



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

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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

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

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month

- 11am Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace. 2nd Sunday of the month—

11 am Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs,

off the Ross Highway.



Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family**

“Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples the law of love and the gift of self for others (cf. Mt 22:39; Jn 13:34). He did so in stating a principle that fathers and mothers tend to embody in their own lives: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). Love also bears fruit in mercy and forgiveness. We see this in a particular way in the scene of the woman caught in adultery; in front of the Temple, the woman is surrounded by her accusers, but later, alone with Jesus, she meets not condemnation but the admonition to lead a more worthy life (cf. Jn 8:1-11). “. *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.1, #27. Question: Have people accused you badly in the past? How did you respond?

5th Sunday of Lent Year A
1st - 2nd April 2017

It is not the life of the body but of the Spirit

Recently I read that researchers at Harvard University studied the same 600+ people for 75 years and learned a lot about what determines a long and happy life. These studies are some of the longest-running regarding a person’s overall health and happiness. It turns out much of what determines that is **the quality of relationships in our lives. People with good relationships simply live longer.**

So if you’d like to live the longest and happiest life, then it pays to maintain a good and healthy relationship with people...if at all possible. Add doses of good sleep, drink plenty of clean water, avoid all refined sugars and processed foods, eat plenty of organic fruits and vegetables, no smoking and don’t forget to exercise. Oh, and drink alcohol and kava only in moderation. These and more are some strong pillars of good health.

I totally agree with all of the above even though I struggle with them from day to day. For example, I have given up raw sugar years ago but then I drink alcohol and prefer chocolate to strawberries. I try to get a good sleep but the constant demands of parish life keeps me awake at night. I try my best to relate well with people but the outcome could be different from what I expected. Like many of us I too question the quality of my relationship. But overall I am quite contented with who I am—warts and all! I know I need Jesus’ love and forgiveness all the time.

Friends, you and I like to live a long and happy life. All human beings whether poor or rich, black or white want the same thing. It is who we are – the desire to live on and on and that is why death is an abomination.

But good bodily health is irrelevant “*if the Spirit of God does not dwell within us*”. St Paul writes to the Romans, “*Those who are in the flesh cannot please God...But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness*” (Rm 8:8-11). There are millions of people today who are of ill-health and poor due to circumstances beyond their control. However the very same people are so “alive” in spirit and faith in humanity and God.

The life God speaks of is not the life of the body, but of the Spirit of God. The life of the body is short. But the life of the spirit is everlasting and, being united to God, blissful. This life is really desirable. Is it? While we can enjoy good food, clean water, good company etc. we too can really enjoy life and be truly happy in this world (and the next) if we do things that are pleasing to God.

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +



Daily Readings: starting 03 April 2017

Mon: Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Jn 8:1-11
Tues: Num 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28 Jn 8:31-42
Thu: Gen 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ezek 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Sun: (Entrance Mt 21:1-11) Is 50:4-7
 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27;66
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

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, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin

May the Lord grant them healing

OLSH College Year 12 Retreat

Our Year 12 class will be taking some time out for their annual retreat this coming week. Please do offer a prayer for them.

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 9th April

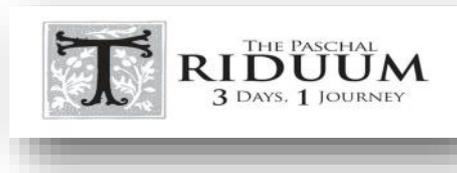
- Masses - Saturday 6:00pm.
- Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am (Procession from Bath St Campus), 11:00am (at 40 South Terrace) & 5:30pm.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 10TH April

- Normal Masses at 7:00am & 5:30pm
- 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7:00pm (Please be mindful that the Sacrament of Penance/Confession/Reconciliation is best celebrated before Holy Thursday).

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 12TH April

- Normal Masses at 7:00am & 5:30pm
- "A Service of Lament" (another Ecumenical initiative in the light of the Royal Commission & Sexual Assault Month), Uniting Church Lawn 5:00pm. All Invited.



HOLY THURSDAY 13th April

- **No Morning Mass**
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Presentation of the Oils & Washing of the Feet - 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 14th April (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

- **No Morning & Evening Mass**
- Stations of the Cross – 10:00am (at two places: in the main Church to be led by CYAS from OLSH Bath Street Hall & at 40 South Tee but begins further west at the Todd River opposite the Caravan Park. Your choice which Stations of the Cross you want to join)
- Veneration of the Cross & Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL 15th April

- **No Morning Mass**
- The Service of Light, Easter Proclamation, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Initiation & Liturgy of the Eucharist - 7:30pm

GLORIOUS EASTER SUNDAY 16th April

- Easter Masses -7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00 am Ngkarte Mikwekhenhe (40 South Terrace) & 5:30pm

Let's prepare well for a life-changing experience



Sacramental Classes at the St Francis Centre

Sacramental Preparation for Catholic kids at government, independent and Non-Catholic Schools has already begun at the St Francis Centre on **Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**. It is not too late to enrol your baptised kids if they are ready for the other Sacraments of Initiation. Please call the presbytery or email Jenny Dietrich: jennydietrich@hotmail.com. Do inform other parents.

Year of the Family "Raising Great Kids" will have their fourth session in the Parenting Program next Saturday 8th April at the JP2 Hall. May we consciously practice the exercise of mindfulness in our day to day living.

WELCOME!

To Amy and Kevin Peter Barnes children of Alan Barnes and Kathy Dehne who will be baptised at the 7:30am Mass.

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.

No Holy Mass Next Week Except...

All clergymen will be in Darwin from Monday 3rd April – Thursday 6th April for the annual Chrism Mass and Clergy Conference.

Monday 3rd April	7:00am Holy Mass
	5:30pm Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday 4th April	7:00am Liturgy of the Word
	5:30am Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday 5th April	7:00am Liturgy of the Word
	5:30pm Liturgy of the Word
Thursday 6th April	7:00am Liturgy of the Word
	5:30pm Liturgy of the Word
Friday 7th April	7:00am Holy Mass

A Service of Lament

(for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2017)

The combine Christian Churches of Alice Springs and the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) have initiated a **Service of Lament** to take place on Wednesday of Holy Week 29th March at 5:00pm at the Uniting Church lawn. All Catholics are invited to attend as we gather to acknowledge, grieve and offer a space for hope and healing.



Job Application, Site Coordinator - Alice Springs

Provide administrative support for both Alice Springs Regional Staff and Employment Service programs. Only applications addressing the Selection Criteria will be considered. Please refer to our website to access Role Description, Selection Criteria and apply for this position. www.catholiccarent.org.au Applications close Friday 7th April 2017.

Rest in Peace Sr Paschal OLSH

“Sister Paschal OLSH died suddenly on the evening of 27th March at our Nursing Home in Kensington, Sydney NSW. Sister spent time here (2004-2005) at OLSH Convent 4 Hartley Street. She assisted us at the Saturday 6pm Mass through teaching us new hymns and playing the organ. Sister welcomed all visitors to our Convent and was interested in all that was happening within the Parish. It was her first time to experience life in the Centre, and she enthused about how privileged we were to live and enjoy the riches of the Centre. Paschal was my Postulant and Novice Mistress, and for the next 45 years a special friend and confidante. I will be taking something from Alice when I attend her funeral next Tuesday” - Kathleen Leahy OLSH.

Cleaning: 8 April 2017 **Group 3**
Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

Counters: 9 April 2017
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Collections 18/19 March:
1st Collection: \$1,633.05 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,034.95 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 977.00

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,530.65 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,084.05 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 1,904.00

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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

OLSH PARISH UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



Singers, Musicians and Interested Parishioners

You are all invited to participate in a very practical and informative music workshop facilitated by Sr Helen Dyson. Sr Helen has been the Music Director and Pastoral Associate in the Maroochydore parish, on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, for the last 10 years. Working across the four church communities that make up the parish, Sr Helen has very hands on experience in the field of liturgy and music.

This workshop is for experienced musicians and singers and also for new or younger people. The young people from the youth group are especially invited. We hope that people from all groups and all ages will be able to participate in the workshop. All participants will be guaranteed an enjoyable, practical and informative day. We strongly urge anyone who is interested to come along and enjoy a day of sacred music.

Date 29th April
Time 9.30 to 3.30



Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.



Sr Lorraine Victorsen, PhD. Sr Lorraine is a Good Samaritan Sister and comes with a wealth of international experience working in the context of inter-religious dialogue especially in the Iranian city of Qom, the largest centre for Shi'a scholarship in the world. Don't miss this one! **April 21st, 7:00pm – 8:30pm** at **St Francis Centre**. Subject: Inter-Religious & Inter-Church Dialogue.

Come and be affirmed and challenged in your Catholic faith to have greater reverence and respect for other religions.



Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD. A Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa, Laurie Brink is an Associate Professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Brink investigates the ancient social, religious, and cultural world out of which early Christianity emerged. Brink is an associate editor of The Bible Today, and has recorded two lecture series (Acts of the Apostles and Philippians) for Now You Know Media. Her publications are numerous to count. She is also is a member of American Schools of Oriental Research, Catholic Biblical Association, Chicago Society of Biblical Research, and Society of Biblical Literature.

You really don't want to miss this seminar from 5pm—9pm, 7th August. Mark your diary. More Details later.

Roster for weekend of 08 - 09 April 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	TBA	TBA	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	TBA	TBA	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
Sun 9:30am	TBA	TBA	Bro Matthew Green Mark Bensted Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	TBA	TBA	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marietta Ives

5th Sunday of Lent Year A
01st- 02nd April 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. cf. PS 42:1-2

First Reading:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ez 36:26

R/ Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed; Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your Spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Ps 19:8-11

Your words are spirit and life.

Gospel:

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-35 (Short form)

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill." On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judaea." On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you." "Your brother" said Jesus to her "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world." Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept; and the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him, "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me." When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, let him go free." Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Theme & dates - refer to bulletin

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 11th June, 2017, 30th July, 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 10:00am-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: 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*