



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
9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team

Parish Priest:
Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priests:
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
Fr Olivier Noclam SVD
Resident Priests:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
Fr. Jim Knight SVD
Syro-Malabar Chaplain
Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST
Liturgy Coordinator
Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
RCIA Director
Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM
Parish Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje
Parish Past. Council Chairman
Mr Fred Twohig
Parish Treasurer
Mr Kevin Hickmott
OLSH College Principal
Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:
Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 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, 6 months'
notice required.

5th Sunday of Easter
2nd—3rd May 2015

Remain In Me, As I Remain In You

Picture yourself as a teacher in a classroom setting. Your job is to make sure the students comprehend the material you are teaching. In order to get your point across, you might use a variety of methods and means. One that always seems to work is the use of visual aids: the chalkboard, power-points, videos or object lessons.

We all use visual aids. Jesus, the Greatest Teacher, used them too. Jesus used a vine to get his point across (John 15:1-18).

First, Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. There is a picture of mutual indwelling. We are connected to Jesus by faith and he is connected to us so that he bears fruit through us. Second, we are completely dependent on Jesus for life and fruit. We cannot bear fruit any other way. As Richard Rohr wrote, “**the only basis for fruitful Christianity is divine union.**” Think about it. What is the job description of a branch? Does it leave the vine to go fetch water from the well? Does it fan itself to keep bugs and birds away? NO! The job description of a branch is to suck all the life-giving water it can from the vine. It has to stay connected to the vine. **Without that connection, there is no fruitfulness.**

Being with Christ has to come first prior to doing anything for Christ. God is a God of intimacy and action. Knowing God and loving God intimately should move us to witness and serve. It is our connection to Jesus – to the vine – that gives us life in the Spirit (1 John 3:24). As we grow more deeply in him, we become good trees and he will cause us to bear good fruit. What good fruits of the Spirit have you experienced in your years of following and loving God?

All our OLSH Parish ministries should flow from our deep relationship with Jesus – from our connection to the vine. But I have a fear that many a times we don't live like that. I fear that we say our ministry depends on Jesus but then live as though we were the ones in control – as though it really depended on our ability and wisdom. Remember - we cannot save ourselves (Ephesians 2:8).

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Parish Priests Movements: Fr Raass will be away in Melbourne from 4th May to 7th May to attend the SVD Provincial Council Meeting.

Evangelii Gaudium

“It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which we are called to recognize the suffering Christ, even if this appears to bring us no tangible and immediate benefits. I think of the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and many others. Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a Church without frontiers, a Church which considers herself mother to all. For this reason, I exhort all countries to a generous openness which, rather than fearing the loss of local identity, will prove capable of creating new forms of cultural synthesis.” - Par 210 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 04 May

Mon: Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
Tues: Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31
Wed: Acts 12:5:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thur: Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Sun: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
1Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Tony Rilocapro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Tiffany Doughty, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Words of Wisdom

Hail Mary, full of grace/the Lord is with thee..."

– From the *Hail Mary*

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Adoration

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

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Liturgical Music Formation

The Parish Council and Liturgy Committee invite all parishioners, OLSH Teachers, parents and students especially to all OLSH choir members and musicians, to an evening of **Liturgical Music Workshop** this coming **Thursday 7th May from 7:30pm – 9:30pm at our OLSH Church.**

The workshop will be conducted by Br Michael Herry FMS, a Marist Brother & well known Music Composer in Australia. In his workshops we will be gently drawn into this sacred space, through the Spirit of God, breathing in our hearts through melody, rhythm, cadence and silence. The workshops are very much experiential, interactive and fun.

Just a gold coin donation at the door for Vinnies' projects is appreciated.

Looking Ahead: Refugee Week

Since 1986 Australians have celebrated Refugee Week to coincide with World Refugee Day, this year celebrated on Saturday 20 June. Archbishop Philip Freier, Primate of the Anglican Church in Australia, has proposed that all churches mark **Sunday 21 June as Refugee Sunday** observing it as a **day of prayer and fasting.**

For all who believe in the power of prayer, the combined prayer of Christians from all churches is surely most powerful. This, combined with fasting - prayer in action – is surely a witness both to Christians responding to the Gospel call to welcome the stranger and to our desire to express our desire for unity through common action. This invitation by the Anglican Church has been endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference.

OLSH Parish Nepal Earthquake Appeal

We have all been touched by the recent cyclone in Nepal and some parts of India. More than 4,000 people are reported to have died in the devastating earthquake on Saturday, with the Caritas network, one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world, working around the clock to deliver aid to those affected. Caritas Nepal, with the assistance of Caritas Australia staff members and the Caritas network, have been distributing food and tarpaulins to offer temporary shelter and protection from the rain and cold temperatures. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Nepal Earthquake Appeal www.caritas.org.au/nepalearthquake or phone 1800 024 413.

OLSH Parish will have a Special Appeal Next Week 9th/10th May at the end of every Mass. Give whatever you can but give from the heart.

Legion of Mary

A group of Legionnaires from Darwin will be visiting OLSH Parish next weekend (9th/10th May) to speak briefly at all the Masses. Feel free to register your name if this is where God is calling you to serve God's people in Central Australia.

The Month of May. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

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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.

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Our parish candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 26th July will make an **Act of Commitment** at the **6:00pm Mass, 9th of May**.

All parents, sponsors and families are warmly invited to attend and provide support for our young people.

Mother's Day- Next Sunday

Sr Margaret Reis OLSH will set up a stall at the back of the Church on Saturday, 9th May after the 6:00pm Mass if you wish to find some special gifts for Mother's Day which falls next Sunday 10th May.

Parish Dinner

This year the Parish will hold its annual dinner at Tali Restaurant, Lasseters on Wednesday 10 June from 6:45pm.

The 3-Course Buffet Menu includes:

- Freshly baked house bread
- Salads
- Soup of the day
- Carvery and Seafood Stations
- Selection of hot dishes with sides
- Desserts, Tea & Coffee Stations



Tickets on sale after week-end masses: \$35 for adults and \$12 for children. Contact Helena on 0417 839 711 for more information.

Big Day Out in Harmony

When: Saturday, 9th May

Time: 2:30pm - 6:00pm

Venue: Alice Springs Town Council Lawns

Celebrate our rich and diverse community with a multicultural costume parade, music, dance, food, activities for the kids, giveaways and more.

For more information, go to www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Did You Know?

- The vineyard was one of the ancient images of the people of Israel, God's chosen people and God is the vinedresser.
- In John's Gospel, the term "I am" has a special significance. When Moses encountered God on Mt Sinai, God revealed himself as "I am who am." Jesus reveals himself as Son of God in the use of this term and tells something of his mission: *I am the living water, I am the good shepherd, I am the way, the truth and the life, I am the light of the world, I am the bread of life.*

Cleaning: 9 May Group 6

Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 10 May 2015

Carmel Leonard

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,304.35 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,061.85 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

OLSH Parish On-Going Formation Programme

Please mark these dates and formative events in your diary:

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator	Theme	Date & Venue
Br Michael Herry FMS Pastoral Musician and Liturgical Music Composer	Liturgical Music Formation	7 May at OLSH Church 7:30pm-9:30pm
Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)	'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership	18 July at St Francis, 9:00am -3:30pm

Hours of Grace 2015

Eucharistic Adoration: "Let's come and adore him"

You are cordially invited to be the part of the Hours of Grace in Alice Springs at OLSH church on **11th of May, Monday from 7.30am to 5.30pm** concluding with the evening mass conducted by the Jesus Youth. (Jesus Youth is an international Catholic youth movement with a charismatic spirituality. It had its beginnings in Kerala (India), but is now active in nearly 25 different countries around the world. The strength of the movement is its special focus on a life centered on Lord Jesus Christ: beginning with an experience of God nourished by prayer, the Word of God, the sacraments and fellowship, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others.)

Please come with your families and friends and spend at least an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament as he waits for you. For more info please contact Fr. Prakash (8952 1049) or Joobi Mani (0470 266 290).

Working With Children Clearance

If you are working with children at OLSH Parish (lay or religious), or any child-related work under the banner of the Catholic Church, you must have a Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card). It will be against the law for you to work or volunteer in "child-related" work. A penalty of up to \$65,000 can be issued to an individual if they are found to be in breach of this law. Make sure it is up-to-date or visit NTSAFE to renew it.

Saint of the Week – [Blessed Edmund Rice](#) (Tuesday, May 5)

Roster for weekend of 09-10 May 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Ruth Sexton Margaret McNaught	Leanne Dieckmann Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Marie Berryman	Rita Steller Mike Steller Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Beth Madden	Josephat Odhiambo Elisha Odhiambo	Virginia Loy Margaret Lillecrapp Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Denise Simon Andrzejs Skrzypiec	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Cristina Buenviaje

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

2nd –3rd May 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance

First Reading:

Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 212:26-28,30-32,

R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading:

1 Jn 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Jn 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 15:1-5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty alleluia.