



# 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**  
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.*

## Sacraments:

**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.

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 25th - 26th July 2015

### THE BOY WITH FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH

When I was reading today's gospel, one sentence held my attention: "There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish." We really do not know anything about this boy; he remains nameless and we are not told how he fared later.

So, here stands this small boy with his five loaves and two fish in front of Jesus. Cameras ready! This is a scene worth a photograph. Jesus certainly did not force the boy to give up his small loaves probably not much thicker than a pancake. The boy simply gave them to Jesus and like Andrew did not understand what these loaves were good for: "What is that among so many?". Yet he gave them to Jesus, trusting that Jesus would know somehow what to do with them. Then John says in very simple terms: "Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready." In this way the poor and seemingly insignificant gift of the small boy became in the hands of Jesus the rich gift of Jesus himself who gave enough bread to all so that they could eat as much as they needed. Of the twelve baskets that remained we are still eating at every eucharistic celebration. For me the key message of this gospel passage is that to satisfy the wants of all, Jesus needs individual people who give away that they have.

This scene is worthwhile remembering in many occasions of our life. We know that millions of people are in danger of dying of hunger. We know that our gifts for people in regions of hunger are no more than a drop in the ocean. Too little—all of us know that. But if we are willing to give out the little we have into the hands of Jesus, this maybe the beginning of a miraculous multiplication of bread. Our concern is, in fact, no more than that we are willing to share; the care for so many is the concern of the Lord.

We can apply this same scene to the needs of OLSH Parish. In most places the number of priests and religious are diminishing. Thanks to God, there are already some committed lay people who are helping and persevering. If every parishioner would be willing to do one's share to lessen this need, however poor and little one's contribution might be, and if all of us would entrust our contribution to the hands of Jesus, it would certainly result in a miraculous multiplication of bread. The Lord insists in 2 Kings 4:42-44, "Give it..." but give it in memory of Jesus who gave everything for the life of the world.

Fr Raass SVD

*"The Word of God is living and powerful."*

### Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

A call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

"Reduce, reuse, recycle. Preserve resources, use them more efficiently, moderate consumption and limit use of non-renewable resources." Pars 22, 192

- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

### Daily Readings: starting 27 July

**Mon:** Ex 32:15-24,30-34 Mt 13:31-35  
**Tues:** Ex 33:7-11,34:5-9,28 Mt 13:36-43  
**Wed:** 1Jn 4:7-16 Jn 11:19-27  
**Thur:** Ex 40:16-21,3-3 Mt 13:47-53  
**Fri:** Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37 Mt 13:54-58  
**Sat:** Lev 25:1,8-17 Mt 14:1-12  
**Sun:** Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Veronica Edwards, Tilde Cabantog, 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, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux, Br Dan fms, Imelda Palmer

*May the Lord grant them healing.*



### Saint of the Week – [St James](#) (July 25)

#### 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)

#### **Eucharistic 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**

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

#### **Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)**

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

#### **Legion of Mary**

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

#### **Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

### OLSH Parish Confirmation Day



Bishop Eugene Hurley of the Diocese of Darwin will be celebrating and conferring the **Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at the 9:30am Mass.** Welcome Bishop Eugene to OLSH Parish. This will be a joyful and prayerful occasion especially for the candidates, parents and sponsors.

Kristelle Emani and Deyahnelle Emani will also receive their First Holy Communion on this day. Please ask your family members to observe a prayerful celebration during the ceremony.

No cameras or video cameras will be used past the first step of the sanctuary during the ceremony except one camera, as these are too distracting (both for the candidates and the congregation).

Bishop Eugene will be available for photos with the children after the ceremony. All candidates, sponsors and family members are asked to join Bishop Eugene for refreshment in the parish courtyard.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

After the weekly Inquiry Gatherings, which commenced on June 7th, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, our group express their readiness for the next stage of the RCIA Process. This is scheduled for August 2nd at 9.30am Mass when the following Rites are planned to occur:

- **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens: Jayden Tha and Mika Kuriyama**
- **Rite of Welcoming Candidates: Nick Guthrie, Eric Robertson, Michelle Swan and Kim Brown**

Each of the six have a particular member of the OLSH community to be their Companion during these following months of preparation.

All parishioners are invited to support these new members by your prayers and faith witness. Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at the morning tea following this 9:30am mass on August 2nd.

### NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK (2<sup>nd</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> August)

The National Vocations Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in Australia dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and other consecrated life through prayer and education. In this Year of Consecrated Life let us ask “**What would become of the world if there were no religious?**” Vita Consecrate 105). Please pray for more vocations and make time to thank a religious in Central Australia or simply pray for them.

Bishop Eugene is also inviting all religious women and men with the diocesan clergy and laity in a solemn Eucharist of Thanksgiving for the countless blessings received. It will take place at **St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral on Tuesday, 8th September at 6:00pm.**

### Funeral Rites this Week

Soraya Hayes, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Aileen Shaw, RIP, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

*Please pray for the repose of their souls and the grieving families left behind.*

### WELCOME!

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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS GROUP – UNITED NATIONS ANTI PEOPLE TRAFFICKING DAY**  
**30th JULY 2015.**

The Stop Trafficking! Anti Human Trafficking Newsletter reported an unprecedented event at the Vatican on December 2nd 2014 when “For the first time in history both Sunni and Shia religious leaders joined with Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist faiths to publicly work together to eliminate slavery. They signed a ‘Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders against Modern Slavery’...Organised by the multi-faith Global Freedom Network, the assembled leaders asserted, ‘It is critical for faith leaders to lead society in demanding an end to modern slavery once and for all’”.

**Slavery and People Trafficking go hand in hand in our modern world.** This coming Wednesday we are reminded that it is an issue for us, the ordinary everyday citizen, to become aware of and find out what we are able to do. At the back of the Church this weekend, along with the display on the OLSH Social Justice Awareness Board, there are handouts you may wish to take home and read. There is also a handout giving you multiple websites informing us of what happens here in Australia as well as in countries overseas. Please have a look and take what you think will be of interest to you. *- Sr. Kathleen, Chairperson.*

**HEALING MASS & ANNOINTING, 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Jesus is our healing. All of our Sacraments find their source and power in the person of Jesus Christ. Saint Paul says in 2 Corinthians, “Power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me” (12:9). A healing Mass is a holy experience. This healing is placed in the context of the whole of the Eucharistic liturgy. Anointing is a Sacrament that offers our pain and longing for wholeness to God to transform in whatever way He will. Come along or better still, bring someone with you on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August at the 11:00am Mass.**

**Social Justice Awareness Group AGM**

On **Sunday 26th July** the OLSH Parish Social Justice Awareness Group will be holding their first Annual General Meeting at the **Parish House from 4pm to 5:15pm.** It will be a time to reflect upon what has happened since the current Group began, to look at our Mission, Vision and Objective Statements and to plan for the next 12 months. If you wish to attend, you are very welcome.

**Cleaning:** 1 August **Group 2**  
 Goury Nair, Babu Joseph, Sibi Thampi, Seena  
**Counters:** 2 August 2015  
 Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp  
**Last Week’s Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,428.80 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,771.15 (for the parish)  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

**New Diocesan Vision for Youth Ministry**  
 (Encounter, Engage Evangelise)

The Diocese of Darwin had recently released our Vision for Youth Ministry. This Vision will shape a way forward for us to better respond to the call of Anointed and Sent, to encourage young people to encounter, engage and evangelise in the vibrant life of our faith community here at OLSH parish. *“Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission!”* (Pope Francis to young people in 2013).

There are some copies of this Vision at the back of the church. In the meantime, our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs meets every Friday at 6:30pm for Bible Studies, social and formation activities.

All young people over 18 are invited to participate. Any young person less than 18 years are expected to be accompanied by a parent or arrive with a signed letter of consent. Parents encourage your young people to attend.

**The Australian Church Women Inc. (ACW)**

The ACW will hold a Fellowship Day Service in Church of the Ascension, Anglican Church on **Friday 31 July 2015 at 7:00pm.** **Guest Speaker is Bishop Greg Anderson (Anglican Diocese of the NT)** The Service is titled, *God’s Design*, within the overriding ACW theme for 2013-2015, *Building in Harmony. All Welcome.* The ACW is a network of committed Christian women seeking to unite across denominational, national and international boundaries. Enid Harland has details on 0448 186 521. Check out ACW at <http://www.acw.org.au>

For further information on Australian Church Women or this event, please contact our representative Rita Steller on 8959 5397. Thank you.

**‘Same-Sex Marriage’**

Please take a copy of **“Don’t Mess With Marriage”** booklet at the back of the church prepared by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. As the debate about ‘same- sex’ marriage rapidly gathers momentum, the Catholic Bishops believe that it has become urgent that we highlight the meaning of marriage and the implications of redefining marriage in the ways some are proposing.

**Roster for weekend of 01-02 August 2015**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Margaret McNaught Binu Katherine	Leanne Dieckmann Rose Sabadin Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Mike Steller	Ruth Sexton Charles Gamon	Fred Twohig Rita Steller John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Kevin Hickmott	Precy Taylor Bridget Knight	Virginia Loy Bruce Were Margaret Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Denise Simon	Sammy Nobleza Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading:**

2 Kings 4:42-44

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over.' 'He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 144:10-11,15-18

**R/** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 4:1-6

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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:**

John 6:1-15

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.