and the risk-taking that comes in proclaiming our faith in Jesus.

When Joshua stated that “...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord,” it was a radical decision for a society that worshipped many gods. Yet it was a decision based on the providence of a God who was total faithful in all his promises to his people.

Is our decision today to follow Jesus less radical than Joshua's? Think about that.

The fertility gods of our ancestors were more obvious, perhaps. But we do have our idols, as well. More subtle, more sophisticated, but just as powerful: success, money, material goods, the selfies we present before others. To publicly state-and live out-the decision that you and your family will serve the Lord is no less risky for us than it was for Joshua. Rejection, scorn, humiliation are oftentimes the price we pay for this “radical” lifestyle in a scientific and technologically-oriented world.

So to submit, to defer to another, *is not a passive relinquishment of ourselves as if we have no God-given faculties, but rather an active, free choice to include another in our life.*

I believe what my brother (R.I.P) feared the most in his relationship with his wife was the riskiest part of this inclusion, that is, in a truly intimate relationship, his total self might be seen, exposed and experienced by his wife. Mutual love unearths what is hidden and uncovers our true humanity. Look to the Cross! And this is where the *submission* enters in. For if we are loved, and love intimately, then we actively permit our God/friend/lover to care for us- and that caring sometimes involves painful realization about ourselves.

Fr Raass SVD

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

“Keep oceans and waterways clean and safe from pollutants; use biodegradable detergents at home and business.” Pars 30, 174

- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Daily Readings: starting 24 August

Mon: Apoc 21:9-14 Jn 1:45-51
Tues: 1 Tess 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26
Wed: 1 Thess 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32
Thur: 1 Thess 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thess 4:1-8 Mt 25:113
Sat: Jer 1:17-19 Mk 6:17-29
Sun: Deut 4:12,6-8
James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Margie Heffernan, Teresa Ryder, M.K. Turner

Recent Deaths:

Evan Panotes (August 14)
Tilde Cabantog (August 17)

Death Anniversaries:

Honorio Evangelista (August 24, 2014)

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Please do not underestimate the power of communal prayer for the sick. However The "Sick List" will be updated at the end of each month. If you want a name re-instated or added, please call the office on 8952 1049 or send an email to the address listed below: olsh.parish.bulletin@gmail.com.—Fr Raass

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

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

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:30pm

Mothers' Praying for Your Children

Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana



OLSH Parish is delighted to host the official visit of His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana to Central Australia this weekend. **His Excellency will be celebrating the Holy Mass at OLSH Church on Tuesday 25th August at 6:00pm.** All parishioners are invited to participate at this Mass followed by a prepared meal at the Bath Street Hall. The Parish

Council and Hospitality Committee have started selling tickets for this special banquet at \$10 per adult and \$5 per child for food preparation. Tickets will be sold again this weekend at the back of the Church after every Mass. The Hospitality Committee is also requesting for volunteers to help set up the tables, clean up and serve on the day itself.

Apostolic Nuncio To Meet With ALL Clergy and Religious

His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana desires to meet with all clergy and religious working in Central Australia on **Sunday 23rd August** for an informal dinner at the Presbytery Courtyard. All religious orders are invited and please bring a plate.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY—THANK YOU

Our sincere congratulations to the 37 First Communicants at last Sunday's 9:30am Mass. Please rest assured of our full support and prayers for you. A big thank you goes to Megan and Carmela and their hard working RE team. To the parents and godparents who lovingly made lots of sacrifices to attend the formation evenings – shalom to you! And not forgetting the colourful Pacific Islanders' Choir, we hope to hear from you again!

Minor Improvements to Church Collection Procedures

In order to ensure that the collections and the Offertory procession are given their due respect, we are asking for families to consider taking on responsibility for this important aspect of our celebration at each Mass. This is seen as an opportunity for the younger members of our parish, or those not serving in other ministries, to become more involved. A 'family' may consist of mum, dad and the children, or simply be a group of friends who attend mass together. The only requirement is that there are four of you!

If your 'family' is interested, please add your name and contact details to list at the back of the church or contact the parish office via email. A gathering of interested families will be held soon. This is will be a family-based ministry and please inform other families to get involved.

OLSH Parish Bible Sharing

Come and be refreshed with God's Word through heartfelt sharing and spiritual encouragement with priests every **Wednesday from 6:15pm to 7:30pm at the presbytery.** "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Mathew 11:28) Bible Sharing?

WELCOME!

Special welcome to ANELISA GRACE DUBE, daughter of Lethukuthula & Bigani Dube, CLEO BEATRICE WAGHORN, daughter of David & Tara Waghorn and KENJI ANTHONY WAGHORN, son of David & Tara Waghorn. They will be baptised on Sunday 23rd August @ 9:30am.

OLSH Parish WELCOMES 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections.

The PPC consists of the Parish Priest and his assistant clergy, a number of ex officio pastoral workers and 10 elected parishioners, for a term of 2 years. Some parishioners with special talents may be co-opted by the Parish Priest to assist the PPC in their endeavors.

The OLSH PPC's primary responsibility is to assist the Parish Priest in the Spiritual development of the Parish and to foster and support all Parish activities, including Finance and property. Specific Ministries identified by the Parish Assembly some years ago are, Liturgy, Adult Faith Education, Youth, Indigenous Ministry, Social Justice Awareness, Hospitality and Work Health and Safety.

The time has arrived for 7 of the currently elected members to have their positions declared vacant and a new election to take place. You, the parishioners, are encouraged to recommend either yourselves or someone you think may be a suitable candidate. Please pray for a successful outcome to this very important part of our Parish community.

Nomination forms will be available this Sunday and the next, at the end of each pew. Please complete the form and place in box at rear of Church or drop into Presbytery.

Nominations will remain open **until the 6th of September and voting will take place on the 19th and 20th of September.**

OLSH College Scholarships and Bursaries Fund

The College Scholarships and Bursaries Fund was commenced during 1998 and since then has provided many families with financial support. Four of these awards are ongoing, and are provided by the College and the Catholic Education Office. Your donation is a valuable investment in our children's future. The following categories have been put in place if you wish to use them as a guide for your decision.

- \$500 – contribution towards a bursary
- \$2000 – contribution towards a Year 7 or 8 Tuition Scholarship
- \$2700 – contribution towards a Senior Tuition Scholarship

If you wish your donation remain confidential the funds will be allocated to a general tuition scholarship or bursary for worthy students. Please consider investing in a child's future and help some struggling families at OLSH College. The Scholarship Donation Form is available at the back of the Church.

Saint of the Week – St Bartholomew (August 24)

Cleaning: 29 August **Group 6**
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 30 August 2015
Scott Lonard & Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,553.45 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 2,336.60 (for the parish)
Special Collection for Catholic Mission: \$ 796.40

Thank you for your generosity!

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



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Congratulations to Vinnies
50 Years in Central Australia

The OLSH Parish will celebrate this milestone by commemorating the 9:30am Mass this Sunday 23rd August to this service in the community. All parishioners are welcome to attend. A special morning tea and a photo display of the past 50 year will be held in the JP2 Courtyard. St. Vincent de Paul has served thousands of Centralian residents over the past 50 years. As it looks forward to the next 50 years, we simply say, **THANK GOD for the GOOD WORKS OF ALL VOLUNTEERS & STAFF OF VINNIES.** Fr Roy J O'Neill MSC, NT Chaplain will be the main celebrant.

Social Justice Awareness Group Strategic Planning

The Social Justice Awareness Group will be holding its 2015-2016 Strategic Planning Meeting this Sunday 29th August commencing at 4pm. The meeting will be held in the John Paul 11 Room in the Parish Courtyard. We are looking at Social Justice Issues that are of interest to our parishioners here in Alice Springs and planning how information regarding these Issues could be adequately addressed throughout 2015-2016.

On behalf of the SJAG, I invite you, our fellow Parishioners for your suggestions and prayers for this meeting, as both will guide us in our planning for the coming year.

I thank you in advance for assisting us in this matter. Please contact me on 0400 123 540 or ali.olsh@hotmail.com with your suggestions.

If anyone wishes to join us in our planning process, you are warmly welcomed.
- Sr. Kathleen. Chairperson

Mother's Praying for your Children

Come join a new prayer group at OLSH Parish specific to praying for our children. Mother's Prayer Group has already commenced on **Thursdays**. The group will meet twice monthly, in a confidential setting, providing an opportunity for meditative prayer. The next prayer session will take place on the 3rd September at 4:00pm at the presbytery. This is a 30 minute quiet time for Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, etc. Questions or concerns? See Marieta Ives or ring Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283.

Roster for weekend of 29-30 August 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Binu Katherine Sue Bain	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Jo Molin Kath McGargill	Mike Steller John Lillecrapp Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Andrzejs Skrzypiec Cristina Buenviaje	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Thampi Joseph

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

22nd- 23rd August 2015

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

First Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges, and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us safe all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3,16-23

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and to the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since, as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his Body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications, but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 6:63,38

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.