



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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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
3rd Sunday of every month

Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



“Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse’s good side, not their weakness and faults. In any event, they keep silent rather than speak ill of them. This is not merely a way of acting in front of others; it springs from an interior attitude. Far from ingenuously claiming not to see the problems and weaknesses of others, it sees those weaknesses and faults in a wider context. It recognizes that these failings are a part of a bigger picture. We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows. The other person is much more than the sum of the little things that annoy me. Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it. The other person loves me as best they can, with all their limits, but the fact that love is imperfect does not mean that it is untrue or unreal. It is real, albeit limited and earthly. If I expect too much, the other person will let me know, for he or she can neither play God nor serve all my needs. Love coexists with imperfection. It “bears all things” and can hold its peace before the limitations of the loved one. “Pope Francis, Ch.4#113, *Amoris Laetitia*.”

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
10th – 11th February 2018

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

*Days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse
and for the healing of victims – February 14-17, 2018*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations. In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia’s bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims and survivors, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors’ stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere, but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust. With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God’s reconciling and healing grace.

Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims and survivors of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have. The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities. *(from Bishop Eugene Hurley)*

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 12 February 2018

Mon: James 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13
Tues: James 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mk 6:1-6,16-18
Thu: Deut 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32
Sun: Gen 9:8-15 Mk 1:12-15
 1 Pet 3:18-22

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

ASH WEDNESDAY, 14TH Feb



Ash Wednesday, 14th Feb marks the first day of Lent, 2018. It is an important day in the Christian calendar as it marks the first day of fasting, repentance, prayer, self-control and good works that will be required during Lent. Following the example of the Ninevites (Jonah 3;5-7) who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads will be marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told, "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses at 7:00am and 5:30pm this Wednesday.

Lenten Programme Sharing Groups 2018

Sr Helen FMM	ASH Wed START	14th Feb	7:00pm, St Francis, 58 Memorial Drive
Fr Raass SVD	Saturday	24th Feb START	9:00am, Presbytery

DAYS OF FASTING AND REPARATION

The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (February 14-17) Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts.

FASTING & REPARATION PROGRAMME (Following Royal Commission into Child Sex Abuse)

These prayers are prepared by the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference for Ash Wed – Saturday 17th February following the Royal Commission into Child Sex Abuse.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14 TH Feb	7:00am & 5:30pm Masses	FASTING & REPARATION (Following Royal Commission into Child Sex Abuse)
	(both Masses in the main Church)	
Thursday 15 th February	7:00pm, main Church	Days of Reparation Penitential Prayer & Litany of Reparation
Friday 16 th February	7:00pm, main Church	Days of Reparation Evening Prayer
Friday 16 th February	6:15pm, main Church	Days of Reparation Holy Hour and Benediction
Saturday 17 th February	11:00am Mass	Days of Reparation Fasting Ends with Mass

The Parish Council is supporting an initiative to invite participation from parishioners to lament, acknowledge the pain that you feel about the Child Sex Abuse in the Church and see where an appropriate response can be made. Please rest assured this will be a safe process and hopefully run throughout the weeks of Lent leading up to Easter. We ask that you pray about it too. The parish hopes that this process will give everyone a voice to express what is happening within.

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick



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, Lennie & Will Arthur,

May the Lord grant them healing
R.I.P
 Anaaya Silva (rest well little angel)

Reconciliation:
 Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required. 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 -7:00pm

Mothers Praying for Your Children
 Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word
 Every Sunday from 9:20am

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

Ecumenical Lenten Services

The time has come to gather again with the Lutherans, Anglicans and Uniting Church during this Ecumenical Lenten services at 7pm on Wednesday evenings.



Wednesday 21 st Feb	Anglican Church
Wednesday 28th Feb	Lutheran Church
Wednesday 7th March	Uniting Church
Wednesday 14th March	Catholic Church
Wednesday 21st March	Lutheran Church

ITECA Course Participants

Congratulations to Camalina, Kathleen, Josie, Delorres, Theresa, Margie and Marina for participating at the Indigenous Theological Education this week. Thanks to David W for the hospitality.



Parish-Wide Children's Choir



It is fantastic to finally have our OLSH Children's Choir. All children of the parish are welcome to join. Rehearsal starts this coming Tuesday 13th Feb at 4:30pm, JP2 Hall at the capable hands of Dr Jen.

Planned Giving

Planned giving envelopes are ready to be collected from the back of the Church. If parishioners are interested in weekly planned giving please see Fr. Raass or contact any member of the Finance Team of the parish. Direct bank debit is also available.

Project Compassion

Please find Project Compassion brochures and donation box at the back of the Church. Take one for your family or friends.

Cleaning: February 17, 2018 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Kate Kelly

Counters: February 18, 2018
Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,451.15 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$1,066.80 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,785.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

A CHARISMATIC RETREAT
"Powerful healing and Deliverance"

The Agape International Ministry, based in India, will facilitate a healing retreat through praise and worship at OLSH Parish. The retreat has Charismatic elements of worship and prayer. Fr Sabu Joseph Chenackal will lead the retreat.

Friday 16TH March 5pm—9:30pm

Saturday 17th March 1pm—9:30pm

Sunday 18th March 11am—8pm

Venue: Bath St Hall

Contact Gigimon 0402652646 or agapeteam7@gmail.com

50th Golden Jubilee Spiritual Pilgrimage



Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy land and Rome. 1st Oct 2018 to be led by our Parish Priest. It could alter your perspective, fuel your purpose or simply offer a level of deeper understanding.

"How happy are those ... who are eager to make the pilgrimage to Zion; they will grow stronger as they go". More info at the back of the church or see Fr Raass.

NO PRIESTS AVAILABLE

There will be NO HOLY MASS celebrated from Monday 19th Feb (except morning Mass) – Saturday 24th Feb (except 2nd Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass). All priests are expected in Sydney to attend their Provincial Assembly & Chapter. However, there will be Communion Service and Liturgy of the Word available on weekdays. Please do not fall seriously sick or die that week!

WEBINAR ON DIVESTMENT



Pope Francis was clear in Laudato Si, saying that "technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels needs to be progressively replaced without delay" (LS 165),

WEBINAR (Online Conference): "CARING FOR CREATION BY DIVESTING FROM FOSSIL FUELS AND REINVESTING IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS". Come, Listen and Act on behalf of Mother Earth.

WHEN: Feb 15th, Thursday. WHERE: Presbytery
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Roster for weekend of 17-18 February 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	K McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Sue Marshall Mike Steller
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Pauline Otieno Jeremy Jones	Emil Tabbada Losana Hay Br James Hodge
Sun 5:30pm	Debbie Cooke	Joel Tolentino Tinna Buenviaje	Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives Goury Nair

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading:

Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.' The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 31:1-2,5,11

R/ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 1:40-45

The Leprosy left him and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this
Sunday: 25th March 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 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)
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.

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more? Call the presbytery and participate 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

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