



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 Priest:
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
Resident Priests:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
Fr. Jim Knight SVD
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Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
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 High-
way.

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.

5th Sunday of Lent Year B
21st - 22nd March 2015

"We Would Like To See Jesus"

Today we stand with those Greeks, those outside the promises of Israel, other nations... foreigners seeking the face of Jesus. And yes we all want to see him – we hear that he associates with the sinners; we hear that his kingdom might just have room for those like us, those outside Abraham's offspring. We hear that he heals the sick and just a plain good man.

We hear this and our bodies ache with longing, this is a possibility too good to be true. We are hungry. We are thirsty. We long for the bread of life – bread that truly satisfies. We long for the intimacy of encounter – as our gaze meets his and we are drawn into the refreshing waters where our hearts are forever restless.

Why do you want to see Jesus? You and I want to see Jesus because he is the Messiah who will triumph over all the enemies and lead people into life without end. But wait, Jesus says something that defies all expectation, all assumptions of victory... No one would ever think of this next turn, He says, **"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds (vv24-26)".**

In case you missed the point of what Jesus is talking about, John says **"He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die"** (v33). Yes our Messiah is heading towards Golgotha. So here is the King and Saviour and it's not supposed to be like this. Redemption passes through death. There is no Resurrection without the Good Friday. Do you still want to see Jesus? Friends, seeing Jesus comes at a cost. It will cost us our lives. But there is no way to know the hope of this eternal life other than to join those other followers out there who give up their dreams for life, their expectations of the good life, for the sake of Christ's cross.

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

OLSH Priests Movements

All OLSH parish priests will be in Darwin this coming week from Monday 23rd March to Wednesday 25th March for the Holy Chrism Mass, Clergy Conference and Deanery Meetings.

NO HOLY MASS

Dear Mass Goers, please be informed that there will be no Holy Mass on these dates next week:

Monday, 23 rd March, 5:30pm	NO MASS, COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY
Tuesday, 24 th March, 7:00am	NO MASS, COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY
Tuesday, 24 th March, 5:30pm	NO MASS, NO COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed, 25 th March, 7:00am & 5:30pm	NO MASS, NO COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday, 26 th March, 7:00am	NO MASS, NO COMMUNION SERVICE

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 23 March

Mon: Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
Jn 8:1-11

Tues: Num 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Is 7:10-14,8:10
Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Thur: Gen 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ezek 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

Sun: Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Margie Heffernan, Colin Evers, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Tony Rilocapro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Turkey, 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.

Funeral Next Week: Friday 27th March at 10:00am – Benita Kopp. R.I.P.

Death Anniversary: Peter Gunner (23Mar)
May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Saint of the Week: St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (March 23)

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary
Monday to Friday 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 second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

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

NEIGHBOUR DAY 29th March – JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Neighbour Day was founded in Melbourne, Australia in March 2003 by Andrew Heslop after the remains of an elderly woman were found inside her suburban home. Mrs Elsie Brown had been dead for two years – forgotten by her neighbours, her friends and her family. Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door, across the street or on the next farm for a beer, a barbie or just a cuppa. Held on the last Sunday in March every year, it's the perfect day to know the people next door and say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you most. Today **DO SOMETHING SPECIAL** to build better relationships with the people who live around us especially the disadvantaged, vulnerable and the elderly. Be part of this movement where people **CARE FOR EACH OTHER.**

**OLSH PARISH INTER-CULTURAL FORMATION WORKSHOP,
“Intercultural and Interpersonal Relations”**

Fr Tim Norton SVD, former Provincial Superior of the Divine Word Missionaries and Director of NEMI Renewal Programmes, Rome, Italy, will run a **WORKSHOP on INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE** that includes skills for interpersonal & intercultural communication, conflict management and fraternal correction on **Saturday 18th April from 9:00am – 4:00pm at St Francis Centre.** All parishioners are invited to participate. RSVP Mel at the office 89521049 by 10th April. Donations only.

**OLSH Parish Workshop & Seminar on ‘THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL’
by Pope Francis**

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT OLSH PARISH HAS INVITED **FATHER NOEL CONNOLLY, Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Broken Bay Institute and Catholic Institute of Sydney.** He will enrich us by learning more about the vision and style of leadership which Pope Francis encourages for our Church and **how each of us are called to live the Joy of the Gospel** and lead mission in our communities, our workplaces and our lives. The workshop & seminar will fall on the **Saturday 18th July from 9:30am – 3:30pm at the St Francis Centre.** Donations only.



Final Ecumenical Lenten Service

OLSH Parish thanks all those Catholics who turned up for the Ecumenical Service conducted by the priests of the parish. Fr Raass observed that there were more Protestants than Catholics at OLSH Church last Friday!! God has a good sense of humour! The final ecumenical prayer service will be held at the **Lutheran Church at 7:00pm.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"The Church's social doctrine is an accurate formulation of the results of a careful reflection on the complex realities of human existence, in society and in the international order, in the light of faith and of the Church's tradition... The teaching and spreading of her social doctrine are part of the Church's evangelizing mission. And as it is a doctrine aimed at guiding people's behaviour, it consequently gives rise to a commitment to justice, in accordance with each individual's role, vocation and circumstances"(Pope JP II). The OLSH Parish Social Justice Awareness Group will be meeting this Sunday, 22 March at 4pm at the Parish House. We invite anyone who wants to see what we are actually do to come and join us.

- Sr. Kathleen OLSH

WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish community TUQIRI PAEA TUPOU son of Mars Tupou and Sherkeira Abala who will be baptised on Sunday 22 March.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

The most solemn week of the Christian year, Holy Week, is the week leading up to Easter. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, from the 29th March – 5th April and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes **Holy Thursday and Good Friday, which, together with Holy Saturday**, are known as the **Triduum**. During Holy Week, Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of humankind and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Thus, while Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His Son to die for our salvation.

Please be informed that our OLSH Parish HOLY WEEK program is as follows. (refer to the table on the right)

9:30AM Mass Passion (PALM) Sunday PROCESSION

Palm Procession signifying the glory and triumph of Jesus before his death will begin at Bath Street Campus playground at 9:15am. Please arrive early.

Vanuatu Disaster Special Collection – Next Weekend

“In Port Vila the destruction is everywhere, and there’s no news from anyone around the islands yet,” says the Bishop of Port Vila, John Bosco Baremes SM from the devastated capital. “There’s just no shelter, with so much having been blown away, and people will need somewhere to shelter while they rebuild.” OLSH Parish will have a special collection for Vanuatu and especially for Fr Oliver’s family on Tana Island, Vanuatu. Fr Oliver SVD is originally from Vanuatu and assigned to this parish but the cyclone has devastated his village. Please give generously next week after every Mass. Otherwise you may go online and donate either to Caritas or the Divine Word Missionaries online on www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or www.divineword.org.au



Would you like to make a real difference?

The Vinnies Conference is seeking interested people to join its proactive group. We meet monthly for spiritual renewal and to oversee several Vinnies initiatives to assist the needy. These include:

- Home and hospital visitations
- The Vinnies shop
- Emergency Relief (Mon & Wed)
- Food Van (Mon – Fri) - sandwich making
- Vinnies Appeals - Assist A Student Winter & Christmas
- Brumby’s bread collections

If you would like to be involved in the Conference please call Bernie on 0400663483 for further information. We would love to hear from you.

Cleaning: 28 March Group 8

Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

Counters: 29 March 2015

Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week’s Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,533.80 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,415.70 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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



Palm Sunday 29th March	Normal Sunday Masses with Simple Rite of Palm Procession EXCEPT the 9:30am Mass. Procession with palms and hymns for the 9:30am Mass will begin at Bath Street Campus playground at 9:15am.
Holy Monday 30th March	7:00am – Holy Mass
	5:30pm – Holy Mass
	6:30pm – 7:30pm, “2 nd Rite of Reconciliation or Confession” – WELCOME HOME EVERYONE
Holy Tuesday 31st March	7:00am – Holy Mass
	5:30pm – Holy Mass
	6:30pm – 7:30pm “Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration” -SPECIAL
Holy Wednesday 1st April	7:00am – Holy Mass
	5:30am – Holy Mass
	6:30pm-7:15pm “Be Reconciled With God”, A Reflection and Prayer by Fr Prakash SVD
Holy Thursday 2nd April	7:00am - NO Mass
	5:30pm - NO Mass
	7:30pm – Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of the Feet
	9:00pm – 11:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:45pm – Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the Altar of Repose (Presbytery Chapel, 4 Hartley Street)
Good Friday 3rd April	10:00am – Stations of the Cross in the Church (Dramatised)
	10:00am – Stations of the Cross in the Todd River – Arrente Way of the Cross at 40 south terrace.
	3:00pm – Veneration & Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday 4th April	9:00am Morning Prayer, No 11:00am Mass
	7:30pm Easter Vigil (Fire Ceremony, Easter Exultet, Liturgy of the Word, Rite of Baptism, Liturgy of the Eucharist) Please bring own candles with wax protection
Easter Sunday 5th April	6:15am Ecumenical Easter Dawn Service, ANZAC Hill
	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am (40 south Terrace), 5:30pm Easter Masses

Harmony Day – 21st March

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. Live the message.

Roster for weekend of 28 / 29 March 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Margaret McNaught Sue Bain	Darryl Smith Christine Grant Marian Maddocks
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Rita Steller Mike Steller Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Anthony Hay Lennie Sumang	Beth Madden Virginia Loy Carmela Guthart
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Cristina Buenviaje Franchesca Ives	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Thampi Joseph

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 50:3-4

R/ Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel:

John 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 12:24

Amen, Amen I say to you. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.