



# 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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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday  
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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD  
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Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

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## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Tony Caddy FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

## Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene  
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## Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Tabadda

## Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm; Saturday  
11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm, Sunday 7:30am,  
9:30am & 5:30 pm;

**Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community**  
11am Indigenous Community Mass

## Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



“Develop the habit of giving real importance to the other person. This means appreciating them and recognizing their right to exist, to think as they do and to be happy. Never down-play what they say or think, even if you need to express your own point of view. Everyone has something to contribute, because they have their life experiences, they look at things from a different standpoint and they have their own concerns, abilities and insights. We ought to be able to acknowledge the other person's truth, the value of his or her deepest concerns, and what it is that they are trying to communicate, however aggressively. We have to put ourselves in their shoes and try to peer into their hearts, to perceive their deepest concerns and to take them as a point of departure for further dialogue. “Pope Francis, *Ch.4#138, Amoris Laetitia*.

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADAN AND 'ID AL-FITR

*(Bishop Eugene has asked that we print this Letter to the Muslim Community around the world at the beginning of their Ramadan and 'Id al-Fitr. This letter has been sent from the Vatican Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue)*

### Christians and Muslims: From Competition to Collaboration

Dear Muslim Brothers and Sisters,

In his Providence, God the Almighty has granted you the opportunity to observe anew the fasting of Ramadan and to celebrate 'Id al-Fitr. The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue appreciates the importance of this month and the great effort by the Muslims throughout the world to fast, pray and share the Almighty's gifts with the poor.

Mindful of the gifts prompted by Ramadan, we join you in thanking the Merciful God for his benevolence and generosity, and we extend to you our heartfelt best wishes. The thoughts we would like to share with you on this occasion, dear Muslim brothers and sisters, concern a vital aspect of relations between Christians and Muslims: the need to move from competition to collaboration.

A spirit of competition has too often marked past relations between Christians and Muslims, the negative consequences of which are evident: jealousy, recriminations and tensions. In some cases, these have led to violent confrontations, especially where religion has been instrumentalized, above all due to self-interest and political motives. Such interreligious competition wounds the image of religions and their followers, and it fosters the view that religions are not sources of peace, but of tension and violence.

To prevent and overcome these negative consequences, it is important that we Christians and Muslims recall the religious and moral values that we share, while acknowledging our differences. By recognizing what we hold in common and by showing respect for our legitimate differences, we can more firmly establish a solid foundation for peaceful relations, moving from competition and confrontation to an effective cooperation for the common good. This particularly assists those most in need, and allows us to offer a credible witness to the Almighty's love for the whole of humanity.

We all have the right and the duty to witness to the All-Powerful One we worship, and to share our beliefs with others, while respecting their religion and religious sentiments. So that we may further peaceful and fraternal relations, let us work together and honor each another. In this way we will give glory to the Almighty and promote harmony in society, which is becoming increasingly multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multicultural.

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*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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 18 June 2018**

**Mon:** 1 Kg 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42  
**Tues:** 1 Kg 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48  
**Wed:** 2 Kg 2:1,6-14 Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
**Thu:** Sirach 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15  
**Fri:** 2 Kg 11:1-4,9-18,20 Mt 6:19-23  
**Sat:** 2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34  
**Sun:** Is 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80  
**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



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

Bruce Were, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, 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 Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Death Anniversary**

Gwen Haher  
*May her soul rest in peace*

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment, one month's notice required. 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.

**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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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 -7:00pm

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

(cont'n Pontifical Council..)

We conclude by renewing our best wishes for a fruitful fast and a joyful 'Id, and assure you of our solidarity in prayer.

*From the Vatican, 20 April 2018*

*Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran  
President*

**NATSICC**



The 2018 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Sunday is coming up on **1 July 2018**. The theme is 'BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN! The 'her' is a reference to strong women in our lives – our mothers, daughters, aunties, grandmothers, sisters – and also to Mary, Mother of God. These will be a combined Mass (9:30am) and a liturgy resource has been drafted to incorporate meaningful rituals, prayers, hymns & symbols of our Arrernte Catholics in Central Australia. So there will be no combined Mass on the third Sunday of July (15<sup>th</sup> July).

More details later and ideas are welcome.

**Clinical Pastoral Education**



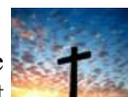
John Hewitson, a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) supervisor will visit Alice Springs in the last week of June.

The purpose of his visit is to meet those who would like to undertake CPE in 2019, those who may be interested and want to know more details about CPE. A "Taste and See" session will fall on **Wednesday 27 June 5pm to 6.30pm** as well as times for individual sessions.

CPE has been helpful for those applying to be a chaplain with the Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Hospital and Prison and School. In the meantime, any queries or expressions of interest, please send to John: [j.hewitson@me.com](mailto:j.hewitson@me.com) or ring 044 777 2502.

CPE is an education and formation program in the discipline of pastoral care based on the experiential learning model including reflection and action related to pastoral care in the hospital and health care setting.

**Charismatic Weekend Retreat Coming Up**



The communities of St Martin de Porres, Darwin, and the Missionaries of God's Love will run a charismatic retreat at OLSH Parish in July 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. More details later. Please mark your diary.



**Parish Soup Van**

This is a new OLSH parish initiative and please consider it during these winter months. Whilst the St Vincent de Paul Society, Alice Springs, is still trying to re-structure itself, few parishioners have expressed their desire to provide soup, sandwiches and friendship to the homeless and disadvantaged across this town. Vinnies does not have a soup van anymore so we will use our parish bus and a newly acquired trailer. The parish is now calling for volunteers with Ochre Cards (compulsory) to begin the OLSH Soup Van Ministry. It is highly likely we will be working in partnership with like-minded organisations and other Christian churches and those committed to improving the circumstances of people experiencing disadvantage, isolation and marginalisation. We need volunteers for Food Preparation, Delivering the service, Administration and record-keeping, Leadership role within the night teams & Bus drivers with a LR licence. ...to begin this Thursday at 6:30pm at three spots in town. Five volunteers have signed up already!

*Fr Raass, PP*



**WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!**

The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

## Monday On-Going Adult Formation

### Ignation Discernment and Decision-Making, Part 2

"How do I know what God wants me to do?"  
**Authority and Wisdom**

"Does the Catholic Church have authority?"  
"Do you have authority to speak in the name of God?"

Sr Helen Kennedy FMM

Fr Raass

Mondays, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June  
JP2 Hall  
@ 7-8:30pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, JP2 Hall  
@ 7:30-8:30pm



### Couples for Christ (CFC) Christian Life Program (CLP)

The Couples for Christ will run a Christian Life Program Workshop from 9:30am to 3:30pm on the weekend of 14 and 15 of July 2018 at the St Francis Centre. Any married Catholic couple can become members of the CFC. The aim of the workshop is for participants to deepen their married love for each other for the sake of the family, dedicate themselves to the Lord, and commit to participating actively in the life of the community and in OLSH Parish life. All married couples are warmly invited. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

### I WANT TO MARRY YOU



Falling in love is the most wonderful gift life has to offer. OLSH Parish is excited to announce the love between Joseph Hay and Kristen Appel. May their Wedding Preparations leading up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be just the beginning of a life together full of wonder, warmth and laughter.

### TRUE WEALTH OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ?

Misleading figures are being thrown about regarding the supposed assets of the Catholic Church in Australia, with recent reports vastly inflating the Church's wealth.

### Planned Giving Campaign

Deacon Tony Cunningham, Darwin, will attend OLSH parish of the weekend of the 23-24 June. He will speak at all Masses to encourage parishioners to be on planned giving programme to help develop a culture of generosity and support for the parish. Please pray and think about renewing your financial commitment to your parish and Diocese of Darwin. A video "True Wealth of the Catholic Church" will be played at all Masses this weekend.



In a bid to combat this inaccurate reporting, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has unveiled its first, in a series of videos, highlighting the irreplaceable services the Catholic Church provides to Australians through its extensive network of healthcare, education and welfare across the country.

The video today (post-Communion) provides a brief overview of the scale of the Church's outreach, including:

- operating 68 hospitals and 414 nursing homes
- educating some 765,000 students in 1,736 primary and secondary schools
- employing 220,000 Australians
- manages 630 Vinnies shops in Australia
- a national network of 52 Catholic social service organisations that provide direct support to hundreds of thousands of people in need each year on behalf of the Catholic Church. Our agencies provide a diverse range of support from assisting women and children escaping family violence, housing and homelessness support, to mental health and disability services. They also work in partnership with Indigenous people, and offer support and services to people seeking asylum and those who are refugees.

### Christmas Carols Combined Choir



The preparations for the 2018 Ecumenical Christmas Carols have begun leading up to December 2<sup>nd</sup>. OLSH Parish will again participate in various activities which includes finding 15 parishioners to form a strong combined choir with other churches. Please give your name to Fr Olivier when you're ready. C'mon, do something special this year!

Generations of Catholics have entrusted the material wealth of the Church to us to build these properties of hope and health so we can serve the real wealth of the Church - people in need.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH OF ALICE SPRINGS

Calling for 15-18 years old for fun, friendship and faith-formation in this Year of Youth. Parents please encourage your 15-18 yrs old to attend this time together on **Friday 22 June@6:30pm, JP2 Hall**. We are here to support all young people and parents in their role as the teachers of the faith. (From Sr Patricia, Dean T & Macieh Z)

### Roster for weekend of 23 – 24 June 2018

#### Cleaning: June 23, 2018 **Group 3**

Fred & Lyn Twohig

#### Counters: June 24, 2018

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

#### Last Week's Collections:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,472.65 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,022.65 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$725.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta Losana Hay	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Greg Gilbert
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Mary McPhee Oria Chiwariro	Sammy Nobleza Br James Hodge Emil Tabbada
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Virginia Loy Debbie Cooke	Thomas J John Pauline Otieno Mel Buenviaje

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**First Reading:**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16

**R/** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

**Second Reading:**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

June 18 & 25, July 9

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this

Sunday: July 01, 2018

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

at Desert Life Church

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps**

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

**Parish Children's Choir**

Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal

every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

**Children's Sunday School**

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-

7:00pm

**Parish Council Meetings**

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**

Friday 22 June, 6:30pm, 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)**

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

**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 the main Church.

**Lectors' Preparation Hour:** Tuesdays from 6:15pm – 7:15pm, main Church

**Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)**

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board...next one around August 2018

**Parish Soup Van (During Winter months)** Thursdays at 6:30pm start.

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?  
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

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