



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

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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 Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“Contrary to those who rejected marriage as evil, the New Testament teaches that “everything created by God is good and nothing is to be rejected” (1 Tim 4:4). Marriage is “a gift” from the Lord (1 Cor 7:7). At the same time, precisely because of this positive understanding, the New Testament strongly emphasizes the need to safe-guard God’s gift: “Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled” (Heb 13:4). This divine gift includes sexuality: “Do not refuse one another” (1 Cor 7:5). *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.3 #59. **Question: The Synod Fathers reaffirmed the indissolubility of marriage? Is indissolubility a ‘yoke’ imposed or ‘gift’ granted?**

The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A 5th – 6th August 2017

A DEEP EXPERIENCE OF GOD

There are situations in our lives that reveal the presence of mystery, or the holy, or the power we associate with God. Beautiful sunsets in the Red Centre can make us stop in wonder. Violent storms and winter blizzards still make us stand in awe. When my nephew held his first born baby few days ago, I watched his face in excitement and nervousness as he tearfully gazed at his boy with such love and admiration. When the Beaconsfield Mine collapsed on 25 April 2006 in Beaconsfield, Tasmania, the whole nation paid attention to the drama of rescuing the two miners on 9 May 2006, two weeks after being trapped nearly a kilometre below the surface. Everything from soap opera to prime time was interrupted to give us the updates on the rescue after two weeks underground. God does “break into” the world of men and women and reveals God’s presence.

In peak experiences of prayer and silence and Eucharistic celebrations, God can make his presence undeniably known in the Sacraments especially in the breaking of bread and where love is found.

The Transfiguration of Jesus on top of the mountain is a “theophany”, a word which means an appearance or a showing of God. On this mountain we hear the voice of God saying without any reservations. “*This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him.*”. This was witnessed by three apostles who meditated on it and became clearer after the Cross and the Resurrection.

Jesus is the One written in the Book of Daniel, “*His throne was a blaze of flames..a thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. On him was sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass ways, nor will his empire will be destroyed*”, Dan &:13-14.

As Christians we cannot escape the God who tells us, ‘Jesus is my Son, my Chosen, Listen to him.’

Let’s keep our gaze on this prophetic message as the Holy Spirit of the Father and Son continues to make everything clearer in all our moments of awareness.

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 7 August 2017

Mon: Num 11:4-15 Mt 14:13-21
Tues: 1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17 Mt 6:25-34
Wed: Num 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35 Mt 15:21-28
Thu: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
Fri: Deut 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28
Sat: Deut 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20
Sun: 1 Kg 19:9,11-13 Mt 14:22-33
Rom 9:1-5

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



WELCOME TO OLSH PARISH, FR ALEJANDRO DE LA SOTA SVD

Bienvenido! OLSH Parish warmly welcomes Fr Alejandro de la Sota this weekend. He is a Divine Word Missionary priest and hails from Chile, Latin America. He studied in Argentina and worked in the USA amongst the latinos and also spent some time in Kenya and Tanzania, East Africa. He was ordained three and half years ago and this is his 1st Mission Assignment. Please make him feel welcome and hope you can get to know him soon. He has 1 bother and 2 sisters. Please call him Fr Alex.

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, 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 Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer.

May the Lord grant them healing

Prayer at Home

“We humbly ask you O Lord to give my family the grace to do what needs to be done, Amen”



THANK YOU FR PRAKASH & ALL THE BEST

After more than two years at OLSH Parish, Assistant Parish Priest Fr Prakash Menezes SVD will officially depart from OLSH Parish on Monday August 14th. Bishop Eugene Hurley has appointed him to be the next Parish Priest at Santa Teresa. OLSH Parish is so proud of all your hard work, enthusiasm, dedication and the priest qualities your offered to the people of God. Congratulations on your new ministry and may the Divine Word made flesh be your constant guide.

OLSH FAMILY BIKE RIDE

Dear Parishioners, a big thank you for supporting the bike ride event to Simpsons Gap last Saturday. There were 31 riders who took part in the event, ranging in age from 6 to 80 years of age. Thanks must also go to our 6 support staff for preparing the food, cooking and transporting people and bikes home. You did a fantastic job – well done. Our fund raising effort raised \$650.00 for Jayden Gilby’s Timor Leste pre. school building project. Jayden’s target is \$25,000.00 and so far he has raised \$18,000.00. Next year our ride for a reason will be to support the Melenoma Reseach Foundation in memory of our good friend Marie Litvensky Joachim. – Fred T.

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.



WELCOME BISHOP EUGENE HURLEY DD

We welcome Bishop Eugene Hurley next Sunday 13th August at the 9:30am Mass to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will be few children who will also be receiving 1st Communion next Sunday (different from those children who are being prepared at Bath Street campus). **ALL CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE ATTEND A REHEARSAL ON FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST AT 3:00PM WITH YOUR SPONSORS AT OLSH CHURCH.**

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

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council, August 17

- Installation of better security at the presbytery complex;
- Parish-Wide Children’s Choir approved and to sing once a month;
- 3-4 Catholic Mission Immersion Groups to arrive in the parish soon;
- Bridge for Peace International requests to minister to the sick of the parish in October;
- Parish Assembly preparation – ongoing;
- Proposed Advent parish retreat for women;
- Training session for power-points ;
- Session for Lectors/readers who missed last year’s formation;.
- Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults flow-chart – APPROVED;
- CYAS activities discussed – ongoing;
- Better relationship between Aboriginal Catholics and the mainstream addressed – ongoing;
- Golden Jubilee Fundraising Dinner—tickets on sale now!
- Plans to renovate the Reconciliation Booth underway;

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.

Important Parish Events July & August

Amoris Laetitia Discussion Group	Suspended until next Monday 14th Aug
Sr Laurie Brink PhD Bible Workshop	Mon 7 th Aug 5pm – 8:30pm, St Francis
Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates	Fri 11 th Aug, 3pm, OLSH Church
Confirmation by Bishop Eugene	Sun 13 th Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church
25 th Anniversary of Cross-Over Australia	Thurs 17 th Aug 5:30pm. OLSH Church
Annual Parish Spiritual Retreat 'Year of the Family'	Fri 6pm Sun 18 th – 20 th Aug, St Francis
1 st Communion, Bath Street Candidates	Sun 27 th Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church



OLSH Parish Year of the Family Retreat

OLSH Parish retreat is August 18-20 (Friday evening 6 – 8.30pm, Saturday 9am – 4-pm, Sunday 9 am- 12 noon) at the St. Francis Centre. The cost is the same for one day or all three, thank you.

The retreat fee is \$25 per person which includes all materials, morning and afternoon teas and two meals* (Friday evening and Saturday noon). Copies of the Pope's book, *The Joy of Love* will be available for purchase for \$10.

If child care is required for your child/children, they MUST be RSVP** plus \$10 per child for care, food and supplies. ALL Registration and monies must be paid by Monday, August 7th. For more information, please contact: Sr. Helen Kennedy, FMM 0448856323, Ruth Sexton 0487860283 or the Parish Office 8952 1049. Registration forms available at the entrance of the church.



Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD, Parish Bible Workshop is ON!

Introducing Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies M.A., Maryknoll School of Theology; USA.

Sr Laurie investigates the ancient social, religious, and cultural world out of which early Christianity emerged. Having worked as a senior staff member for the Combined Caesarea Expedition in Israel, she seeks to integrate archaeological research and biblical exegesis. She has directed an interdisciplinary project in which scholars of Roman history, archaeology, Early Christianity, and Jewish

She 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 include: "A General's Exhortation to His Troops: Paul's Military Rhetoric in 2 Cor 10:1-11," *Biblische Zeitschrift* (2005/2006), *Commemorating the Dead: Texts and Artifacts in Context* (DeGruyter, 2008), *In This Place: Reflections on the Land of the Gospels for the Liturgical Cycles* (Wipf & Stock, 2008), "Seen But Not Heard: Women Prophets in Caesarea," *Finding A Woman's Place: Essays in Honor of Carolyn Osiek* (Pickwick, 2010), "U.S. Sisters: Accolades and Admonitions," *New Theology Review* (2011), "Let the Dead Bury the Dead—Using Archaeology to Understand the Bible," *The Bible Today* (2011). "In Search of the Biblical Foundations of Prophetic Dialogue: Engaging a Hermeneutics of Otherness," *Missiology* 41 (2013); "Introduction to Pauline Literature," "Romans," "First Corinthians," "Second Corinthians" Readers' Guide entries for the *Anselm Academic Bible* (2013). Sr Brink is a member of American Schools of Oriental Research, Catholic Biblical Association, Chicago Society of Biblical Research, and Society of Biblical Literature.

DON'T MISS IT. This Monday 7th August from 5:00pm – 9:00pm at St Francis Centre. Light soup will be provided.

Volunteers Urgently Needed (Church Cleaning)



The Wednesday cleaning group are taking holidays over the next 3 months and are seeking volunteers to fill the gaps please. Come along next Wed between 9.00 and 11.00 am and meet the group. Sue (sacristan) is also looking for an assistant. For further information about either of these volunteering opportunities please call Sue 0405 754 717 Thank you.

ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER – Tickets for sale NOW!



Please purchase a ticket for the fundraising dinner to benefit the proposed 50 Golden Jubilee maintenance projects of OLSH Church. Tickets @ \$50 for adults (18yrs and over), \$20 per young person (6yrs -17yrs) and kids (0 -5yrs) free – available now. Ask Lo & Ruth.

Roster for weekend of 12 - 13 August 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Sr Jennifer Farrell Leonie Smith	David Fernandes R Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	Losana Hay Marie Campbell	Anthony Hay Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Confirmation Mass	Br M Green Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Debbie Cooke DavidGenetti	Thomas J John Pane Komene Mel Buenviaje

Cleaning: August 12, 2017 **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell

Counters: August 13, 2017
Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,571.05 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,060.00 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,650.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A
5th - 6th August 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

Mt 17:5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire poured out. Issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9

R/ The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth

Second Reading:

Peter 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' 'we heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies, and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking to him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

1 Jn 3:2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
14,21,28 Aug, 4 Sep

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sunday: 17th September, 5th November 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 10:30am-11:30am

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)
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.

*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*