

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.



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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Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday—Closed

Parish Priest:

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Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

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Resident Priest:

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Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

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Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

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OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Community Liaison Officer

Ms Michele Castagna

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 *Aboriginally 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*.

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, 12 months' notice required.

Jubilee Year of Mercy “Merciful like the Father”



“The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church has endless desire to show mercy. Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live mercy. The temptation, on the other hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step”, *Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus*. Question for Week 4 of Easter: How does this challenge you in the way you show mercy when someone has back-stabbed you in the past? Why is Pope Francis placing mercy before justice? Are they compatible?

4th Sunday of Easter Year C or Good Shepherd Sunday 16th - 17th April 2016

“Amoris Laetitia” – The “Joy of Love”

“The eagerly awaited Post Synodal document from Pope Francis has been released. It is titled “Amoris Laetitia” – The “Joy of Love”. Its full title is: “The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family”.

I am forwarding to you the links as they were available to me. Please open it and especially note the “Summary” and “Questions and Answers”. It is a long, comprehensive, readable and amazingly engaging document. I am absolutely excited by this document as well as profoundly challenged.

Having had the privilege of attending the Synod, I feel that the Holy Spirit has inspired this wonderful document. It is ideal for some adult formation and indeed for a thousand ways of advancing and serving the family. We must not lose the opportunity to promote and use this precious resource.

I ask that you mention it this weekend, with a promise to “roll it out” in future weeks and months.

I realise it is late for the weekend but it has been embargoed until now. I have the pleasure of forwarding to you the text of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia. You can find it at the following link: https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf

In Christ,

Bishop Eugene Hurley

Update on Old Church Renovation



The last phase of renovation will soon begin by Catholic-Care employees and hopefully returned to its former glory around mid-2016. For your information, this old church was built by Mr. Long, Stan Cawood and an Aborigine, Joseph and John Kilgariff, Arthur Long and under the supervision of Fr James Long MSC, the first resident priest of Alice Springs. No doubt other Catholics and residents of Central Australia also assisted and prayed in the construction of the 1st OLSH Church. Building commenced on June 9th, 1929. The first Mass took place on Sunday, 8th December, 1929.

Let’s continue to honour the memory of those past and present, religious and lay, who worked tirelessly to build this parish to what it is today – a vibrant multicultural parish.

Daily Readings: starting 18 April 2016

Mon: Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10
Tues: Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5 Jn 12:44-50
Thur: Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
Sun: Acts 14:21-27 Jn 13:31-35
 Apoc 21:1-5

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta and Helena Monaghan, Bernadette Dowd

May the Lord grant them healing.

The function of **proclaiming the readings** is by tradition not presidential but ministerial. Therefore the readings are to be read by a reader, but the Gospel by the deacon or, in his absence, by another priest...

After each reading, whoever reads it pronounces the acclamation, and by means of the reply the assembled people give honour to the Word of God that they have received in faith and with gratitude. - GIRM 59

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Latin word for shepherd is *pastor*. It is from this word that we derive many of the terms used in the Church for people with a special role: pastor or priest, pastoral care, pastoral associate, pastoral council. These roles always imply a duty of love and care towards those for whom one is responsible.
- The Shepherd-King was an ancient image of God used by the Hebrew people.

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph's Devotion

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

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:30pm

Mothers' Praying for Your Children

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

"The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family"

Last Friday, Pope Francis released a 256-page document called "Amoris Laetitia," or "The Joy of Love." In it, he calls for the Catholic Church to approach issues of sex, marriage, family planning and divorce with less emphasis on dogmatic law and more emphasis on individual conscience. While the post-synodal apostolic exhortation doesn't directly alter any church doctrine, its shift in tone is significant for Catholic families around the world. Bishop Eugene encourages all parishioners to read the document.



Saint John Paul II Visit Anniversary Mass – change of time

The Bishops have informed OLSH parish of their intention to celebrate with us the 30th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II visit to Alice Springs. The 30th Anniversary Mass will be held on Thursday, 21st April at 9:15am, at BLATHERSKITE PARK, Alice Springs, where he gave his most quoted speech ever to all Australians. Bishop Eugene will be the main celebrant. ALL WELCOME.

Telephone Tree Ministry



"I, Michele Castagna, and the OLSH Parish Council through Fr Raass have agreed for me to be our OLSH Parish Community Liaison and the Telephone Tree Coordinator Ministry.

The idea is to provide a listening ear and warm touch to persons who need to tell or to share their story if they are feeling lonely, lost and/or have no one to talk to. I would make myself available for visit contact on a specific day (yet to be decided) by appointment at the presbytery. It has been identified that there is large number of lonely older Catholics and non-Catholics who would welcome an opportunity to share. It will be that telephone contact and links will be made by establishing a telephone tree club that will ring persons in the community for a chat and to reassure persons that the parish does recognise the needs for closer and improved communication specially to those unable to leave their homes and those without transport often called the shut ins.

If you know of anyone who meets these criteria, please contact me with their name and phone number. Be assured all matters will be respected and treated private and confidential. The contact numbers are 89521049 or 89523237. I need the help of the parish to make these a viable and successful ministry. Let make this parish truly inclusive".

- Ms Michele Castagna

Ongoing Formation: Hospitality Ministry

The 1st ongoing training for all members of OLSH Parish Hospitality Team and any parishioner who wishes to deepen his/her understanding of God's hospitality, will take place on Saturday, 14th May from 2:00pm-4:30pm at the JP2 Hall. Sr Anne Surtees OSU will facilitate this very important ministry in the Church especially in this Year of Mercy.

How do we live out the hospitality of God?

Diocesan Youth Ministry Appeal – April 16/17

Ministry to young people in our diocese cannot happen without your support. We need support practically, prayerfully and financially. This appeal is the one time each year that we ask for your financial support. Funds will directly support the ministry of our Diocesan Office to Youth to our schools, parishes and communities. Please give generously.

Two buckets will be at the back of the church. Donations slips are also at the back of the church and can be added to the collection or sent directly to the Office for Youth. Thank you.

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.

Year of Mercy Adult Workshops & Retreats, OLSH Parish

This is an opportunity for all parishioners to deepen your Catholic faith, offer an alternative vision to our society and show that the Kingdom of God is possible and attractive as ever before. We are blessed to have top speakers and facilitators in 2016. C'mon, life is too precious to be lived in mediocrity.

Monday, 2nd May, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Liturgical Concert : **‘Singing for Mercy’**. *All invited* At OLSH Church. (*Donations only*) by Fr Rob Galea, songwriter, Founder of Stronger Youth Programme, Eight musical projects, Maltese priest.

Saturday, 21st May, 9am-4:00pm

Workshop: **The Ecological Blessing of Mercy** *All invited* at St Francis Centre (*Donations only*) by Sr Veronica Lawson, PhD, RSM, Author & Biblical scholar, taught for 27 years at ACU.

Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm

Workshop & Seminar: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy?** *All invited* at St Francis Centre (*Donations only*) by Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA

Friday 7th October (pm) Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)

Spiritual Retreat: **Parish Retreat In this Year of Mercy:** *Venue and Costs: TBA*

To be facilitated by Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of Center Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane.

UNITY Magazine - Do you have a good and inspiring story to share? How about sharing it with the whole Diocese of Darwin via the UNITY magazine? Or simply send photos of what has been happening in our parish for the June edition of UNITY magazine. These need to be sent in by Friday, April 22. There are still many copies at the back of the church, please take them or give them to you neighbours etc.



Celebrate Mercy Concert, 2nd May, OLSH Church

Fr Rob Galea and our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs will be hosting a night to remember in honour of Mercy. This is a parish event so bring all your family members. The evening will begin with a BBQ at 5:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

Programme to be advertised next week.

Cleaning: 23 April 2016 **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

Counters: 24 April 2016
Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,278.65 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 874.85(for the parish)

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$1,100.00

Total planned giving donations made direct to parish bank account for March 2016 quarter: \$4,344.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish Social Justice Awareness Group – a brief Report to PPC

“SJAG are a just a few people who have prayed, chatted, stimulated awareness over recent years to encourage OLSH parishioners and wider community to decide what action they wish to take around some social justice concerns. With OLSH PPC endorsement within NT Diocesan Strategic Plan, we re-launched ourselves at OLSH parish picnic 2014 at Telegraph Station with fun, sport, trivia activities and SJ info highlighting the Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement on Sport in 2014 ... and then Refugees & Asylum Seekers in 2015. Our support strengthened Light the Dark Candlelight Vigils on Monday evenings with rallies and public information gatherings. Environmental concerns around the risks of fracking for gas in NT challenged us to provide presentations & Information Statements to all masses, which stimulated dialogue with parishioners, media, politicians, mining companies and the wider community. Our actions were strongly reinforced by Pope Francis’s statement ‘Laudate Si – on Care for our Common Home’. We also organised a prayer vigil for two men on Indonesian death row and speakers about the Ebola Outbreak in Africa. Our limited efforts have stimulated discussion with many people in our parish, other churches and the wider community.

Our 2016 priorities are Refugees/Asylum Seekers & Indigenous concerns with an ongoing focus on climate justice issues reflected in gas fracking and Care for our Common Home as well as the 2016 Social Justice Statement. Join us or continue to work in your own way.”

- Mr Chris Hawke, SJAG Communications Officer



Meet our new Parish Librarian

Mr Sam Typuszak has volunteered to take on the role of OLSH Parish Librarian. He will assist the parish in a variety of tasks especially in categorising and managing resources and collections. We hope to have a display of books, DVDs, other helpful resources to support all parish ministries.

Feel free to help Sam in your spare time. We’ll keep you informed.

**Finance & Works Council
“New Fence”**

The FWC has agreed to put a new good looking fence between the presbytery and the church site next to the colourful bougainvillea plants at the entrance to the church’s driveway. It will surely add to the church site’s aesthetics.

Roster for weekend of 23 - 24 April 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6pm pm	John Appleby	Sr Anne Surtees Sr May Wicks	M Maddocks R Fernandez David Fernandez
Sun 7:30 am	J Montefiore	P Rademaker Jo Molin	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller Mike Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Br Tony Caddy	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp H Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm	Myke Ociones	Denise Simon Sue Bain	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

4th Sunday of Easter Year C

16th -17th April 2016

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the converts were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 99:1-3,5

R/ We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading:

Apoc 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.' The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Jn 10: 27 - 30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.