



# 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.

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 1st - 2nd August 2015

### LORD, GIVE US THAT BREAD ALWAYS

Today we find in the Gospel one of the key sayings of Jesus: *"Do not work for food that cannot last!"* (John6:24-35). Jesus knew people. And he also knew that their only concern is eating and drinking, earning money and whatever it takes to satisfy the endless bodily needs.

The rise in suicides, divorces, psychiatric services prove all too clearly that even affluent societies like Australia do not live on bread alone. Jesus knows. People live much more on imperishable goods: peace, love, sharing, justice, inner freedom, respect, caring, faith, hope.

We look for happiness all the time. We keep seeking ourselves, and this is why we stay hungry. Only the bread you give to others can satisfy you. *"Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it!"* (Mathew 16:25).

This may sound strange, but do you still remember when you felt really happy in life? Take a moment. *Was it when you had received much, or was it when you had given something of yourself to others? What are the beautiful things you can still remember years later?*

Ask your mother when her happiness is deepest. Is it when she receives much or when she can give much to her children? What is the happiest moment in your marriage, when your partner showers you with all the goodies and everything you desire or when you experience that you can fill the life of your partner with the best that is in you?

Jesus challenges us today that all those people who keep everything for themselves, who don't share anything, who seclude themselves from others cannot but waste away. They have no bonds, no more friends. And there are people, who share all they have and who live from that sacred space of sharing. Around them there is friendship, gratitude and love. St Paul clearly urges us *"not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live...your mind must be renewed"* (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24)

Jesus gives away to us everything that he has received from the Father that at the end of the day he bowed his head and exclaimed, *"It is finished!"*. He had become bread. For *"In Him we live and move and have our being"* (Acts 17:28).

To celebrate the Eucharist is to do what Jesus did. You and I have to become bread for the world. Everyone has the right to break off a portion of us, a precious part of our life and might be painful and uncomfortable at times. But if you contemplate it further, others are only breaking off a small piece of our selfishness. If we allow others to do this for us, it will make our life deeper and happier. It is the kind of giving that is our life. Just ask any mother.

Fr Raass SVD

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

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

*"Slash pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. Transition to cleaner and renewable energies and replace fossil fuels 'without delay'." Paragraphs 26, 165*

- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

### Daily Readings: starting 3 August

**Mon:** Num 11:4-15 Mt 14:13-21  
**Tues:** Num 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36  
**Wed:** Num 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35 Mt 15:21-28  
**Thur:** Dan 7:9-10,13-14 Mk 9:2-10  
**Fri:** Deut 4:32-40 Mt 16: 24-28  
**Sat:** 1 Kg 17:8-16 Col 3:12-17 Mt 6:25-34  
**Sun:** 1 Kg 19:4-8 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

### Official Visit of His Excellency Most Rev. Adolfo Tito Yllana



OLSH Parish is delighted to host the upcoming official visit of His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana to Central Australia. His Excellency is the new Apostolic Nuncio to Australia appointed by Pope Francis. For your information, the Nunciature to Australia is an ecclesiastical office of the Roman Catholic Church in Australia. It is a diplomatic post of the Holy See, whose representative is called the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia with the rank of an ambassador.

The office of the Nunciature is located in Manuka, Canberra. Archbishop Adolfo was born in Naga City in the Philippines in February 1948. He will arrive **on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August and depart on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. A special programme is being drafted for this special visitation. More details later.



### 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.*

### Rite of Welcome & Rite of Acceptance

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* describes an initiation process that exists at the heart of the church's life and on the same schedule as the church: every day, all year long. After the weekly Inquiry Gatherings, which commenced on June 7th, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Sr Helen Kennedy, Director of RCIA, has informed the parish that two candidates and five catechumens are now ready to express their readiness for the next stage of the RCIA Process. This is scheduled for this **Sunday 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 (*Unbaptized & Uncatechized adults*)

**Rite of Welcoming Candidates:** Nick Guthrie, Eric Robinson, Michelle Swan, Kim Brown (*Baptized in another tradition & unchatechized adults*)

The two RCIA Rites will take place within the context of the Holy Mass immediately after the Penitential Rite. Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at the morning tea following the 9.30am Mass this weekend. It is our responsibility to walk with them and lead them more deeply into the sacred encounter with Christ.

### 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

**Weekly Bible Sharing**  
Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:30pm

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

### Reception of Baptised Children into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church

Two children who were baptized in the Anglican Church and undergoing Catechesis at Bath Street will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church next **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August at the 9:30am Mass**. The Sacrament of Baptism will not be repeated but simply offered an **Invitation, a Profession of Faith, an Act of Reception and a Sign of Peace**. They will receive their Reconciliation & First Holy Communion the following Sunday & the Sacrament of Confirmation on a later date. The Rite will take place after the Liturgy of the Word.



**Saint of the Week – [St Mary of the Cross MacKillop](#) (August 8)**

### Funeral at OLSH Church next Week

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 10:00am , Elfie McComack, R.I.P

### **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.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

## A MASSIVE THANK YOU



2015 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Confirmation

Our parish had a wonderful celebration last Sunday as 47 of our young parishioners from OLSH College, Aboriginal Town Communities and State Schools received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Eugene Hurley.

It was truly a colorful and prayerful Sunday and thanks to the Mark Beanstead and his RE team at OLSH Traeger Campus, Br Tony, Sr Mary, Carmela Gudhart, Jenny Montefiore and her young hospitality team, Missionaries of Charity, Dr Sue and church cleaners & decorators, sponsors, Arrernte elders, the 9:30am Choir, parents and all of you who worked so hard to make it a wonderful celebration.

Let's continue to pray and support the newly confirmed to believe in the ongoing powerful action of the Spirit – the Paraclete – who comes to assist them in the role of mission, prayer and worship.



### **BIBLE SHARING RESURRECTED**

The SVD priests of the parish invite you to a regular Bible Sharing *every Wednesdays from 6:15pm to 7:30pm beginning on Wednesday 12th August at the presbytery.* In Bible sharing none is so poor as not to be able to offer something of how the Word of God is a challenge in their lives. Everybody is to be encouraged to share. Nobody knows everything about how the Word of God is working in the other person's life. Other Bible related activities will soon follow such as Bible Study Group, Bible Sunday, Bible Course, Retreats etc.

**Cleaning:** 8 August **Group 3**  
Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

**Counters:** 9 August 2015  
Walter & Patricia Litvensky

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,535.85 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 3,104.10 (for the parish)  
Total planned giving donations made direct to parish bank account for June 2015 quarter: \$2,334.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

## First Holy Communion

The parish will celebrate **First Communion Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at the 9:30am Mass.** All are then invited to Bath Street Hall for refreshments. This is a big occasion for OLSH parish especially for families and friends of our children from OLSH College, Bath Street, and state schools.

The children are generally too young to appreciate all the theological refinements, but as long as they know and believe that it's not bread or wine they're receiving but the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, then they are old enough to take Holy Communion. First Penance or reconciliation will take place at 3:15pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August at OLSH Church.

### National Vocations Week (2<sup>nd</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> August)

In celebrating both National Vocations Week and the Year of Consecrated Life, one or two priests and members of religious Orders at OLSH Parish will share their vocation story next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at all Masses. Each one of us has had a call to serve willingly with our life and our love for you and our church. Please pray to the Lord of the Harvest for more willing men and women to serve within the consecrated life. Do not be afraid to ask your nieces, nephews, children if they want to serve God and God's Church.

### 2015 Catholic Mission/Propagation of the Faith Appeal, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August

This year's appeal is inspired by the Gospel of St Matthew, "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink". Pope Francis has been gently and consistently inviting all Catholics to participate in the mission of the Church to 'go forth' and to share with others your faith, hope and evangelizing charity: *'The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus...With Christ, joy is constantly born anew.'* Evangelii Gaudium 1.

For your information, one-third of the funds collected on Mission Sunday and Propagation of the Faith is retained by Catholic Mission for distribution within Australia including the Diocese of Darwin. Special envelopes will be prepared as well as the blue buckets at the end of all Masses on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### **Roster for weekend of 08-09 August 2015**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Walter Litvensky Patricia Litvensky	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Darryl Smith
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Fred Twohig	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	Greg Gilbertt Mike Steller John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Pauline Otieno	Debbie Cooke Col Marshall	Helena Casseeram Bruce Were Margaret Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Mike Ociones	Andrzejs Skrzypiec Mike Williams	Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading:**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" 'And so it came about quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 77:3-4,23-25,54

**R/** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 4:4

**Alleluia, alleluia!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

John 6:24-35

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat, Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.