



# 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



## Jubilee Year of Mercy

### “Merciful like the Father”

“There is nothing more beautiful than to know Christ and to speak to others of our friendship with him. The task of the shepherd....can often seem wearisome. But it is beautiful and wonderful, because it is truly a service to joy, to God’s joy which longs to break into the world”, Pope Francis. Question: Recall one occasion when you experienced the happiness of the Christian faith, whether as a child, an adolescent or as an adult, when you knew that God is real, that he loves you.

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## 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.

## PREPARE A FULL ACCOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP

In the today’s first reading we hear of the prophet Amos (8:4-7) storm against the rich of his day for tampering with weights and measures and artificially raising the price of the wheat. In this way, the poor become the plaything of the rich, to whom they even have to sell themselves as slaves. Let us not say too easily that we don’t do such things. Instead, we should ask ourselves in all honesty whether the harsh criticism of Amos is applicable to us too but then transferred into contemporary settings, for example, in the attitude of richer countries toward the poor of developing countries.

Imagine you are living in a modern village of exactly one thousand people. There are 300 people in your village who are very rich. They live in attractive houses and enjoy all the modern comforts; they look well fed and wear fashionable attire. The other 700 people in the same village live in huts and shacks. Most or all of them are underfed, with some of them looking like skeletons. Their clothes are of poor quality.

Now every week the delivery truck, let’s say, brings in 1,000 kilos of foodstuffs, luxury goods, cigarettes, newspapers, clothes, cosmetics, footwear, and all the rest we need or think we need. The first persons to take their turn to share in these provisions are the 300 rich people because they could afford it. It would be highly probable to write that the rich would take in more than 90% of the goods delivered. The 700 poor people would probably take what remains. That means, in reality, each person from the rich part of the village receives 30 kilos, whereas the poor have to be contended with not even one kilo each.

Now these 700 poor people will not passively tolerate forever that per capita, they do not even receive one thirtieth of those from the rich people can afford. They will not forever keep standing by passively and accepting this as the will of God. If need be, they will fight with their bare hands to secure a just share in the goods brought into the village. The fight is already going on, but, fortunately, still on a smaller scale. But who knows, in our global village we may be sitting on a dynamite that could explode any day.

In the gospel this weekend (Luke 16:10-13), Jesus DOES NOT AT ALL APPROVE WHAT THE DISHONEST STEWARD DID. But even when the dishonest steward was shrewd enough to try and save his skin, so we Catholics have to become creative and inventive to commit ourselves to a kind of lifestyle where we find justice, charity, and the poor are fed and clothed.

Peace, my friends, is inseparably linked to justice, to the equitable distribution of earth’s goods. You and I only have a short time on earth and need to act fast with a sincere love and with sound judgement. You and I can make a difference. How different the world would be if we could say in all honesty: “*The children of light are at least as astute in dealing with the problems of this world as the children of this world.*”

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.*

**Daily Readings: starting 19 September 2016**

**Mon:** Prov 3:27-34            Lk 8:16-18  
**Tues:** Prov 21:1-6,10-13    Lk 8:19-21  
**Wed:** Eph 4:17,11-13        Mt 9:9-13  
**Thur:** Eccl 1:2-11            Lk 9:7-9  
**Fri:** Eccl 3:1-11            Lk 9:18-22  
**Sat:** Eccl 11:9-12:8        Lk 9:43-45  
**Sun:** Amos 6:1,4-7  
          1 Tim 6:11-16        Lk 16:19-31

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



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

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

**Recent Death:** Sr Maria Farrugia FMM - 9 Sept and Ms Michele Castagna -17 Sept.

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

**Making Connections:** Use your talents for others this week. Be good stewards of creation and act in an ecologically sound way.

**Prayer at Home: (St Ignatius of Loyola)**

*Lord, Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace and your love are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, I ask for nothing more.*

**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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Parish Vision Consultation**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> round of parish-wide consultation on the draft parish Vision Statement falls this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The PPC is calling for more input from those who missed out. Please take a copy of the draft Vision and simply answer yes/no or edit the draft. Place it in the box provided.

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**International Day of Peace, 21<sup>st</sup> September**



As you know, the UN celebrates "International Day of Peace" every year on September 21. This year, the theme is "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace." Lets all encourage each other to take initiatives celebrating the day to promote peace. You can also log on:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/index.shtml>;

<http://internationaldayofpeace.org/>

*"The people of the world have asked us to shine a light on a future of promise and opportunity. Member States have responded with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development... It is an agenda for people, to end poverty in all its forms. An agenda for the planet, our common home. An agenda for shared prosperity, peace and partnership." — UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon*

There will be a public forum facilitated by the National Peace and Anti-War Gathering on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6:30pm at the Chifley's. Hear experienced speakers and engage with others as part of building a national & international movement for peace and justice.

**Social Justice Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated on 25 September. The title of this year's Social Justice Statement is *A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society*.

In his foreword to the Statement, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Chairman of the ACSJC, reflects on the journey into old age that presents both challenges and opportunities. 'Retirement, changing health and altered living conditions can be confronting for individuals and their families'.

*"Old age is a vocation. It is not yet time to 'pull in the oars'. This period of life is different from those before, there is no doubt; we even have to somewhat 'invent it ourselves', because our societies are not ready, spiritually and morally, to appreciate the true value of this stage of life. Indeed, it was once not so normal to have time available; it is much more so today"*

*- Pope Francis*

Please take a copy of the Statement and a 10-Step Card of what you and I can do in Central Australia to creating a place at table.

**WELCOME!**

To BRENTON NOOR MAHOMET, son of Shavali Mahomet and Rebecca Attard and JACK HUMM, son of Ben and Stacey Humm who will be baptised this Sunday 18/09/2016.

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.

<b>ADULT FAITH &amp; SPIRITUAL FORMATION</b> <i>A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy</i>		
Monday 26th September	How Do We Change God's Mind?	The Judge and the Widow (Luke 18:1-8)
<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</i>	<i>Social Justice Statement 2016</i>	<i>A Place at Table</i>
<i>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Social Justice Statement 2016</i>	<i>A Place at Table</i>
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		

**WANTED : A HELPING HAND.**

Dear men, women, boys and girls of the Parish. Next Saturday the 24th of September, there will be another working bee to remove some damaged sandstone near the church car park. If enough numbers attend, we will also continue to weed the front yard of the "Old" Heritage listed presbytery in Hartley Street. We will kick off at 0800 and be finished by 1100. Please bring wheel barrow, gloves, hammer and bolster (for cleaning of sandstone) pruning gear, rake, mattock, shovel and a ute/ trailer if you have one. Or simply come as you are for however long you can, every little bit helps.

Contact Fred Twohig on 8952 3162 for further details.  
Thank you.

**Feast of the Week - September 21**

***St Matthew, apostle, evangelist***

**Cleaning:** 24 September 2016 **Group 7**  
Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller  
**Counters:** 25 September 2016  
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,405.55 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 879.30 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$ 1,242.00

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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

**Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy**

**Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)** By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, 'I am going to lure them and lead them into the wilderness and speak to their hearts' Hos. 2: 16. Venue: Whitegums, Lot 4012, Bulleen Rd, Alice Springs. Cost: \$85 per person. Contact Sr Anne or Ruth Sexton. Registration at the back of the church & submit.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- One of the dominant themes in Luke's Gospel is the right use of money and the need to beware of becoming distracted by it from the pursuit of God.
- In Jesus' time, wealth was seen as a reward for virtue so these words were a great challenge.

**SYMBOLS AND IMAGES:**

Just like the steward in the Gospel, we are entrusted with God-given talents and we must use them in a way that will yield genuine riches. Increasingly in the modern world, we are also aware that we must be good stewards of God's creation to ensure its riches for future generations.

Are you the sort of person on whom others can rely, whether it is for little things or great things?

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

**My Golden Jubilee Celebration**

I and the members of my family, who last Saturday joined in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood, wish to thank profoundly all those parishioners who prepared the Liturgy and singing for the Eucharist, plus the magnificent meal and celebrations in the St John Paul Court Yard following the Eucharist. My family mentioned their gratitude on numerous occasions and personally I remain deeply grateful for the contributions and toil of so many. Thank you all,  
*-Father Jim Knight SVD*

**Roster for weekend of 24 -25 September 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	M Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	P Rademaker Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	KevinHickmott	Virginia Loy Anthony Hay	Br M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Jenny Dietrich David Genetti	Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives Thomas John

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading:**

Amos 8:4-7

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

‘Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done. The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 112:1-2,4-8

**R/** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor .

**Second Reading:**

Timothy 2:1-8

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

2 Cor 8:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 16:10-13 (Short Form)

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples, The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’  
The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
New theme & dates to be advised soon

**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.*