



# 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 Priest:**  
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD  
Fr. Jim Knight SVD  
**Syro-Malabar Chaplain**  
Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST  
**Liturgy Coordinator (New Role)**  
Sr. Mary Bennett RSM  
**Hospital Chaplain**  
Sr. Magdalena Leutterova SSps  
**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 High-*  
*way.*

## 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, 6 months' no-  
tice required.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B 28<sup>th</sup> February - 01<sup>st</sup> March 2015

### “Let Us Make Three Tents – right here!”

In this Gospel today I'm drawn to Peter and his clumsy response. He sounds so like me! “Let's freeze this moment, let's build a monument and stay here on this mountain.” Here he has had a profound spiritual experience, and he immediately seems to generalize that God's presence must be tied to or confined to this particular mountaintop location, this particular spot.

Peter wants to externalize an experience which is basically internal, a matter of the heart. The OT people speak of the mountain as the place where God dwells—the cloud on the mountain. Some have called the Bunya Mountains of Queensland “God's country.” Of course, we might drive to some mountains elsewhere for a fresh panoramic perspective. We might think that God is “over there”!

For many years Thomas Merton, the famous Trappist monk and mystic lived as a hermit, a life of solitude in the woods of Gethsemani, Kentucky. Merton died in 1968, but people continue to marvel at his simple dwelling in the woods. Another contemporary mystic namely, Richard Rohr took a sabbatical a few years ago and asked to stay in Thomas Merton's hermitage because he wanted to catch some of Merton's prayerful spirit.

While Richard was there one of the Trappist monks recognized him. Rohr saw him at a distance, but tried to be respectful and not disturb his solitude. He then surprised Richard by breaking his silence and shouting to him, “Richard, you get to preach and I don't. When you're out there preaching, please tell the people one thing. **God is not ‘out there.’** God bless you.” (See *Richard Rohr, p. 101, Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*)

Rohr then wrote a whole book on contemplative prayer to tell us that God is not OUT THERE or UP THERE—not in some place or moment or booth on a mountain top. **God is within us and within the creation** (Luke 17:21). As Rohr says, we would make giant steps if we could see that God is dwelling all around us and within each of us. Then we would have much greater difficulty destroying the earth or destroying people in whom God dwells.

Our job then is not to go to some mountaintop to be “spiritual,” but **to come to awareness of what already is—in the present moment and present time, exactly where we are in the here-and-now.** Our search for God is like holding a lantern, looking for a light. We are searching for what we already have.

Make time this Season of Lent to be conscious of moments when God will show up – on the trail, in the kitchen, in the silence, in the glint of sunlight dancing on the waters, in the birth of a baby or in the suffering of neighbor. Our job is to wake up to these moments and rejoice like Peter. **Be present. Be attentive. Be responsible. Be grateful. +**

Fr Raass SVD  
Parish Priest

### New Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region

Bishop Eugene has appointed Fr Raass as **Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region of the Diocese of Darwin.** His role is “to act always according to the intention and mind of the Bishop, to whom he is to render an account on the principal matters in which he is involved”, Canon 480. It also means offering Bishop Eugene good advice whether sought or not, on behalf of the Central Region of the Diocese. Congratulations!

### Daily Readings: starting 02 March

**Mon:** Dan 9:4-10            Lk 6:36-38  
**Tues:** Is 1:10, 16-20        Mt 23:1-12  
**Wed:** Jer 18:18-20        Mt 20:17-28  
**Thur:** Jer 17:5-10         Lk 16:19-31  
**Fri:** Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28    Mt 21:33-43,45-46  
**Sat:** Micah 7:14-15,18-20    Lk 15:1-3,11-32  
**Sun:** Ex 20:1-17  
          1 Cor 1:22-25        Jn 2:13-25  
+ **Pray & read your Bible every day +**

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

Carmen dfelix 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, David Woods, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

**May the Lord grant them healing.**

**Death Anniversary:** Marcial Sara, May his soul rest in Peace.

### Funerals this Week at OLSH Church

March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am Christine Ann Stevens, R.I.P  
March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am Alex Grueger, R.I.P  
March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am Melissa Turner, R.I.P

*OLSH Parish extends sincere condolences to all the immediate and extended families of their deceased loved ones.  
May they REST IN PEACE.*

### 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

### Sacrament of Penance: 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the **community listening to the word of God**. The homily emphasizes our need for **repentance and the infinite mercy of God**. During the **examination of conscience**, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ. The **individual confession and absolution** that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. It is a moving experience to witness fellow Catholics humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy. After the confessions, the **ceremony concludes with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing**. OLSH Parish will celebrate two Penitential Services (2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation) on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** (3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent) and **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** (Holy Week) at **6:30pm**. Please mark it on your diary and inform everyone.

### World Day of Prayer, Friday 06 March 2015, 7pm, The Salvation Army Stuart Tce.

This is an annual ecumenical service, in which Christians around the world affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. This year's service has been prepared by the Women of The Bahamas and all are invited to share a common message with others in more than 170 countries on the same day. Should you require further details please contact Rita Steller, the Alice Springs Catholic Church representative on 89595397 or 89520868. Thank you.

### Sacramental Formation in State and Private Schools

If you have a child in State and Private Schools in need of receiving their First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2015, formation classes will be starting on Wednesday 18th March at the St. Frances Centre at 3:30pm. Please contact the presbytery to fill out your paperwork. Carmela Guthart and Sr Mary RSM will contact the families the first week of March to answer any questions. Do pass on this message to any Catholic parents whose children are studying in State and Private Schools.

### Stations of the Cross, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

#### “Mary's Way of the Cross”

On this coming Friday the Stations of the Cross will focus on the journey of Jesus towards Calvary through the heart of Mother Mary. This is a moving reflection of Our Lady who throughout her life carried her cross because she TRUSTED GOD and responded “YES LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD”. Due to the various demands for the best time and nature of this centuries-old Lenten tradition, OLSH Parish will still hold the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm on Fridays. It is not a sin if you are unable to make it on any given Friday however feel free to conduct the Stations of the Cross at home or amongst friends, instead of watching your Friday footie or your favourite movie! Remember - a small sacrifice and abstinence from the usual Friday night's recreation could go a long way in your relationship with Jesus who died FOR YOU.

### WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish community **Letitia Adamson** daughter of Jacob and Loretta Adamson, **Matilda Cook** daughter of Cameron and Leza Cook, and **Amgus Breen** son of Joseph Breen and Lynette Ross who will be baptised this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, OLSH Parish will offer the Sacrament of Anointing as part of the 11:00am Mass. We will begin on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome, especially those who are sick or suffering in any way, mind, body, or spirit.** There will be music at the Mass and the presider will be available in church to anoint any and all in need. It is highly recommended that you first ask God if there is any area in your life you wish to be healed. If you know of someone in need of support or the Sacrament of Anointing contact any of the Parish Priests at 8952 1049 or Mel at the parish office.

### PROJECT COMPASSION "FOOD FOR LIFE"

Welcome to Project Compassion 2015. At the back of the Church are Sharepacks for the six weeks of Lent and small Caritas boxes for your donations. Feel free to issue your envelope every week together with the Collections or submit the Sharepack and boxes on Easter Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday. Thank you for your effort!

### Ecumenical Lenten Wednesday Services

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Anglican Church, 18 Bath Street
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Uniting Church, 52 Todd Mall
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Church
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	To be announced

**ALL SERVICES START AT 7:00PM**

### **A Well-Trained Tongue: Formation in the Ministry of Reader (Lectors)**

OLSH Parish is looking for new lectors (readers) to assist at the **6:00pm and 5:30pm Weekend Masses.** ALL new lectors MUST receive some training or formation provided by the parish team. If you are regular worshipper at these times please do not hesitate to volunteer and be part of this sacred ministry of proclaiming God's word. Please contact any of the priests or Sr Mary directly so we could arrange a suitable time for training.

**Saint of the Week – St Dominic Savio (March 10)**

### **Cleaning: 07 March Group 5**

Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller, Andre Simon

**Counters: 08 March 2015**

Mel & Cristina Buenviaje

### **Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,460.70 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 2,090.00 (for the parish)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

### JOIN A LENTEN GROUP OR START ONE YOURSELF

OLSH Parish Lenten Sharing Groups have already started. It is not too late to call any of the facilitators at various locations. Otherwise you are free to start a group yourself around your family members and acquaintances. Contact the parish office for a copy of the Arise programme and CDs.

Lenten Group Facilitator	Where to Meet	When to Meet	Phone Numbers
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD	4 Hartley Street (Presbytery)	Saturdays from 2:30pm	8952 1049
Sr Mary Bennett RSM	58 Memorial Ave (St Francis Centre)	Mondays from 2:00pm	8953 8726
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	58 Memorial Ave (St Francis Centre)	Mondays from 7:00pm	8952 4151
Sue Marshall/ Berni 'O Grady	38 Railway Tce (Vinnies Centre)	Sundays from 1:00pm	8952 1974
Ruth Sexton	Bath St Campus (for teachers but anyone is welcome)	Thursday from 3:30pm	89508617

**Evangelii Gaudium** :“The poor person, when loved, ‘is esteemed as of great value,’ and this is what makes the authentic option for the poor differ from any other ideology, from any attempt to exploit the poor for one’s own personal or political interest.” *Par 199 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013*

### **Nungalinya College, Alice Springs Delivery Site**

For your information, a number of agencies are cooperating to establish a delivery site for Nungalinya College (Darwin) in Central Australia, an annex, to offer the accredited Certificate III in Theology and Ministry. The partners in this project are:

The Anglican Church in Australia, Diocese of the Northern Territory  
The Catholic Church, Diocese of Darwin

The Finke River Mission, Lutheran Church of Australia

The Northern Regional Council of Congress, Uniting Church in Australia

TEAR Fund, Dhumba Indigenous Support Program.

If this project is successful our future Aboriginal theologians do not have to travel to Darwin anymore for theological and ministerial studies. Please pray for this exciting ecumenical enterprise.

### **Roster for weekend of 07 / 08 Mar 2015**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Binu Katherine Sue Bain	Christine Grant Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Margaret McNaught Pushpa Vida	Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp Carmel Leonard
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Bro Tony Caddy	Pauline Otieno Hilda Reeder	Carmela Guthart Helena Casseeram Mark Bensted
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Miguel Ociones	Cristina Buenviaje Franchesca Ives	Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Marietta Ives

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

**2nd Sunday of Lent Year B**  
**28<sup>th</sup> February - 01<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading:**

Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 115:10,15-19

**R/** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Second Reading:**

Romans 8:31-34

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us-he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 9:2-10

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.