



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
 8:30am - 12:00 noon
 Saturday and Sunday - Closed

Parish Team

Parish Priest:
 Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priests:
 Fr Prakash Bryan Menezes SVD
 Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priests:
 Fr. Jim Knight SVD
 Fr. Alfonsus Nahak 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 Manfred Casseeram

Parish Treasurer
 Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal
 Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre
 Mr. Ben Ebert

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 Highway.*

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, 12 months' notice required.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
 23rd - 24th January 2016

He sent me ... to proclaim the Lord's year of favour

Jesus, in today's Gospel, announces his mission statement from God. He reads from the scroll of prophet Isaiah that speak of his mission here and now. Personally, I feel, by announcing it to the people in the synagogue, Jesus makes it clear that he is a Messiah, who has come into this world, not to rule the world as the kings and leaders of his time, but to lead people to true love. This is the Good News Jesus proclaimed: "God loves us". Through this announcement in the synagogue Jesus ushered in the reign of God, the reign of Love.

This reign of love consists of breaking down the barriers between the people and bringing unity among all, no matter to which culture, language, religion, sex, race one belongs to. The second reading of the day captures this idea very clearly by proclaiming all of us as one body in Christ, each with a different function as the part of this body. Each one of us are called to complement each other in spreading this reign of God in this world.

Jesus' proclamation of the 'Lord's year of favour,' is, according to some Biblical scholars, a proclamation of the Jubilee year, where the debts of the people were forgiven, the people got back their land, the prisoners were set free, and there was jubilation in the community. Jubilee year was a time to give thanks to God for all the blessings, it was a time to bring back the harmony and a time to treat everyone equally. Though the idea of Jubilee year was there among the people of Israel, it did not become reality as the leaders continued to be oppressive and the religious leaders interpreted the Law according to their own whims and fancies. Therefore Jesus today proclaims the Lord's year of favour and ushers in a new reign, a reign of Love.

As the followers of Christ, each one of us are invited today to make this reign of God real in our own lives. Each one of us are called to build this body of Christ through our own exemplary life. Each one of us are enabled to contribute towards the spreading of this reign of God in and around us and by doing this we all become the true witnesses to the love of God. Let us then strive to build this reign of God here and now, especially in this Extraordinary Jubilee year of Mercy. We pray that may this Year of Mercy help us to put into practice all that we have learnt through our Catholic upbringing. May our loving God, through Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, bless and guide us all. Amen.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the St Francis Center with the Religious Education classes for the students from the public schools who are wanting to make their Sacraments. It is only for a couple of hours a week between mid March to mid August and not during the school holidays. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

Farewell to Sr Mary Bennett RSM

Sr Mary Bennet, our Liturgy Co-Ordinator, is leaving Alice Springs for her next mission. We would like to thank Sr Mary for all her contribution to our Parish. We will have a farewell ceremony for her on **Sunday, 31st January, at the 9:30am Mass** followed by morning tea. Thank you Sr Mary for all your help and support and we wish you all the best in your next mission.

Roster for weekend of 30-31 January 2016

| | Commentator | Readers | Communion Ministers |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 6:00pm | Greg Gilbert | Leonie Smith Sue Bain | Rosalia Fernandez David Fernandez Marian Maddocks |
| Sunday 7:30am | Michael Steller | Ruth Sexton Margaret McNaught | John Lillecrapp Rita Steller |
| Sunday 9:30am | Pauline Otieno | Dilushi Fonseka Hilda Reeder | Bruce Were |
| Sunday 5:30pm | Mel Buenviaje | Rowena Russell Tinna Buenviaje | Marieta Ives Thomas John |

Daily Readings: starting 25 January 2016

Mon: Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18
Tues: 2 Sam 6:12-15,17-19 Mk 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Sam 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20
Thur: 2 Sam 7:18-19,24-29 Mk 4:21-25
Fri: 2 Sam 11:1-10,13-17 Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 2 Sam 11:1-10,13-17 Mk 4:26-34
Sun: Jer 1:4-5,17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
 Lk 4:21-30

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Georgina Gilbert, Eufelia Canta,
 Helena Rooney, Bernadette Dowd,
 May Lee Shah, Cathy Golotta, Gesu
 Golotta, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson,
 Veronica Edwards and Rose Brand.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Death Anniversary

Leo Leahy (10th Dec 2012), Lesley Leahy
 (22nd Jan 2005) and Barbara Stephens
 (Leahy) (31st Jan 2015)

*May their souls and all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. Amen.*

Welcome to the New School Year

Our students and teachers are beginning
 their new school year from this week. We
 believe that the summer break has been
 refreshing and rejuvenating to all. We pray
 that may this new school year be filled with
 new learnings and challenges and may you
 all have a blessed year ahead.

Cleaning: 30 January **Group 4**
 Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck,
 Joyce Clifford

Counter: 31 January
 Margaret –Ann McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
 First: \$1,202.05 Second: \$2,907.15
 Total planned giving donations made direct to
 parish bank account for December 2015 qtr:
 \$4,344.00 *Thank you for your generosity!*

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

Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship
 Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Eucharistic Adoration
 Every Fridays from 6-7 pm in the
 Presbytery and every second Saturday of
 the month from 3- 4 pm at Missionaries of
 Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

**Christian Meditation will resume on
February 4 (Presbytery Chapel)**

**Legion of Mary and Weekly Bible
Sharing (Suspended until further notice)**

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8-10,15

R/ Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps :33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.