



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

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

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Mr Fred Twohig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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, 6 months' notice required.

The Most Holy Trinity Year B 30th - 31st May 2015

“Don't Mess with Marriage”

Re: Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia to all Australians on the ‘Same-Sex Marriage’ Debate

Media Release, 28 May 2015

As the debate about ‘same-sex marriage’ gains momentum nationally, the Australian Catholic Bishops believe it is important to highlight the meaning of marriage.

Given the implications of redefining marriage, today we are issuing a pastoral letter to the Catholic community.

You will be aware this week, in the context of the Irish referendum, both the Labor Party and the Greens have announced they will introduce draft legislation to allow two people of the same sex to marry.

Marriage is both a personal relationship between a man and a woman, and the protective institution for their children. Marriage includes an emotional union, but it goes further than that. It involves a comprehensive bodily and spiritual union of a man and a woman.

This union of a man and woman is the natural reproductive and protective environment for raising children. Marriage is the foundation of the family unit, which is in turn the first cell of society.

If the union of a man and a woman is different – not the same - as other unions, then justice demands that we treat that union accordingly. If marriage is an institution designed to support people of the opposite sex to be faithful to each other and to the children of their union it is not discrimination to reserve it to them.

The Christian tradition teaches that every human being is a unique and irreplaceable person, created in the image of God and loved by Him. Because of this, every man, woman and child has great dignity and worth which can never be taken away. This includes those who experience same-sex attraction. They must be treated with respect, sensitivity and love.

Redefining marriage in the way now proposed would see marriage reduced to a committed, affectionate sexual relationship between any two people. All marriages would come to be defined by intensity of emotion rather than a union founded on sexual complementarity and potential fertility. Husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, will be seen to be wholly interchangeable social constructs, as gender would no longer matter.

Chair of the Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said, “It is unjust, gravely unjust, to legitimise the false assertion that there is nothing distinctive about a man and a woman, a father or a mother; to ignore the particular values that real marriage serves; to ignore the importance for children of having a mum and a dad, committed to them and to each other for the long haul.

Children have a right to grow up with their natural mother and father, where possible. We should not be redefining marriage so as deliberately to exclude a child growing up with either their mother, their father, or both their parents.

“If the civil law ceases to define marriage as traditionally understood, it will be a serious injustice and undermine that common good for which the civil law exists.

“Surely there are other ways of honouring the friendships of same-sex attracted and other people without further deconstructing marriage and the family,” Archbishop Fisher said.

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Daily Readings: starting 01 June

Mon: Tobit 1:3,2:1-8 Mk 12:1-12
Tues: Tobit 2:9-14 Mk 12:13-17
Wed: Tobit 3:1-11,16-17 Mk 12:18-27
Thur: Tobit 6:10-11,7:1,9-14,8:4-9
Mk 12:28-34
Fri: Tobit 11:5-17 Mk 12:35-37
Sat: Tobit 12:1,5-15,20 Mk 12:38-44
Sun: Ex 24:3-8 Mk 14:12-16,22-26
Heb 9:11-15

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott,
Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes,
Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp,
Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi
Sa'anga, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen,
Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria,
Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta
Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen,
Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice
Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth
Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina
Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall,
Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Mat-
son, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod &
Harold Rioux, Br Dan fins, Imelda Palmer

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Deaths: Gregorio Viray (26 May 15)
Eleazar Alcantara (28 May 15)
Balthazar Ndangi (23 May 15)

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

**To all Readers (Lectors), Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion.**

This is a reminder about the meetings we are having for formation, training and updating of the roles of Readers, Commentators and Communion Ministers.

As there are several improvements being made, we hope everyone can get to one of these meetings. After this round of meetings, we will be having a commissioning for those who attended. If you are not able to make it, please let me know, as we will schedule another opportunity for a meeting and commissioning.

Some of you are well experienced in one or more of these ministries, so we look forward to your input in helping us all to understand the importance of these ministries.

The meetings will take place:

Monday June 1 at 6:15pm in the church

Tuesday June 2 at 4pm in the church

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the meetings. God bless you.

(Sr) Mary Bennett

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA Enquirers—good News!

In response to our RCIA invitation, we now have seven enquirers who are seeking to be initiated fully as adults into the Catholic faith including few who wish to become Catholics from other Churches. They will begin this enquiry stage on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, 7 June**. Please do pray for them or with them if possible as they begin this gradual process of growth.

Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick

We offer a Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick on the first Saturday of each month. Our next one falls on Saturday next week on the 6th of June. You can come for yourself. All ages with whatever sickness are welcome.

We gather in faith and trust and praise. We all know that Jesus Christ is the only Healer, and we are all just His instruments. A Healing Mass is a great way to evangelize. We do the gathering and God does the healing. We do it in trust and in faith.

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

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration every Friday from 6-7pm at OLSH Church and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:10pm—7:15pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

The Tatts Finke Desert Race Mass

If you are thinking of attending this upcoming coming long weekend off-road sporting event, Santa Teresa Parish will be celebrating a Mass on Sunday June 7th at 2:00pm at Double Tank Deepwell Station turnoff, Old South Road. Don't forget to put your helmet on!

Newly Married

Congratulations to William Michael SangCap and Elizabeth Karlingkun Reilly on their Wedding Day on Saturday 30th May. May the coming years be filled with love, laughter and peace. Enjoy this special moment.



Saint of the Week - [St Justin, Martyr](#) (June 1)



WELCOME!

Special welcome to MADDISON MARIE PHILLIPS, daughter of Mark Phillips and Kelly Slater and WSAOIRSE HOPE DAVEY – daughter of Glenn and Irisa Davey, who will be baptised on Sunday, 31 May.

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.

Low Gluten Hosts (Cavanagh Altar Breads)

OLSH Parish will soon be distributing consecrated low gluten hosts but only to coeliac sufferers to receive Holy Communion without fear for their health.

For your information, the amount of gluten is miniscule and our authorized distributor, Tarrawarra Eucharistic Breads, has confirmed that there are "6.2 parts to a million gluten present" - small enough to many who suffer from gluten-intolerance. Our Church Law states that our altar bread used for Holy Communion must be made from wheat and water and must contain enough gluten to attain the "confection of bread". Hence our low-gluten hosts to be ordered fulfil the Vatican's requirements. However if any parishioner is ultra-sensitive to any presence of gluten than you may partake of a valid Communion by receiving the Precious Blood which contains zero gluten.

Parishioners who have gluten-intolerance are asked to please inform the Priest before the Mass begins.

A Message to Collection Counters

OLSH Parish sincerely thanks you for your commitment and service.

Please be advised of the new procedure when counting.

First Collection:

1. After all the coins have been placed in the new coin sorting machine and counted, the total amount will be displayed.
2. Write this figure on the CBA change docket.
3. Put all the counted coins directly into the first collection calico bag. There is no need to bag them separately into small plastic bags.
4. Count the notes as previously done.

Same procedure applies for the second collection, special collection and planned giving (if required) – Mel (OLSH Parish Secretary).

Legion of Mary

Our OLSH Parish Legion of Mary is now reactivated. They are now meeting on **Mondays at 6:10pm** at the presbytery. Pray and ask God if this is where you are called to be.

You may call Helena Casseeraam or Fr Olivier for more information on 8952 1049.

- St Patrick reportedly used the shamrock to describe the three persons in one God to the pagans in Ireland.
- St Augustine described the Trinity as the lover, the beloved and the love between.

Cleaning: 6 June Group 2

Goury Nair, Babu Joseph, Sibi Thampi, Seena

Counters: 7 June 2015

Scott Lonard & Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,371.35 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$3,174.45 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Pentecost Celebration

Our OLSH Parish Pentecost Multicultural Celebration was indeed a HUGE SUCCESS! God's Spirit has certainly gathered us from various languages and cultures of the world to learn how to best speak the common language of love.

Your active participation last Sunday has become for many the signs of the liberating presence of the Holy Spirit. Many thanks to Helena Casseeram and her hardworking Hospitality Committee, Sr Mary and the Liturgy Committee, Christina and the 9:30am choir, musicians & all the cultural groups who participated, and to the many volunteers who helped prepared the meal of many foods, setup, serve and clean up after the celebration. We also thank the presence of the Arrernte Elders who welcomed us to country.

OLSH Parish could not have it without all of you! And of course a big thank you to the sound technicians, David Ives (MC) for the cultural entertainment at Bath Street Hall.

Parish Dinner

This year the Parish will hold its annual dinner at Tali Restaurant, Lasseters on Wednesday 10 June from 7:00pm.

The 3-Course Buffet Menu includes:

- Freshly baked house bread with selection of dips
- Salads
- Soup of the day
- Carvery and Seafood Stations
- Selection of hot dishes with sides
- Live wok station
- Desserts, Tea & Coffee Stations



Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$12 for children and will be on

DID YOU KNOW?

- Many of the prayers of the Church express our belief in a Triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest prayers is the Sign of the Cross here we dedicate ourselves 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'
- Although the scriptures describe God as Father, Son and Spirit, many centuries elapsed before the Church formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. This formulation is enshrined in the Nicene Creed.

Roster for weekend of 06-07 June 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Leonie Smith Ruth Sexton	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Beth Madden	Lennie Sumang Anthony Hay	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Cristina Buenviaje Mike Williams	Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Marieta Ives

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B

30th –31st May 2015

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading:

Deut 4:32-34. 39-40

The Lord himself is God, in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question, then, to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? This he showed you so that you might know that the Lord is God indeed and that there is no other. He let you hear his voice out of heaven for your instruction; on earth he let you see his great fire, and from the heart of the fire you heard his word. Because he loved your fathers and chose their descendants after them, he brought you out from Egypt, openly showing his presence and his great power, driving out in front of you nations greater and more powerful than yourself, and brought you into their land to give it you for your heritage, as it is still today. Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:4-6,9,18-20,22

R/ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Apoc 18

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God. God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out; Abba, Father.