



# 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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**Safety & Health Officer**  
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**OLSH College Principal**  
Br Tony Caddy FMS

**St. Joseph's Flexible Centre**  
Mrs Sitinder Bahia

**Sunday School Catechists**  
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Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

## 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 Indigenous Community Mass

**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass**  
Every 3rd Sunday of the month



## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

“Virginity is a form of love. As a sign, it speaks to us of the coming of the Kingdom and the need for complete devotion to the cause of the Gospel (cf. 1 Cor 7:32). It is also a reflection of the fullness of heaven, where “they neither marry nor are given in marriage” (Mt 22:30). Saint Paul recommended virginity because he expected Jesus’ imminent return and he wanted everyone to concentrate only on spreading the Gospel: “the appointed time has grown very short” (1 Cor 7:29). Nonetheless, he made it clear that this was his personal opinion and preference (cf. 1 Cor 7:6-9), not something demanded by Christ: “I have no command in the Lord” (1 Cor 7:25). All the same, he recognized the value of the different callings: “Each has his or her own special gift from God, one of one kind and one of another” (1 Cor 7:7). Reflecting on this, Saint John Paul II noted that the biblical texts “give no reason to assert the ‘inferiority’ of marriage, nor the ‘superiority’ of virginity or celibacy” based on sexual abstinence. Rather than speak absolutely of the superiority of virginity, it should be enough to point out that the different states of life complement one another, and consequently that some can be more perfect in one way and others in another. Alexander of Hales, for example, stated that in one sense marriage may be considered superior to the other sacraments, inasmuch as it symbolizes the great reality of “Christ’s union with the Church, or the union of his divine and human natures”.

*Pope Francis, Ch.4#159, Amoris Laetitia)*

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Social Justice Sunday 30 September

### A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land

The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Social Justice Statement for 2018–19 is titled “A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.” It confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia especially right here in Alice Springs.

The latest Census figures show that more than 116,000 Australians are homeless – something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. Yet these people are only the tip of the iceberg: welfare agencies report growing numbers of families and individuals struggling to meet the cost of mortgages or rents and turning to specialist housing services, which are often unable to meet demand.

The Scriptural basis of the Statement is Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–35), about an outsider who does something that rich and influential people refuse to do: he stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety and pays for his care. The Statement also draws on the example of Pope Francis, who has reached out to men and women on the streets of Rome and reminded us forcefully of the rights of people experiencing homelessness around the world. OLSH Parish has thirteen tenants paying low rent on our properties in order to assist them settle in Alice Springs—a humble effort at addressing adequate housing.

The Bishops consider the extent of our housing crisis and Australia’s falling rates of home ownership. They focus especially on those in our society who are most vulnerable to housing insecurity and homelessness. We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right, asserted both by the Church’s social teaching and by the Declaration of Human Rights.

Homelessness is a challenge for all levels of society: for government, for Church and community, and for us as individuals. Each one of us can make a difference and, when we join with others, we can be a real force for change that ensures everyone has a place to call home.

*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 01 October 2018**

**Mon:** Job 1:6-22                      Lk 9:46-50  
**Tues:** Ex 23:20-23                      Mt 18:1-5,10  
**Wed:** Job 9:1-13,14-16                      Lk 9:57-62  
**Thu:** Job 19:21-27                      Lk 10:1-12  
**Fri:** Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5                      Lk 10:13-16  
**Sat:** Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17                      Lk 10:17-24  
**Sun:** Gen 2:18-24  
          Heb 2:9-11                      Mk 10:2-16  
**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



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

Arlyn Rumball, Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, 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, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Death Anniversary**

Desmond Vida (October 1, 2018)

*May his soul rest in peace*

**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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

**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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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

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

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**ORDINATION OF BISHOP CHARLES GAUCI**

In a ceremony rich with Catholic tradition and Aboriginal culture, the Diocese of Darwin on Wednesday night welcomed Bishop Charles Gauci as its new shepherd. In his homily, Bishop Hurley welcomed Bishop Gauci to the Diocese, but also reminded him of the task that lies ahead. Bishop Hurley said trust between the people and the Church in Darwin has been built over more than a century. "This is a sacred trust, well-earned, but it brings with it a grave responsibility to walk with the people as a good shepherd must," he said.

Bishop Hurley said that the special bond between the Catholic Church in the Northern Territory and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is a privilege, but there are also significant duties.

WELCOME TO OLSH PARISH BISHOP CHARLES.

**Bridge for Peace International**

We welcome Bridge for Peace International to OLSH Parish this weekend. Founded in 1988, Bridge for Peace is an interdenominational, worldwide, non-profit ministry that ministers in the Name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Annette and Ed Eckart began Bridge for Peace after her miraculous healing from Rheumatoid Arthritis. Bridge for Peace has ministered in North and South America, Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Australia.

They will be at small chapel after every Mass this weekend for a one-to-one praying with & for you. There are also selling Christian books & CDs, oils from Jerusalem etc to assist in their many good works around the world especially in east Africa.

"DO NOT BE AFRAID", Jesus Christ

**PLENARY 2020: START NOW**

The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" and "What question do you have for the Catholic Church in Australia today?" Submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team or place it in the special box at the back of the church.



**PLEASE GET INVOLVED & BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOU WISH FOR!**

**MARIST FLAT RENOVATIONS**

The entire roofing has been changed and interior renovations will begin on Monday by Wayne McLean Constructions. Completion in 2-weeks.

**LAUDATO SI PLEDGE - THIS SUNDAY**

During this Season of Creation, our Social Justice Awareness Team invites all parishioners to make another pledge this Sunday to: 1) Live More Simply 2) Advocate for Mother Earth 3) Pray for and with Creation. Please remember this is to do with whole of the environment, not just climate change, our moral obligation not just science, focusing on holistic human development but not devoid of good science.

Please take the insert home and see what you can do for and with Creation.

**OLSH Priests' Movements**

**Fr Raass:** 1 Oct - 21 Oct: Holy Land & Italy Pilgrimage;  
22 Oct - 26 Oct: Clergy Retreat, Darwin  
11 Nov - 11 Feb 2019: Home Leave, Fiji

**Frs Alex & Oli:** 22 Oct - 26 Oct: Darwin, Clergy Retreat

During Fr Raass' absence, Fr Alex will be the Acting Parish Priest and assisted by Frs Nick de Groot SVD & Olivier SVD (back on 26/10)

## Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	28th-30th Sept Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses and Aboriginal communities	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat “Claiming Your Inner Voice”	Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> , November, full day to Sun morning – midday Venue: St Francis Centre. Suggested Donation to cover costs—\$25-\$30	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne

*Some of the greatest people of the Church are those who are remembered for their service to others.*



### BON VOYAGE DEAR PILGRIMS

Our Parish Priest will lead eleven pilgrims from OLSH Parish to the Holy Land and Italy for 21 days departing this Monday, 1st October. We wish them all a safe and meaningful pilgrimage. Please remember them as they too promise to pray for you. **Bon Voyage!**

### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY

Many Catholics worldwide celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4 each year. The feast commemorates the life of St Francis who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. The Mass on Thursday 4th October will be held in the presbytery courtyard at 5:30pm followed by some light dinner and conversations around Creation.

### Catholic Mission Immersion Groups

OLSH Parish welcomes Gilroy College this week. For your information, Olsh Parish is working in partnership with Catholic Mission Australia to provide relevant Immersion programmes for Catholic Schools in the country. Santa Teresa Parish is offering similar programmes.

### Bishop Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa

We warmly welcome Bishop Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa on Monday 15 October. He will celebrate a Holy Mass with the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar at 6:30pm to be followed by light-dinner in the courtyard. The church is based in Kerala, India, and has 1.6 million members across the globe including Alice Springs. Its members are also part of the Saint Thomas Christian community, which originated from the missionary activity of Thomas the Apostle in Malankara (historical name of modern Kerala) during the first century CE. The Mar Thoma Church is an autonomous Oriental church with Syriac high church traditions and eclectic characteristics from the Reformation era.

**Cleaning:** October 06, 2018 **Group 4**  
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

**Counters:** October 07, 2018  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,515.15 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,314.20 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,072.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

### WELCOME Fr Nick De Groot SVD



Fr Nick will arrive on 4th October and will stay in the parish until 11 February 2019 whilst Fr Raass is away on the parish pilgrimage and home leave.

### DID YOU KNOW?



- There are a number of well-documented examples of healers and miracle workers who were contemporaries of Jesus.
- Hell is the English word used to translate the Hebrew Sheol or Gehenna or the Greek Hades. The idea of a particular place of punishment by fire in the afterlife developed quite late in Hebrew thought—about the third century BC.
- In the final line of this gospel, Jesus is quoting from Isaiah about the fate of those who rebel against God: ‘their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched’ (Is 66:24).

### Individual & Family Prayer Petitions

It is not too late to submit to Fr Raass and the 11 pilgrims your individual and family prayer petitions. They promise to pray for you and your deepest desires at every sacred places in Jerusalem and Rome. Prayer is the most potent force known to humanity. Because we have been made partakers in Jesus' victory over sin and death (1 John 4:4), we have the authority as sons and daughters of God to pray for others, pushing back the darkness of sin and oppression.

### Church Magazines

There are many free church magazines and recent copies of UNITY at the back of the church. Take as many as you wish.



To all new parishioners and visitors to Central Australia.

### Roster for weekend of October 06 - 07, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br James Hodge
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Br Dean Taberdo	Pat Monaghan Sneha Nair	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Goury Nair

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Dan 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**First Reading:**

Numbers 11:25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on these seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 18:8,10,12-14

R/ The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Second Reading:**

St James 5:1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 17:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: October 07, 2018

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps**

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

**Parish Children's Choir**

TBA

**Children's Sunday School**

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

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

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

7:00pm

**Parish Council Meetings**

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, JP2 Hall

**Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry**

3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

**Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs)**

4th Friday of the month

**Finance Team Ministry**

1st Saturday from 8:00am-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.

**Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)**

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board

**Parish Soup Van Ministry**

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

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

**"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8**

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