



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' love bringing justice, compassion and charity to all creation.



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Monday to Friday

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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm

Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm,

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“The upright consciences of spouses who have been generous in transmitting life may lead them, for sufficiently serious reasons, to limit the number of their children, yet precisely for the sake of this dignity of conscience, the Church strongly rejects the forces State intervention in favour of contraception, sterilization and even abortion (Relatio Finalis). Such measures are unacceptable even in places with high birth rates, yet also in countries with disturbingly low birth rates we see politicians encouraging them”. **Amoris Laetitia, Ch.2, #42. Question: What is the common denominator when you study these words: “industrialisation, sexual revolution, economic problems, consumerism, life-style”?**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

17th - 18th June 2017

ARE WE TRUE MEMORIALS OF CHRIST'S SELF-GIVING LOVE?

Today's celebration is a votive feast. According to church history, it was first celebrated at Liege in 1247; by the 1264 papal bull *Transiturus* of Pope Urban IV in which the feast of Corpus Christi was declared throughout the entire Latin Rite and the Western church. It was around this time when St Thomas Aquinas composed the sequence *Tantum ergo sacramentum* for this purpose. It has stayed ever since as a Solemnity commemorating, celebrating, and worshipping the Body and Blood of Jesus in the appearance of bread and wine. But despite its popularity, it was the one of those feast days which was “rejected” during the reformation in England.

Many of the reformers saw the feast as sanctioning the worst in Eucharistic piety – the processions, benedictions, exaggerated elevations etc. They thought all these things distracted Catholics from the central significance of the Eucharist. In their (reformers) zeal they threw out the baby with the bath water. They seemed unaware of the parallel growth in devotion to the sacred humanity of Christ, and of how Catholics, in the worship of the Eucharist, saw an opportunity to come into contact with that humanity.

Of course, it is the Mass that we primarily achieve the deep & mysterious spiritual contact with Jesus, and our Eucharistic piety such as Benediction, Exposition, and constant visits to the Blessed Sacrament exist in order to deepen that experience of receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

At the end of the day, our celebration of the Body and Blood of Jesus, the Eucharist, has many roots in the Scriptures. But one thing we Catholics need to realise is that the Eucharist is not just about “Jesus and me”; it is about *a people*, a community, created by God through the death and resurrection of Christ, who are in communion with each other through the communicating the body and blood of the Lord. That is why the Church is careful, in the Eucharistic Prayer, to emphasise our communion with Our Lady and the saints, the faithful departed, the Pope, the Bishop, and the whole laity.

We go to communion with those with whom we are in communion. We are in communion with them because Jesus died for all, and makes available to us the Sacrament of the new covenant. We cannot isolate the Holy Mass from God's everlasting covenant.

As we celebrate the Mass in “Jesus' Memory”, may we go forth and join Him in His life of self-giving & self-emptying. Then we are truly saying with Christ: “This is I who give myself to you”.

Fr Raass

We acknowledge the original custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia. As we share our faith within our Catholic family we also acknowledge those that paved the way to give us our Church and Parish and welcome all into our community.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 19 June 2017

Mon: 2 Cor 6:1-10 Mt 5:38-42
Tues: 2 Cor 8:1-9 Mt 5:43-48
Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thu: 2 Cor 11:1-11 Mt 6:7-15
Fri: Deut 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30
Sat: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80
Sun: Jer 20:10-13 Mt 10:26-33
Rom 5:12-15

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin.

May the Lord grant them healing

Solemnities of the Week

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Fri 23 June
The Nativity of St John the Baptist - Sat 24 June

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Prayers of Devotion to St. Joseph

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 6-7pm and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:30pm

Mothers Praying for Your Children

1st and 3rd Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

2nd Anniversary of *Laudato Si*, 18th June



Two years ago, we waited with anticipation for Pope Francis' new encyclical. Little did we realize that this document would have so much to say to so many people – Catholic, non-Catholic, non-religious – around the world. Nor did we realize the timeliness of a statement on the health of our common home and its effect on our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis developed his ideas from Scripture, the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, and scientific findings. He called us to see the connection between our choices as individuals but also as members of society with the lives of those on the margins, those in developing countries. He invited us to explore the term “dominion” in the Genesis story. He called us to see that we are one human family and that all in creation is interconnected. He asked, “*What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?*” (160)

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB, a *NEW Ministry*

Welcome people of Alice Springs to “**Spirituality in the Pub**” in the context of the new evangelisation. This new ministry is directly in line with the teachings of Vatican 2 “*Let there be unity in what is necessary, freedom in what is unsettled and charity in any case*”, (Gaudium et Spes, n.29).



Various breadth of topics will be explored every month including a range of speakers but the aim is simple: *a good conversation* – and allow the Holy Spirit of God to move freely and, with a delicious meal and a glass of vino!! Venue: Todd Tavern Management. Date: Friday June 23rd at 6:30 at the room pre-arranged for SIP.

SPECIAL COLLECTION



Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. This weekend at all Masses.

Monday On-going Adult Formation Resumes

Amoris Laetitia



As previously advertised, the parish will begin an in-depth discussion and study of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family from Monday 19th June at 7:00pm at the JP2 Hall. Please refer to table for future dates. This is an invitation to married couples, young people and anyone aspiring to marriage and family life.

Aboriginal Catholic Pastoral Council

Three Catholic elders and Fr Olivier will be attending the annual diocesan planning conference at Nungulunya College, Darwin, from 26th – 30th June.

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

WELCOME!

OLSH Parish also 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.

Important Parish & Diocesan Date June & July		YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS			
		FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Spirituality in the Pub	Friday 23rd June, 6:30pm @ Todd Tavern. Please call Todd Tavern & book for a meal at the SIP room.	Fr Raass & Participants	Mondays 19 & 26 June; 3, 10, 17, 31 July; 14, 21, 28 Aug; 4 Sep	The Joy of Love <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> 7:00pm—8:30pm	JP2 Hall
Launch of Eastern/Central Arrernte Bible	NATSIACC/NAIDOC Sunday Mass, 2nd July 11:00am @ main church				
Youth Breakaway Camp Retreat,	29th June – 4 th July 2017, Riyala. Contact Maria or Fr Prakash	Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday 7th August 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Aboriginal Diocesan Pastoral Council	26th June – 30 th June, Darwin				
Couples for Christ	1st July 9:30am - 3:30pm St Francis Centre, Workshop	Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 th – Sunday 20 th , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	St Francis
Diocesan Leadership Conference	18th July – 20 th July Darwin				

Confirmation Candidates Creed Mass

Candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will celebrate their Creed Mass this Sunday, 18th June. Let's give them our full support and prayers.

St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre Staff Retreat

Please remember the staff at St Joseph's Flexible Learning centre who will have a whole day spiritual retreat on Friday 23rd June. Indeed, a quiet time with Jesus goes a long way to improving one's self-esteem and world-view.

The **HOMILY** is part of the liturgy... It should develop some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day, and take into account the mystery being celebrated or the needs proper to the listeners... GIRM 65 The **HOMILY** has special importance due to its eucharistic context: it surpasses all forms of catechesis as the supreme moment in the dialogue between God and his people which leads up to sacramental communion.

Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 137



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Cleaning: June 24, 2017 **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell
Counters: June 25, 2017
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,379.00 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,348.65 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$960.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

Welcome Fr Roy Ragas SJ



OLSH Parish welcomes Fr Roy Ragas, a Jesuit Priest from the Philippines, who will stay at the presbytery from 19th June to 14th July. This is part of his training and he will be working at the Purple House.

Genazzano FCJ College Visit

One hundred and sixty-eight students from Genazzano College, Victoria will be venturing to Central Australia for the first time in 2017. The students will participate in the 5:30pm mass this Sunday 18th June. Welcome to all of them.

Before your Speak – THINK

T – is it True?
H – is it Helpful?
I – is it Inspiring?
N – is it Necessary?
K – is it Kind?

"Hi, it's Midge again. Nice to meet you too! I am beginning to learn how to communicate with my masters, oops, slaves. My primary mode of cat communication is body language such as the position of the ears & the secret language of meows. I know the presbyterians, i.e. people who live in the presbytery, love to massage my head and it is supposed to be a sign of affection but it hurts a lot if I do it to them!"



Roster for weekend of 24 - 25 June 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Jennifer Farrell Leonie Smith	David Fernandes R Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	Anthony Hay Marie Campbell	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Br Matthew Green	Dilushi Fonseka Rowena Russell	Cristy Genetti Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ocones	Pat Monaghan Hilda Reeder	Sammy Nobleza Debbie Cooke Mel Buenviaje

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A
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Entrance Antiphon:

cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

R/ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading:

Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
See inner pages.

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 30th July, 2017, 17th September, 2017

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship
1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am
at Desert Life Church

Bread Delivery to Town Camps
Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:30pm

Yuendumu Aboriginal Mission (5hrs drive)
2nd Wednesday of the month

Children's Sunday School
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-
7:00pm

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries
Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Parish Council Meetings
1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs
Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry
3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs drive)
4th Friday of the month

Finance Team Ministry
1st Saturday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

Social Justice Awareness Group: 4th Sunday
of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Sunday Mass Pick-Up: Every Sunday if you
can help those who wish to attend Mass at 40
South Terrace and the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and partici-
pate in God's Mission.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom
shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said,
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*