



# 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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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday  
8:30 am - 12 noon  
Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD  
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Mr Fred Twohig  
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Mr Kevin Hickmott  
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**St. Joseph's Flexible Centre**  
Mrs. Sitinder Bahia  
**Sunday School Catechists**  
Anileen and Mark Bensted  
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Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred Casseeram  
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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**  
3rd Sunday of every month



## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

“ Paul says that love “bears all things” (panta stégei). This is about more than simply putting up with evil; it has to do with the use of the tongue. The verb can mean “holding one’s peace” about what may be wrong with another person. It implies limiting judgment, checking the impulse to issue a firm and ruthless condemnation: “Judge not and you will not be judged” (Lk 6:37). Although it runs contrary to the way we normally use our tongues, God’s word tells us: “Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters” (Jas 4:11). Being willing to speak ill of an-other person is a way of asserting ourselves, venting resentment and envy without concern for the harm we may do. We often forget that slander can be quite sinful; it is a grave offense against God when it seriously harms another person’s good name and causes damage that is hard to repair. “Pope Francis, Ch.4#110, *Amoris Laetitia*.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## LIKE A SLAVE, SIGHING FOR SHADE

Has your personal suffering leave you without hope? Has economic progress ruined your life? And all the sufferings of the world...for nothing? Do you fret from day to day and have worked hard all these years and still feel delusional?

Welcome to the world of Job.

Job speaks out of his misery, his lack of hope. His days are coming closer and his life is “but a breath and his eyes will never again see joy” (Job 7:7). Like Job, many of us can speak courageously and protest. Catholics can be easily brought to deception and disillusionment. But then we can also knock and knock at the heavens door to the God who is touched by human plight and who cares. We can lament and cry and complain. But we can also bring all these into relationships with the God who loves us all especially those who are suffering.

No doubt God can feel for us and with us. Just look at the life of the Master, Jesus Christ. We see in Jesus, God’s authentic feeling for those who were sick and evil possessed. Jesus cures Peter’s mother-in-law by laying hands on her and raising her up (Mark 1:29-39). The fever breaks. Out of brokenness comes wellness. Marks reports that all brought their ill to Him. He cured them all.

But Jesus is not deceived, blind or stupid. He enters into a lonely place to be absorbed in prayer. Through his solitary bonding with God His Father, Jesus preserves his right feeling; he retains his identity that these healings are about the coming reign of God. It is nothing to do with ego, fame or attention. Here Jesus begins to unveil Job’s pleas and plaint.

If you suffering leaves you without hope, turn to Jesus’ words. It compassionately heals and raises us up. Turn to God in 2018 and pray constantly. Prayer will keep you genuine and on the right track. It will keep your attention to love the sick and disabled and action for justice. If you do not pray, you have nothing to give.

Fr Raass SVD  
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*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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 05 February 2018**

**Mon:** 1 Kg 8:1-7,9-13 Mk 6:53-56  
**Tues:** 1 Kg 8:22-23,27-30 Mk 7:1-13  
**Wed:** 1 Kg 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23  
**Thu:** 1 Kg 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30  
**Fri:** 1 Kg 11:29-32,12-19 Mk 7:31-37  
**Sat:** 1 Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10  
**Sun:** Lev 13:1-2,44-46 Mk 1:40-45  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1

**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



**HELP WANTED**

The Finance and Building committee, as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2019, are planning to install a wheelchair access ramp leading up to the altar. This work was always a wish of Michele Castagna, who left a considerable amount towards this project. We already have a plan view drawn up, but in order to show parishioners, we would like a 3D drawing to display. If you are able to assist with this drawing, please contact Fr. Raass on 8951049 or Fred Twohig on 0437778819. God Bless and thank you.



**Hearing Assist**

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to remind parishioners that we have a hearing assist system for use in our church, thanks to the generosity of Michele Castagna. At the rear of the church 6 small receivers with either head phones or personal loop connections are available. If you are missing some of the spoken word, as I am, please avail yourselves of this aid. For any assistance, please contact Fred Twohig on 0437778819.



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

Dilushi Fonseka and baby. Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langecake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lennie & Will Arthur,

*May the Lord grant them healing*



**Lenten Programme Sharing Groups 2018**

Lent will begin early on Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. OLSH Parish will once again invite all parishioners to belong to a Lenten Sharing Group to meet before each Sunday of Lent. Please see the Parish Priest if you are willing to facilitate a group. Parents are highly encouraged to start a Lenten sharing group with your children.

**1<sup>st</sup> Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minute**



- Re-Launch of Catholic Youth of Alice Springs to take place soon;
- New Parish Capacity Building Coordinator proposed;
- Two Charismatic Healing Retreats organised (see ad);
- Arrival of diocesan seminarian Dean Taberdo;
- Webnar Divestment, Laudato Si, online conference, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm;
- Parish Action Plans in progress under four sub-headings;
- Golden Jubilee Projects, ongoing, ramp to start soon;
- Jubilee Pilgrimage, still a few seats available;
- Proposed Grief/Lamentation session during Lent;

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month's notice required. 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.

**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 -7:00pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am



**Vinnies**  
good works

**St Vincent de Paul, Alice Springs, "An Invitation to Past & Present Members"**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul in the Northern Territory invites Vincentians to take an active part in a process of reconciliation in line with the Rule of the Society. It provides for all parties when differences occur between council and/or conferences to seek reconciliation through a process. (Article 27 of The Rule)

An opportunity is being offered to meet and speak with two Vincentians on 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 in Alice Springs as part of a process for reconciliation of Vincentians, following the OLSH conference being placed in recess in 2016. This opportunity to speak to Gladys Demissie from Perth and Meredith Evans from Adelaide is hoped will begin re-building positive relationships of Vincentians and supporters in Alice Springs and throughout the Territory.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please email Donna Scheerlinck who works in the office of the National Council of SVDP, Canberra. Her email address is donna@svdp.org.au or phone on 02) 62021213. Please be aware of the time difference in Canberra.

**WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!**



The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. A hearty welcome back to all students and teachers of OLSH College and St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.



**ITECA (Indigenous Theological Education in Central Australia)**

The four mainstream churches (Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans and Uniting Church) in central Australia are running another week of studies for all indigenous Christians. The subject is "Sacraments" under Helen Richmond's direction. All Arrernte Catholics with adequate theological literacy are invited to participate from the 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 at the Campfire in the Heart. Those who have Certificate III level English literacy now, and have previously expressed the goal of pursuing accredited training for ministry, are invited to commence this Certificate III journey in Feb. Transport will be available. Please see the Parish Priest.



**Campfire in the Heart Retreat**

On the weekend of the 23rd - 25th February, the Campfire in the Heart, is planning a gathering to discover pathways and opportunities. The theme is *Lhere Artepe*. We are offering an invitation to enter into our space of struggle and nourishment. What is our hope? Please let us know your availability and interest. *David, Sue and Celia*



**Welcome Dean Taberdo**

Mr Dean Taberdo is a fourth year seminarian at Corpus Christi Seminary in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Bishop Eugene has requested that he undertakes his Regency Year (Pastoral Year) at OLSH Parish from February to October 2018. He is arriving next week. He is originally from the Philippines. Mabuhay!



**(WEBNAR) Live Laudato Si: Prophetic Stand**

**When:** Thursday, February 15, 3:30pm Australian

**LAUDATO SI' What:** This webinar will help you to understand the practical implications of taking a prophetic stand in relation to financial investments in energy and move away from fossil fuels. Listen to great presenters from the Global Catholic Climate Movement.

**Venus:** TBA next week.

**Planned Giving**

Planned giving envelopes are ready to be collected from the back of the Church. If parishioners are interested in weekly planned giving please see Fr. Raass or contact any from the Finance Team of the parish.

**Project Compassion**

Please find Project Compassion brochures and donation box at the back of the Church. Take one for your family or friends.

**Cleaning:** February 10, 2018 **Group 5**  
Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

**Counters:** February 11, 2018  
Darryl & Leonie Smith

**Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,551.40 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,040.25 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$965.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**A CHARISMATIC RETREAT**  
**"Powerful healing and Deliverance"**

OLSH Priests have given consent to the Agape International Ministry, based in India, to come and facilitate a healing retreat through praise and worship at OLSH Parish. The retreat has Charismatic elements of worship and prayer. Fr Sabu Joseph Chenackal will lead the retreat.

Friday 16TH March 5pm—9:30pm

Saturday 17th March 1pm—9:30pm

Sunday 18th March 11am—8pm

Venue: Bath St Hall

With the ongoing battle to meet the spiritual needs of parishioners, this is an opportunity for anyone wanting to experience God's love and healing. Contact Gigimon 0402652646 or agapeteam7@gmail.com

**50th Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage**



A humble reminder to all parishioners about the upcoming parish 50th Golden Jubilee Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy land and Rome on 1stOct 2018 to be led by our Parish Priest. No matter where our journey started, the aim remains the same: set out in search of change for new beginnings, a chance to start over and experience life elsewhere. Whatever your reason might be for embarking on this pilgrimage, more often than not, the journey is life-changing. It could alter your perspective, fuel your purpose or simply offer a level of deeper understanding. At the very least, it is the perfect opportunity to strap on your pack and march into the unknown. More details at the back of the church.

**PASTORAL NOTES on LENT:**

- Lent begins on February 14, Ash Wednesday.
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (eg. marriage) must take account of the spiritual penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.

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**Roster for weekend of 10-11 February 2018**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Pane Komene Leonie Smith	David Fernandes Rosalie Fernandes Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Fred Twohig	P Rademaker Mike Steller	Rita Steller Greg Gilbert Kath McGargill
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jooby Mani	Tony Hay Emil Tabbada	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Richelle Tabbada
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Denise Simon Sneha Nair	Mel Buenviaje Pane Komene Thomas J John

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading:**

Job 7:1-4.6-7

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 146:1-6

**R|** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Mark 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord of his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this Sunday: 25th March 2018

**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)**

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

**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 the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more? Call the presbytery and participate 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*

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