



# 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



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

### Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

**"The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since "their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament".** *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.3 #72. Question: How has your Catholic faith assisted you to remain faithful to your partner?

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

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## Syro-Malabar Chaplain

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## Parish Council Chairman

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## Parish Secretary:

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Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

## Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

## Safeguarding Officers:

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

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

## FORGIVENESS

**A**s an infant, I entered the world with unlimited trust. Helpless, I depended on my parents and others to fulfil my basic needs of food, shelter and comfort. Big people functioned to serve me, take care of me in all aspects of my human formation. These adults were like gods to me and I heavily relied on them.

But then as I grow up, I soon realised that other people did not respond to me at my whim; I was not their centre of the universe. I was seen as only a relational part of their network. My desires were frustrated. I learned to manipulate or coerce them into giving what I needed.

In retrospect I drew my nourishment and protection from those around me. But then sometimes in my adult life, the child within me still cries out: Care for me. Show me that I am worthwhile. Approve of me. In short, love me! You see, time and time again I asked for bread, and instead seem to receive a stone – a critical glance, ridicule, indifference. I then feel disappointed and hurt.

What I am exploring here is that not one human being has ever been loved sufficiently. Like the domino effect, each parishioner in relation to me has been the recipient of imperfect love. *"The life and death of each of us has its influence on others"*, Rom 14:7. No one can be for me totally and whole-heartedly – not even my mum and dad. And so I will keep working to gain my own sense of being in the world by following in the teachings of Jesus and how best to live with people around me. Maybe this fundamental truth can lay the groundwork for a forgiving posture.

When I see myself as incomplete, vulnerable, afraid and still need whole-hearted care and acceptance, then I can see others as people like me. They too are trying and have done the very best they were able to do at every given moment. They too are incomplete and so I can let them be, let them loose and forgive them. I can always give them the portion of their lives that I falsely assumed was for me. If I no longer need them to be responsible for me, then I am free to love them.

True compassion knows that we are all wounded and imperfect as I am, that rights and wrongs do not apply. It helps to dissolve my separation and long-held prejudices and allows me to experience my common humanity with them. Thus I hold nothing against them with the knowledge that nothing is held against me. I can give before – for-give.

Fr Raass SVD

*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 18 September 2017**

**Mon:** 1 Tim 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10  
**Tues:** 1 Tim 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17  
**Wed:** 1 Tim 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35  
**Thu:** Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Mt 9:9-13  
**Fri:** 1 Tim 6:2-12 Lk 8:1-3  
**Sat:** 1 Tim 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15  
**Sun:** Is 55:6-9  
Phil 1:20-24,27 Mt 20:1-16

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

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

Marie Liedwinger, Eric Robinson, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, 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 Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, AneTobin, Eric Rooke, MargaretMcNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Eddie Javernik, Lenie & Will Arthur

*May the Lord grant them healing*

1st Death Anniversary: Michele Castagna  
17 September 9:30am Mass

*May her soul rest in eternal peace*

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



**Postal Survey on Same-Sex Marriage: 12th September -**

**7th November 2017**

**From Bishop Eugene Hurley**

“As has been made clear by the Bishops of Australia, our faith demands that we treat every person as a precious creation of God. This alone entitles every person to respect, reverence and justice. Our faith demands further that we obey the command of Jesus Christ, ‘to love one another.’

Having said that, it is clear from history and the teaching of the church, that marriage is essentially a relationship between a man and a woman. It is a natural social construct. As we know “Grace builds upon nature” and so for the church, marriage is also a sacrament”

“By voting NO, we are in no way being disrespectful to anyone, but simply stating a truth that marriage is between a man and a woman”.



Pope Francis in his ‘The Joy of Love’ says, “*We need to acknowledge the great variety of family situations that can offer a certain stability, but de facto or same-sex unions, for example, may not simply be equated with marriage. No union that is temporary or closed to the transmission of life can ensure the future of society.*” [Par.52.]

**BISHOPS’ STATEMENTS ON MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE**

This is the ACBC site <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>  
Arch diocese of Sydney <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/marriageinfo/>  
Coalition for Marriage <https://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au>

**Parish-Wide Children’s Choir**

**Who:** Interested Children & Parents/Carers for Assistance

**What:** Weekly Singing Practice

**When:** Every Tuesday at 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Where:** OLSH Parish JP2 Hall

**Why:** To form a Parish-Wide Children’s Choir and sing once a month at the 9:30am Mass

**Catholic Education Office**

The Bishop of Darwin, the Most Rev. Eugene Hurley DD, invites applications from suitably qualified Catholic educators for the position of Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Darwin.

Interested persons are welcome to contact Sneha Chavan on 08 8984 1436 or email [Sneha.Chavan@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Sneha.Chavan@nt.catholic.edu.au) for an application package

**Walk for Marriage**

**Honouring God’s Covenant in marriage**

All are welcome to join the walk for marriage

**When:** Wednesday the 20.9. 2017

**Time:** 10.00am

**Where:** Meeting @ Anzac Oval carpark; walk down town and up Todd mall



This walk is organised by Pastor Sherry of the “I am” House of Worship, Alice Springs, a Pentecostal Church in the Red Centre advocating the traditional view of marriage between a man and a woman. Feel free.

**Feast of the Week**

Thursday 21 September: *St Matthew, apostle, evangelist*



**INDIGENOUS THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

The ITECA (Indigenous Theological Education in Central Australia) has received notification that it is now incorporated under the NT Associations Act. OLSH Parish, Uniting Church, Anglican Church and the Lutheran Churches have been running workshops for two years now aiming at empowering indigenous leaders through bible studies and basic theological education in Alice Springs. Please keep us in your prayers.

## Important Parish Dates, September & October

Social Justice Sunday	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Annual Police Remembrance Day, OLSH Church	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am
ITECA (Indigenous Bible Workshop)	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> October
St Francis Feast Day Commitment Mass	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Parish-Wide Children's Choir Starts	9:30am Mass, 8 <sup>th</sup> October
Clergy Retreat in Darwin (NO Mass but Liturgy of the Word)	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct



### Parish Assembly 2017

All parishioners and parish pastoral service groups are invited to attend this OLSH Parish Assembly on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Please start considering ways in which you could contribute to the various working parties which will be established in the coming weeks. We look forward to a revitalised, re-invigorated and renewed parish over the next five-year period.

**WHAT IS A PARISH ASSEMBLY:** In 2019 OLSH Parish will be celebrating 90 Years of Catholic presence in the Red Centre and 50 Years of OLSH Church. From the liturgy, to hospitality, to social justice, to catechesis, the community we have grown to love and call 'home' seems to be thriving and fully manned by a battalion of parishioners able and eager to continue pouring life into the church. Many have been serving OLSH Parish for many years and their dedication has spanned decades owing to their greater vision of a thriving and vibrant parish.

OLSH Parish is in exciting times of renewal and revival, and now, more than ever the world needs the Church for its vision, its communities, and its leadership. While our parish thrives now, it may not always be this way if new leaders, practitioners and visionaries do not rise up to meet the needs of the families at the Red Centre so sorely in need of a message of love and conversion.

This year, I am calling all parishioners from all walks of life to bring to the discussion table ideas for leadership and spiritual renewal, to aid our ministries in equipping and grooming leaders that will see this parish continue to grow and serve the community around us. Come and be a part of this discussion and help to shape the future of our parish and home. Please mark the date on your diary.

Fr Raass, PP.

On behalf of the PPC, Hospitality and the Jubilee Fundraising committee, I would like to **thank** the following:

- **EVERY single person** who contributed their help in making our Parish Feast Day Dinner/Fundraiser a great success and fun for all;
- **Leon & Tara HAY Catering** for the outstanding food, fun and décor. Ring 0447520228 to cater your next event;
- **OLSH College** for a delightful venue. Ring 89506400 for details about the college or venue hire;
- **Mr Naufahu & Son** for providing the licensed security & safety during the night;
- **The Hospitality Coordinators**, Losana & Ruth and the hardworking Hospitality Team for putting the event together
- **All the parish multicultural dances & singers** for the wonderful & exciting presentations (Sri Lankan, Malayalam Community, Samoan Congregational Church and Pacific Islanders);
- **David Ives (emcee) & our DJ's David and Lillian Labastida** for the great disco music;
- **The Mabuhay Multicultural Association** for the generous gift of \$1000.00;
- **Mbantua Gallery** for their abundant and wonderful Fine Art Gallery door prizes. 64 Todd Mall for Christmas gifts. [www.mbantua.com.au](http://www.mbantua.com.au)
- **Get Physical** for their generous 30-day membership door prize. 13 Gap Road, it's a social thing. [www.getphysical.net.au](http://www.getphysical.net.au)
- **Priceline & Office National** for the gifts and door prizes;

Fr Raass, PP

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER**

Tickets, Raffles, Cakes, Drinks = \$5,857.00

Donations = \$ 4,626.20

TOTAL MONEY RAISED (after all expenses): \$10,483.20

THANK YOU

***Only in silence can the word of God  
find a home in us.***

### **Roster for weekend of 23 - 24 September 2017**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Mike Steller	Tony Hay Tony Whitelum	Greg Gilbert John Lillecrapp Kath McGargill
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Br M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Aileen Batimana	Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza Debbie Cooke

**Cleaning:** September 23, 2017      **Group 6**  
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

**Counters:** September 24, 2017  
Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,415.45 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$767.25 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,180.00

***Thank you for your time and kind generosity!***

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

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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

cf. Eccles 36:18

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

**First Reading:**

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 102:1-4,9-12

**R/** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Second Reading:**

Romans 14:7-9

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 13:34

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 18:21-35

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you". But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 35:8

O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

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

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sunday: 17th September, 5th November 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)**

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*