



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.

3rd Sunday of Easter

18th - 19th April 2015

PROCLAIM AND LIVE THE RESURRECTION

All the Easter stories show that all who had encountered the risen Lord were given the task or felt the need to communicate this news and its message.

The two disciples who had gone to Emmaus returned the same evening to Jerusalem to tell what had happened to them. In their turn they heard the story of what had happened in Jerusalem that day. All had the same message; **“The Lord is truly risen!”**

To believe in the Lord of Easter entails that WE PROCLAIM HIM. This proclamation is the basis of the writings of the New Testament. They are written to be proclaimed and not tucked away on a shelf. **“You are witnesses to this,”** says the risen Lord. The young Church answered this call of Jesus by bearing witness. Whether it is a papal address on the square of St Peter or in a clumsy homily in the bush, the Church will never stop to keep professing in many ways that the Lord Jesus is risen.

If Jesus were not risen, we would not be celebrating the Eucharist now' we would not have the Sacraments, for these are acts of the risen Christ. If Jesus were not risen, we would not pray the way we do now. In our prayers we speak to the Risen One because we consider him a living person, who lives in us, who knows us, who loves us and with whom we turn together to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. If Jesus were not risen, many people would long ago have given up fighting. *Why are we holding on in hopeless situations?*

“Touch me and look for yourselves”, Jesus says. **JESUS IS NO ILLUSION BUT VERY REAL, THE SAME YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER (Heb 13:8).**

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

Evangelii Gaudium

“Any church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective co-operation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticise governments. It will easily drift into a spiritual worldliness camouflaged by religious practices, unproductive meetings and empty talk.”

Par 207 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 20 April

Mon: Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
Tues: Acts 7:51-8:1 Jn 6:30-35
Wed: Acts 8:1-8 Jn 6:35-40
Thur: Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
Sat: Wis 3:1-9 Jn 12:23-28
Sun: Acts 4:8-12
 1Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

+ 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, Colin Evers, 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 – [St Pope John Paul II](#)** *
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* “Stupidity is also a gift of God, but one *
* mustn't misuse it.” *
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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

Holy Hour Adoration

OLSH Parish will begin a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition **EVERY FRIDAY from 6:00pm – 7:00pm** immediately after the evening Mass. We will begin on the **Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker, 1st of May 2015**. Let us allow our lives to be touched and healed by Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

The priests of the parish will integrate this holy hour with silence, rosary, scripture passage and great music before the Blessed Sacrament.

Come with your whole Family!!

Liturgical Music Formation

OLSH Parish is fortunate to have the services of **Br Michael Herry FMS**, a Marist Brother working as a pastoral musician, mainly in the Melbourne Archdiocese. Each week his ministry takes him to the parish of Our Lady Help of Christians East Brunswick and St Ambrose's Brunswick, where a feature of the liturgies is the use of **scripture-based chants** written specifically for the Sunday.

Brother Michael is passionate about the interface between music and prayer and the challenge it offers us as Christians sharing the Good News. Through the generosity of Br Mathew FMS and OLSH College, we are blessed to have him run a **Liturgical Music Workshop on Thursday 7th May from 7:30pm – 9:30pm at our OLSH Church**. 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 then are very much experiential, interactive and fun.

All parishioners, OLSH Teachers, religious parents and students are welcome. The parish priests highly recommend that all choir leaders and members to be present please. Just a gold coin donation at the door for Vinnies' projects is appreciated.

Polish Pilgrimage Group Visiting OLSH Parish

This weekend 18th/19th April a pilgrimage group from Poland will be visiting our parish and celebrating Masses as well. If you see them around, make them feel at home. Nothing beats an authentic smile and a good hand-shake!

ANZAC DAY, 25TH April Saturday

On 25 April 2015 we mark the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. Please be informed about the ANZAC Day RSL programme especially the 0600 Dawn Service and 0930 ANZAC Day March and the 1030 ANZAC Day Service. Do join in the community remembrance day as we honour the sacrifice of many who lost their lives 100 years ago.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The disciples referred to in this Gospel are the two who had been fleeing from Jerusalem towards Emmaus when they encountered Jesus on the road. They returned to be witnesses of their encounter with the risen Christ.
- Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel is the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to the cross and resurrection. Acts is the story of the Gospel spreading from Jerusalem to "all the nations". A unifying theme in Luke is that of 'journey'.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish community **REIGN AINSLEY BAUTISTA**, daughter of Ramir and Arlene Bautista, who will be baptised on Sunday, 19 April.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you know any adult man or woman in Central Australia who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, **consciously and freely seek the living God** and enter the Catholic faith, please let them know that we will run the RCIA where they will be strengthened spiritually during a four stage preparation.

This programme is also for those who want to convert to Catholicism from another faith. At the proper time they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and all rites belonging to the Catechumenate.

There are many adults out there who are seeking to become Christians. Please request their name and contact number otherwise they may call the presbytery or **Sr Helen Kennedy FMM** – our parish **RCIA Director**.

The RCIA Liturgical Programme will begin on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, 7th June** and will run until mid-2016.

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

WELCOME FR OLIVIER IATO NOCLAM SVD

We welcome with great joy the arrival of Fr Olivier SVD to OLSH Parish. He has been assigned to this parish on a full-time basis by Bishop Eugene. Finally, the parish has three full-time clergy (and two resident priests).

Fr Olivier is the first Divine Word Priest from Vanuatu (South Pacific) whose island and province of Tanna was totally wrecked by the recent cyclone. He speaks fluent Bislama (native), French, Spanish and English. He was a missionary and Parish Priest in Mayari, Cuba, Latin America. Please make him feel welcome.

OLSH Social Justice Awareness Group Wednesday April 22nd is Earth Day.

This year's theme is **:It's time to Lead, it's time to Change.** Pope Francis said in January 2015 "We have, in a sense, lorded it over nature, over sister Earth, over Mother earth...I think man has gone too far...thank God that today there are voices that are speaking out about this."

If you are interested, go to catholicearthcare.org.au for further information. Our local group is meeting on Sunday 26th April at 4pm in the Presbytery meeting room. There is a warm welcome for anyone who wishes to come along and see what we are about.
- Kathleen OLSH

Parish Dinner

This year the Parish will hold its annual dinner at Tali Restaurant, Lasseters on Wednesday 10 June from 7:00pm.

The 3-Course Buffet Menu includes:

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



Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$12 for children and will be on sale from next weekend, after every mass. Contact Helena on 0417 839 711 for more information.

A Well-Trained Tongue:

Formation in the Ministry of Reader (Lectors)

OLSH Parish is looking for new lectors (readers) to assist at the **6:00pm** and **5:30pm Weekend Masses**. ALL new lectors MUST receive some training or formation provided by the parish team. If you are a regular worshipper at these times please do not hesitate to volunteer and be part of this sacred ministry of proclaiming God's word. Please contact any of the priests directly or Sr. Mary so we could arrange a suitable time for training.

♥ **Saint of the Week – [St George \(April 23\)](#)** ♥

Roster for weekend of 25-26 April 2015

Cleaning: 25 April **Group 4**
Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford

Counters: 26 April 2015
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,412.30 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$2,055.90 (for the parish)
Caritas Project Compassion: \$166.35
Total planned giving donations made direct to our bank account for March 2015 quarter: \$3,954.00
Thank you for your generosity!

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

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Walter Litvensky Patricia Litvensky	Rose Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Charles Gamon Carmel Leonard	Mike Steller Rita Steller John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Kevin Hickmott	Col Marshall Rodea Aplaon	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Denise Simon Pat Monaghan	Thampi Joseph Cristina Buenviaje Mel Buenviaje

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

18th -19th April 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 3:13-15.17-19

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 4:2,4,7,9

R/ - Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading:

1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world .

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Lk 24:46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; In his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all nations, alleluia.