



# 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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



## Jubilee Year of Mercy

**“Merciful like the Father”**

**“Have you ever felt the gaze of everlasting love upon you, a gaze that looks beyond your sins, limitations and failings, and continues to have faith in you and to look upon your life with hope? Do you realize how precious you are to God, who has given you everything out of love?”**

Pope Francis. Question: How do we as adults give our young people a better sense of the sacrament of reconciliation and its value of healing and growth?

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

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Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

## Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

## ST PAUL'S PILGRIMAGE

### Part 1

Many parishioners have asked me to write about my experience of the recent pilgrimage following in the footsteps of St Paul in Turkey and Greece. So, for four weeks in a row I will be sharing this wonderful experience with you. I will also be using scripture texts to support my knowledge and experience. May I encourage you to open your bible and explore the world of Asia Minor with the greatest Apostle to the Gentiles.

Paul as we all know is the most prominent personality of the New Testament, apart from Jesus himself. Fourteen of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament bear his name. All of them are letters. Today much of what we know about Paul comes from these written sources as well as stories from the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 9-28).

Paul, also known by his Jewish name Saul (Acts 13:9) was born in Tarsus, Cilicia, in Asia Minor (now modern Turkey) probably between AD 1 and 10 (Acts 11:22:3). He was a diaspora Jew, that is, a Jew living outside the homeland of Palestine. Tarsus, being a Roman city, made Paul a Roman citizen and travelled constantly from Turkey to Jerusalem to be schooled by a great rabbi Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Paul himself admits that he persecuted the followers of Christ out of zeal for his Jewish background (Philippians 3:6; cf. Acts 9:1). He had a remarkable experience on the road to Damascus in which the risen Lord Jesus appeared to him and called him “apostle to the Gentiles” (Acts 9:1-19; cf. Romans 11:13). He never describes it in detail but speaks of it as a “revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:12). For us readers, we might regard it as a mystical experience of something out of the ordinary. I don't think Paul would call it “conversion”. It was an experience which became a point of “commissioning” for him to go to the world of the Gentiles (ancient Greece and Turkey and finally to Rome). After his call or commissioning, Paul began an intense ministry of evangelization outside of Jerusalem.

The CEO pilgrims entered into the world of the New Testament in ancient and Christian Athens where St Paul and his companions established the first Christian communities throughout his four missionary journeys as portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts 17:16-21, it says that Paul first came to Athens because it was predominantly a city which worshipped pagan gods with so much history of Persian, Roman, Turkish, philosophical and naval influence. And there we were, standing in front of many temples, sanctuaries as well as the massive Acropolis adorned with statues of gods and heroes. The sight of everything in ancient Athens impressed all of us but must have upset Paul very much (Acts 17:15-34).....to be continued. Fr Raass SVD

## 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*.

## 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.

*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 25 July 2016**

**Mon:** 2 Cor 4:7-15            Mt 20:20-28  
**Tues:** Jer 14:17-22           Mt 13:36-43  
**Wed:** Jer 15:10,16-21        Mt 13:44-46  
**Thur:** Jer 18:1-6                Mt 14:47-53  
**Fri:** 1 Jn 4:7-16                Jn 11:19-27  
**Sat:** Jer 26:11-16,24        Mt 14:1-12  
**Sun:** Eccl 1:2,2:21-23  
          Col 3:1-5,9-11            Lk 12:13-21

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



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

John Gaces, Fay Hawkins, Gerald Laverty, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan and Clare Lorkin.

**May the Lord grant them healing.**

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**OLSH Parish Multicultural Mass**

Our annual multicultural Mass will fall on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the 9:30am Mass**. The liturgy team has been meeting with various cultural groups to prepare for this Mass of many languages and nations. All cultures are invited dress up in your traditional attire, contribute to the Mass and bring some of your local food to share with others. This is one of the main parish liturgical events for 2016. Please contact Sr Anne or Mel (Hospitality Committee) for further information. Bring all your family members and neighbours as well to celebrate what it means to belong to a universal faith.

**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**  
Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**  
Every Sunday from 9:20am

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

**AMORIS LAETITIA WORKSHOPS**



In the light of Bishop Eugene's request on Pope Francis' post-synodal document "Amoris Laetitia", the Joy of Love, OLSH Parish has invited Mrs Trish Tranter from the Marriage Regional Tribunal of SA & NT to visit us from **Monday 1st August – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016**. She will be running three sessions on the document as well as attending to individuals who are contemplating a marriage annulment in the Catholic Church.

Trish would also like to see those individuals who have started the annulment process and awaiting a decision from the Judicial Vicar. FYI, the parish has ordered copies of *Amoris Laetitia* and will be available for sale next week. Or you may wish to order your copy from St Paul's Bookshop - <http://www.stpauls.com.au>. It is also available online for free: [https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20160319\\_amoris-laetitia\\_en.pdf](https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf)

**Sacrament of Confirmation**



Our good Bishop Eugene will be administering the **Sacrament of Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** at OLSH Parish in three weeks' time on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at the 9:30am Mass**. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. Lets continue to pray for the Spirit's guidance on our candidates for this very special moment. There will NO ABORIGINAL MASS at Amoonguna on the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**OLSH Parish Vision and Mission Planning, 2016-2020.**



Thank you to all parishioners who participated in the OLSH Parish Vision Statement consultation. It is never too late if you miss out. Simply ask one of the priests a draft copy and give us your response. The PPC will collate all opinions for further deliberation. Please be patient with your Parish Councillors as we take your opinions seriously but note that we cannot please everyone, except to keep the bigger picture alive – the Kingdom/Reign of God.

**Christian Meditation**

*Be still and know that I am God.* We want you to consider a new learning and a new imagination for our world that located the teaching of stillness and silence within each person at the heart of formation. All ages are welcome on **Thursdays from 12:00-12:30pm** in the presbytery chapel and at Campfire in the Heart, lot8/204 Ragonesi Rd, 08 8952 6607.

**Bible Sharing at OLSH Parish**



In case you have forgotten, there is an opportunity for all to parishioners to engage with the Word of God and share how it affects you every Wednesday from 6:15pm -7:00pm. Believe in God's Word that it can change your life. Come and see how the Spirit works in people's lives.

**OLD TIMERS FETE**

OLD Timers FETE organizers are after some volunteers to help out on 13th August, Saturday, especially to mind the gates and welcome people. Call Pamela on 89522119. All parishioners are invited to support the cause.

**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.



**Canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa**

Making official what was set in motion back in December, Pope Francis has approved the canonization of five new saints, including Mother Teresa. Hundreds of Mother Teresa's followers are expected to visit Rome when she's canonized on **Sept. 4**. OLSH Parish in consultation with the Missionaries of Charity will celebrate it on the same day at the 9:30am Mass and followed by a parish lunch & social. In addition to Mother Teresa, who was famously a tireless advocate for the poor, Francis approved final canonization plans for four other saints.

**Stanislaus of Jesus and Mary** (né Jan Papczynski; 1631-1701) of Poland — "a member of the Piarist Order.

**Maria Elizabeth Hesselblad** (1870-1957) of Sweden — "a convert from Lutheranism, founded a new branch of Bridgettine sisters, dedicated to working and praying for the unity of Scandinavian Christians with the Church. She will be the first Swedish saint in more than 600 years." (June 5)

**José Gabriel del Rosario** (1840–1914) — "from Pope Francis' native Argentina, known as the 'gaucho priest.' Like the famous Argentinian cattlemen, he traveled on a mule throughout the vast territory of his parish in order to be close to the members of his flock." (Oct. 16)

**José Luis Sánchez del Río** (1913–1928) of Mexico — "Blessed José was just fourteen-years-old when he was martyred by the Mexican government during the Cristeros War, after refusing to deny his Faith." (Oct. 16)

**Australian Church Women**

Our next Australian Church Women's service, "Change Starts from Within", is to be hosted by OLSH Church and I would love to invite you all to participate and show your support. This is an ecumenical service to be held on **Friday evening, 29 July 2016, here in our church at 7:00 pm** and will be followed by a light supper. For further details, please contact Rita Steller during business hours 8959 5397. Thank you.

**Parish Dinner**

The Parish Dinner is only a month away on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, at 6:30 pm in Gap View Hotel**. The tickets are on sale from this weekend onwards after each Mass. Let us make use of this opportunity to come together, socialising with each other and probably meeting new parishioners and say hello. The ticket prices are \$35 adults and \$17.50 for children up to 12. Children under three go free.

**Peter's Pence Special Collection**

These offerings will take place **this weekend** and will be sent to Pope Francis for his ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

**Cleaning:** 30 July 2016 **Group 7**  
Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller  
**Counters:** 31 July 2016  
Walter & Patricia Litvensky

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,296.85 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 688.25 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving Envelopes: \$1,145.00  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

**• Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation**

- Input, Q & A: **Amoris Laetitia & Marriage Annulment Issues:** Tuesday 2nd August from 9:30am – 12:30pm: FOR PRIESTS only; Wednesday 3rd August from 7pm-8:30pm; FOR ALL PARISHIONERS @ the JP2 Hall; Thursday 4th August from 6:00pm – 7:30pm: FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILLORS only. By Mrs Trish Tranter
- Talk, Lunch, Q&A: **Amoris Laetitia & Synod on the Families:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 12:30pm – 2:30pm (for all leaders/ coordinators of all parish support groups & their families, Parish Pastoral Council and their families. Other parishioners invited too. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Venue: Parish Courtyard. By **Bishop Eugene Hurley DD, Bishop of Darwin (Please RSVP presbytery)**.
- Workshop: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy?** Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 9am-4pm . By **Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD**, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (Donations only).
- **Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October (pm) to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (midday). By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team. Venue: Campfire in the Heart, Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd, Alice Springs.

**Workshop with Trish on the Joy of Love & Marriage Tribunal Issues**

- ⇒ Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 9:30am – 12:30pm: FOR PRIESTS only.
- ⇒ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 7pm-8:30pm: FOR ALL PARISHIONERS @ the JP2 Hall
- ⇒ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August from 6:00pm – 7:30pm: FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILLORS only.

**Vinnies Volunteers Wanted**

JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES. Vinnies Alice Springs is looking for new volunteers! Would you like to join our team? If you LOVE meeting new people, have a POSITIVE attitude, ENJOY fashion, have time to CONTRIBUTE to your community, & would like to VOLUNTEER for a leading NT charity. Become a Vinnies Volunteer Retail Assistant. To find out more contact the Centre Manager 3 railway Terr, Alice Springs or call 89521074

**Roster for weekend of 30 - 31 July 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Alf Goody Sue Bain	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Kath McGargill	Jo Molin P Rademaker	Ruth Sexton Fred Twoig John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Bro Tony Caddy	Dilushi Fonseca Rowena Russell	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Tinna Buenviaje Sue Bain	Sammy Nobleza Thampi Joseph Mel Buenviaje

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

God is in holy place. God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Ps 67:6-7,36

**First Reading:**

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

R/ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Ps 137:1-3,6-8

**Second Reading:**

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptized; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. **Alleluia!**

Rom 8:15

**Gospel:**

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you," I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds, the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Ps 102:2

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
New theme & dates to be advised soon

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &  
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,  
2016 and 15th Jan 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

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-  
7:00pm

**Telephone Tree Ministry**

Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

**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 10:00am-11:00am

**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**

Last 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.*

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