



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 Ascension of the Lord 16th—17th May 2015

A New Heaven and a New Earth

The way in which we celebrate the Lord's Ascension should indicate whether or not we have understood the meaning of Easter and the Lord's Resurrection. The Ascension is not a new and separate event, and we should not trouble our head today about the question how we have to visualize the scene of Jesus' Ascension, **"Why are you looking into the sky?"**. We have not come to rack our brains but to celebrate a feast. Where the Ascension is celebrated well, there people are happy, there they get fresh courage, there they deepen their trust, there they forget their fear and insecurity when facing the future.

In fact, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost are only one great event. Easter speaks of new life, of a new earth, of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Death has been overcome, the kingdom of God has emerged: **"Look, I am with you always, until the end of time."** In the context of the Easter event, the Ascension is not an end but a beginning, not a farewell but an arrival: Christ has reached his goal. The new world is now in full operation, thanks to Jesus.

This is nothing to do with space travel; it is all about us. **"Go out and proclaim the Good News to all creation"**. This task is given to all of us. Following Christ is a great responsibility and not merely a personal affair; it is a great commission to renew the face of the earth. In the words of St Teresa of Avila, **"God has no hands and feet on earth but yours"**. God wanted heaven to be brought to the earth not by angels but by us Christians. We can safely leave the care of the Church to God, but God has entrusted the care for this world to us. All of us together have to see to it that this world does not become a hell on earth. This depends on each and all of us, on what we say, on what we do, on our witnessing in this world. Every parishioner must exercise his or her part in this Mission of God.

We are not facing a hopeless assignment. We do not stand alone in this task, for the Lord Jesus sitting at the right hand of God has already sent the Creative Spirit of Pentecost (next week's celebration). Free as the wind and as a fire that gives light and warmth, she now presides over the universal mission of the Church today.

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

Evangelii Gaudium

"Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defence of unborn life is closely linked to the defence of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development."

- Par 213 from [Evangelii Gaudium](#), Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 18 May

Mon: Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
Tues: Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11
Wed: Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11-19
Thur: Acts 22:30,23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13-21 Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Sun: Acts 2:1-11 Jn 15:26-27,
 Gal 5:16-25 16:12-15

+ 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, Tony Rilopro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Tiffany Doughty, 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 Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Death Anniversary: Sergio Borinaga (16 May 2014)

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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)

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
Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)
Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The four stage preparation for those who are enquiring about becoming Catholic will commence the week of the **Feast of Corpus Christi, 7th June, at St. Francis Centre, Adamson Ave.** Others may come forward even as the year progresses and are welcome to make contact, either by calling the presbytery on 89521049 or Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM, our Parish RCIA Director, on 0448856323.

Please pick up an information card from the back of the Church to pass on to anyone you know who is expressing an interest.

Formation Session for Readers, Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers

OLSH Parish is organizing a training session and few updates for the current as well as new lectors (readers), commentators and Eucharistic Ministers who assist in the Masses. The training sessions are offered in the Presbytery Meeting Room on **28th May at 6:15 pm, 1st June at 6:15 pm, and 2nd June at 4:00 pm.** Please contact Sr Mary or Fr Prakash or call the Parish Office on 8952 1049 to book your place in any one of the given dates and time. Please try your best to attend.

Earthquake Special Appeal – A MASSIVE THANK YOU

The OLSH Parish & Finance Councils wish to say 'THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOU YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST WEEK'S NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL'

You raised **\$2,128.15** and the full amount will be forwarded to Caritas Australia, part of the second largest Catholic humanitarian network in the world, has worked in Nepal for decades. In such overwhelming circumstances, our thoughts, prayers and support are with those affected by the devastating earthquakes.

Movements of Parish Priests: Fr Raass will be away in Sydney this Sunday 17th May – Friday 22nd May to facilitate some workshops at the Catholic Mission Conference.

Youth Break Away Camp (Retreat)

The NT Catholic Youth is organizing a Break Away Camp for young people from across the NT to have fun, celebrate, pray and learn about Jesus and ourselves. Together young people can learn how to be awesome and ready to inspire and change the world! Date: 19th – 22nd June 2015, Riyala, Noonamah, Darwin, costs \$99 (accommodation & food).

Contact one of the priests if you are interested or call Benita on 8946 2822, or breakawaynt@gmail.com - pamphlets located at the back of the Church.

Requiem Mass at OLSH Church

Wednesday 20th May, 11:00am – Caroline Johnson, R.I.P
Thursday 28th May, 10:00am – Kumanjaye Palmer, R.I.P

Please remember the grieving families in your prayers.



Saint of the Week - St Rita of Cascia (May 22)



WELCOME!

Welcome to CONOR DAVID MARTIN, son of Allan & Grainne Martin, baptised on Saturday 16 May; GRACE BELLA ANNE TODD, daughter of Stuart & Shauna Todd, KENT O. FERRER, son of Jereme & Mary Jane Ferrer, and JACKSON WILLIAM FLYNN, son of Dan & Amelie Flynn, who will be baptized on Sunday, 17 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.



Pentecost Multicultural Sunday Mass
(Bringing Pentecost to Life)



Our OLSH Parish Pentecost Multicultural Celebrations will take place at the 9:30am Mass, next Sunday, 24th May. There will be no 11:00am Mass at 40 south terrace. For the celebration, parishioners are invited to dress in the attire of their native countries, and please bring two or three special cooked dish from your country of origin to share with the others.

The parish also invites cultural dances and other culturally appropriate forms of entertainments during or after lunch. Volunteers are needed for selling drinks, set-up and clean up. There is a list at the back of the Church. Please contact the Hospitality and Liturgy Committee if you have any questions.

Be reminded that we all belong to one family of God because we all drink from the same Spirit of Pentecost and all called to the ONE HOPE.

Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse

Ballarat Bishop, Paul Bird has written to all local parishes in the central Victorian regional town calling on all Catholics to keep in their thoughts and prayers the survivors of child sexual abuse who will be giving evidence at the Commission hearing over the coming three weeks. "The hearings will be very stressful for survivors and their families and for people across our region.

People will be deeply upset by the accounts of crimes against children and by the failings of church leaders in responding to these crimes. I encourage you to support one another through these difficult days," Bishop Bird wrote, 12/5/2015.

Social Justice Group News

A few words written by Pope Francis from "The Joy of the Gospel"

In her dialogue with the State and with society, the Church does not have solutions for every particular issue. Together with the various sectors of society, she supports those programmes which best respond to the dignity of each person and the common good. In doing this, she proposes in a clear way the fundamental values of human life and convictions which can find expression in political activity.

Ebola information night on Thursday 21 May, 2015 at 6:15pm at the presbytery organized by Social Justice Awareness Group - Kathleen

Cleaning: 23 May Group 8

Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

Counters: 24 May 2015

John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,716.20 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,661.75 (for the parish)

Special Collection Nepal Earthquake Appeal \$2,128.15

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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 sale from next weekend, after every mass. Contact Helena on 0417 839 711 for more information.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Feast Day
30th May 2015

You are all invited to the **11:00am Mass on Saturday, 30 May**. In praise of Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and followed by a light luncheon in the Parish Centre. Our OLSH Sisters and Associates will prepare the liturgy. Please bring a plate to share with the others afterwards.

On the **weekend of 30th and 31st May**, Sr. Kathleen, the newly appointed Coordinator of the Children's Contact Services run by CatholicCare NT, will be speaking at each Mass.

It is the only service of its kind in Alice Springs which has been established to enable children within families whose parents have separated to have time with the parent they are not living with.

Marriage Tribunal (Divorces, Annulments & Marriage)

The Church acknowledges the reality of separation and divorce and reaches out in support of those experiencing this ordeal, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

OLSH Parish has invited Mrs Trish Tranter, an officer of the Marriage Tribunal (Regional Tribunal of SA & NT), to work with any couples & individuals who may be seeking a declaration of matrimonial nullity. The process may be emotionally challenging, but many find that this can actually be part of the healing process that helps the person to return to a state of wholeness. Marital failure does not mean that either party was a failure as a person. Please don't be afraid to approach Trish and present your marital case. We are here to help you. **Date: 16th June – 25th June, at the presbytery.** But you need to make an appointment by calling the presbytery office on 8952 1049.

Roster for weekend of 23-24 May 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Margaret McNaught Sue Bain	Darryl Smith Leanne Dieckmann Marian Maddocks
Sun 7:30 am	Mike Steller	Katn McGargill Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Kevin Hickmott	Hilda Reeder Bridget Knight	Carmela Guthart Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Cristina Buenviaje Andrzej Skrzypiec	Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Marieta Ives

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16th –17th May 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 46:2-3,6-9

R/ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: In my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Mt:28-20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia