



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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 creation.



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Monday to Friday

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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm

Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm,

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm

Nkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“At the risk of oversimplifying, we might say we live in a culture which pressures young people not to start a family, because they lack possibilities for the future. Yet this same culture presents others with so many options that they too are dissuaded from starting a family...In some countries, many young people postpone a wedding at the influence of ideologies which devalue marriage and family, the desire to avoid the failure of other couples, the fear of something they consider too important and sacred...the fear of losing their freedom and independence, and the rejection of something conceived as purely institutional and bureaucratic”. *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.2, #40. Question: **How can we as a parish find the right language and forms of witness that can help reach the hearts of young people, appeal to their capacity and invite them to take up the challenge of marriage with enthusiasm and courage?**

The Ascension of the Lord Year A

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JESUS IS GOD

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me”, Mathew 28. These are among the most important words he ever said. Jesus is no longer the man from Nazareth who preached and went about doing good among the Jewish people. He says that now all power has been given to him in heaven and on earth. When Jesus lived on earth, he could do much good in God's name, yet the fact that he led a human life kept his humanity and action under veil. The human person was limited to space, time and geography.

Now that Jesus lives beyond death he has become the “all-powerful” of God the Father. According to St Paul to the Ephesians, Jesus

“sits at God's 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. God has put all things under his feet, and made him ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of life who fills the whole creation”, Eph 1:17-23

We can understand the reaction of the disciples on seeing Jesus prior to his Ascension: “They knelt in worship.” The evangelist Mathew now reminds the readers that the disciples had already identified Jesus with God.

The task ahead entrusted to the small band of disciples is to make all nations his disciples. God the Son is now calling all pagans, gentiles, Jews, Americans, Australians, Europeans and all cultures and nationalities of the world. By letting all peoples of the world know and enjoy the fruits of his life, death and resurrection, Jesus showed that he was truly God. This is our mission, Jesus' Great Commission, that we do what we can to live in his Spirit, baptise people in his name, grow toward the freedom of God's children, fight for justice, work for peace and reconciliation.

And in our slow process of loving God and neighbour, Jesus' offers the biggest consolation of all “I AM WITH YOU”. It should give all Christians courage and hope and say to ourselves in moments of doubt and loneliness, “I am not alone.”

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 29 May 2017

Mon: Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
Tues: Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11
Wed: Zeph 3:14-18 Lk 1:39-56
Thu: 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
1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiro-ma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin.

May the Lord grant them healing

Saints of The Week

St. Justin, martyr, Thu 1st June
Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs,
Sat 3rd June

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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

Reconciliation Week 2017



Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

Saint John Paul 2 reminded all Australians in 1986 when he visited Alice Springs, *"the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."*

How can YOU build healthy relationships between our indigenous and non-indigenous Catholics? Some practical suggestions towards reconciliation: *SHOW A GENUINE POSITIVE ATTITUDE, ACKNOWLEDGE THE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1ST PEOPLES, ATTEND THE 11:00AM SUNDAY ARRENTE MASS & LEARN SOME ARRENTE LANGUAGE & CULTURE.*

ULURU STATEMENT



Three days of recent talks in central Australia resulted in the Uluru Statement of the Heart, a statement from 13 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders that tries to capture the overall position of the delegates. Please take a copy at the back of the Church. Australia is the only Commonwealth country that does not have a treaty with its Indigenous peoples. Where do you stand?

Common Home Carers: A CALL TO BE BOLD



Pope Francis asks 1.2 billion Catholics to act against the unjust #ClimateCrisis. Fr Raass & SJAG now call on all parishioners and members of the Common Home Carers who studied Pope Francis' encyclical, the *Laudato Si*, Care for our Common Home, to a major meeting on Saturday 17th June at 9:30am at the

JP2 hall. Other stakeholders in town will be present.

AGENDA

1) The SJAG has been trying to gather as much information as possible to come up with a realistic model of renewable energy that respects the Catholic principles of social justice, reduce carbon footprints and respond to the "inconvenient truth" of global warming. The PPC and priests need your help to connect the relevant dots of scientific information from local & international sources on what's best in terms of solar energy - not just for the Catholic Precinct but for the people of Alice Springs and the Aboriginal remote communities.

2) The PPC has also endorsed a few actions to consider as we prepare for the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, October 4th, as well as encourage parishioners to divest away from fossil fuels to something better for the future. *How can we work together? Is this something worth fighting for?* Global warming is not a myth. Simply ask the islanders who live on low lying atolls of the South Pacific!

World Environment Day Dinner

Repower Alice Springs is inviting people in Alice Springs to celebrate World Environment Day with them at the Gapview Hotel at 7pm Monday 05 June. Some will share what or who inspires them to care for our environment. Bistro meals & drinks available if you wish.



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Multicultural Mass, PENTECOST: Next Sunday, June 4, 2017

All nationalities of OLSH parish in Alice Springs are invited to participate in our Year of the Family Multicultural Mass next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday at 9:30am. Then after Mass, we invite you to join us at Bath Street Hall as we all gather to celebrate the diversity of our many nationalities. We invite everyone attending to contribute a dish/plate that represents your home country, to proudly wear your national dress and to participate in a display of cultural entertainment from your home country. Please see the table below. Let's celebrate our unity in diversity.

Parts of the Mass	COUNTRY	Parts of the Mass	COUNTRY
Smoking Ceremony	Arrenrte	Welcome in the Church	India
Ist reading	French	Psalm & Sequence-Sung	Anglo-Saxon & Br Tony FMS
2 nd reading	Arrenrte	Gospel procession Alleluia sung	African
Prayers for the faithful	1. Italian 2. Myanmar 3. Vietnamese 4. Creole 5. Maori 6. Portuguese	Preparation of the gifts and collection of the contributions	Filipino
Lord's Prayer	Recited in all languages	Lamb of God	Arrenrte
2 Communion Hymns	Pacific Islanders Africa	Reflection after communion	Sri Lankan
PARISH LUNCH	All families to bring some traditional dish enough to feed a family.	CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT	All Cultures. At least prepare an item each

BAPTISM

EVIE GIOVANNA BRAMLEY daughter of Paul Raymond Bramley and Jessica Bonanni and CADEN ALDO LEE son of Kinman Lee and Amy Bonanni who will be baptised this Sunday 28/05/17 at 9:30 am Mass.

Cleaning: June 3, 2017 **Group 4**
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford
Counters: June 4, 2017
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught
Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,379.80 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,012.65 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,449.00
Thank you for your kind generosity!

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

OLSH PARISH UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

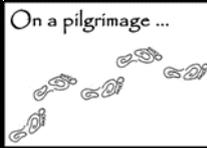
YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Fr Raass & Participants	Mondays 19/26th June; 3/10/17/31 July; 14/21/28 Aug; 4th Sep	The Joy of Love <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> 7:00pm—8:30pm	JP2 Hall
Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday August 7 th , 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 th – Sunday 20 th , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	St Francis



4TH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Our hard-working PPC will once again meet next Thursday 1st June at 5:00pm. Feel free to submit any suggestions, affirmations and recommendations on how to grow OLSH Parish by unearthing the best in every parishioner.



OLSH PARISH PILGRIMAGE, 50TH Golden Jubilee

So far more than ten parishioners have expressed their desire to be part of this spiritual pilgrimage in October 2018 to the Holy Land, Rome & Assisi for 21 days. A general invitation is extended to all potential pilgrims to a meeting on Saturday June 10th, 9:30am @ the JP2 Hall.

A Weekend of Prayer and Meditation
at Campfire in the Heart Lot 8204 Ragonesi Road poster at the entrance of the church for more details.

Roster for weekend of 03 - 04 June 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	David Genetti Sneha Nair	Darryl Smith Byan Weir H Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Mel Buenviaje	Multicultural Mass	Cristy Genetti M Lillecrapp Bruce Were
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Denise Simon Joel Tolentino	Mel Buenviaje Pane Komene Sammy Nobleza

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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 of the Apostles 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 had 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.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 28:19-20

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

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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:

Mt 28:20

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

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
See page 2.

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 11th June, 2017, 30th July, 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

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 10:30am-11:30am

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.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom
shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said,
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*