



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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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

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Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman
Mr Fred Twhogig

Parish Treasurer
Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal
Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre
Mr. Ben Ebert

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.*

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, 12 months' notice required.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
24th - 25th October 2015

CALLED TO SEE

We may be familiar with Jesus' message and have been lifelong practicing Catholics, yet we often sit like blind people at the side of the road, penned up within ourselves, isolated, without any vision of the kingdom of God. That kingdom may not go beyond beautiful words. We are blind for whatever would really make our life rich and deep, like rest and silence, serious conversations about ecology, abortion, self-giving, the Joy of the Gospel, ears that can listen. That would make us like the blind man Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52) or the bystanders who at the beginning were blind to the needs of the poor man sitting there by the side of the road.

Today's Gospel teaches us that there is a cure for blindness. We may not yet be aware of it, but within us lies dormant a core of genuine life, a hankering for light; there is a cry within us asking to be aroused and stimulated. And then, hopefully, it may happen: a word, an event, an encounter when everything falls in place.

Are we capable of throwing off the mantle of our habits? Can we free ourselves from the high tempo that leaves us no time to be ourselves, from the grasp of people around us who control our lives, from the shackles in which the mass media and the consumers' mentality have imprisoned us? Are we capable of critical assessment of our lives? Do we want our eyes opened?

Today Jesus is giving us all the chances to take again the road to Jerusalem. To the evangelist the way to Jerusalem is symbolic. It is in Jerusalem that Jesus was put to death and that he proved to the fullest extent his love for humanity. Those who live in the spirit of Jesus also pass through Jerusalem; they are ready to commit themselves to the lives of their neighbor, to the coming of the community of God in which everyone will be happy. In the small way that is ours this means: to open our eyes to what gives life, to let no one along the road suffer.

Lets pause and see who needs our attention in Central Australia and beyond. Let us pay attention to the moments we are invited to see how we can share riches, whether as money, our time or our affection. If we strongly believe that God cares than lets be the Good News of compassion to all we travel with especially to Jesus' list of friends: the mentally ill, the tax collectors, the blind, the prisoners, the drug addicts, the welfare recipients and refugees.

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

PARISH PRIESTS' MOVEMENTS

Fr Raass will depart for his Home Leave to Fiji from this **Sunday, 25th October to Saturday, 30th January 2016**. Fr Prakash will be the Acting Parish Priest and assisted by Frs Olivier and Jim.

For general information, all of Fr Raass' flights in 2015 were paid for not by OLSH Parish but by the Divine Word Missionaries, Catholic Education Office (Darwin) and the Diocese of Darwin where he holds other important roles in the Church.

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Four Knights and One Dame Honoured by Knighthoods

On Sunday 18th October, His Eminence Cardinal Edward O'Brien from the Vatican, and Vicar General Fr Phillip Marshall, presided over the investiture of a Papal Knighthood to five people from around the country. Two of those people are from Alice Springs. In an elaborate ceremony conducted at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide, more than 60 knights and dames from Australia and overseas attended in traditional robes, cloaks and impressive insignia and witnessed the knighting of **Dr Rob Dominguez** (*an Alice Springs Chiropractor and Medical Practitioner*) and **Mr Kevin Hickmott** (*Chartered Accountant with Deloitte*), for their long time services to the community.

The Equestrian order of the Holy Sepulchre is a kingdom under the direct protection of the Pope, established in 1099. The honor of knighthood is conferred by the Holy See, and a diploma of appointment and medals are issued from the Vatican. The candidate is then subsequently knighted in an elaborate ceremony by kneeling in front of the Cardinal who uses a sword to touch the shoulders of the candidate and declares them to be a knight. Monarchs, Crown princes, heads of state from countries such as Spain, Monaco, and Belgium are currently members of this order.

Our congratulations go out to Sir Rob and Sir Kevin and we remember them in our prayers.

Social Justice Awareness Group

The Social Justice awareness Group will be holding its October meeting this coming **Sunday, 25th October, commencing at 4:00pm at the Parish Meeting Room.** We will look at the decisions of the Strategic Meeting last month and begin planning for the coming year. Interested Parishioners are invited to join with us as we begin looking to activities for 2015-2016.

Our OLSH SJAGers invite all parishioners to the premiere screening of **'This Changes Everything'** - the film inspired by the book by Naomi Klein, a secular Jewish Feminist author - which will be showing at the Alice Springs Cinema **Thursday 5th November at 6.30pm.** To reserve your tickets, please visit the Tugg Event Page here: www.tugg.com/events/70671. The Vatican even invited Naomi Klein to speak at the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in the Vatican last July around the release of Pope Francis's global statement 'On care for Our Common Home' which links climate with many of the world's justice issues. Details www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_kNNpjyzo8

Cleaning: 31 October **Group 7**
Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

Counters: 01 November 2015
Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,619.60 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 2,983.50 (for the parish)
Total planned giving donations made direct to parish bank account for September 2015 quarter: \$ 4,464.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

OLSH CHURCH CAR PARK

A friendly reminder that cars are **NOT** allowed to park on the yellow lines (and along the ramp) at the entrance to the church. This is to keep the way for emergency vehicles free should they need to attend to the parishioners in the church. Parking on the yellow line or along the ramp prevents small buses carrying people with a disability to gain access into the church. Two of the parking spaces are reserved for **PERSONS WITH DISABILITY ONLY** and the third space is for **DROP OFF or PICK UP ONLY.**

Thank you for complying with the above.

Parish Pastoral Council

OLSH PARISH MEMORIAL WALK

In the month of November we remember and pray for those who have died. As in previous years we will have a Memorial Walk from the OLSH church to the Old Telegraph Station.

It will take place on **Saturday, 31 October at 7:00am.** We will begin with a prayer in front of the church and walk along the Todd River to the Telegraph Station. There we will have a prayer service followed by some refreshments.

All parishioners and friends are most welcome to join in the Walk.

Did you know?

- The title 'Son of David' was one applied to the longed for anointed one of God. Its use here indicates that Bartimaeus has recognised Jesus as the Messiah.
- The 'blind faith' of Bartimaeus contrasts sharply with the lack of insight and understanding we have witnessed from the disciples in recent weeks.
- In Hebrew, 'Bar' means 'son of' in much the same way as Mac is used in Scotland. When a Jewish boy undergoes his Barmitzvah he becomes a 'son of the law'.
- While 'Rabbi' means master or teacher, 'Rabbuni' is usually employed to express familiarity with or devotion to the master or teacher.

Mothers Prayers this Thursday, 29 October at the Presbytery at 4:00pm. Please come and join us as we pray for our children.
- Ruth Sexton

Saint of the Week - [St Dimitrios](#) (October 26)

Roster for weekend of 31 Oct - 01 Nov 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Scott Lonard	Alf Goody Frank Allan	Rose Sabadin Darryl Smith Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Rita Steller Mike Steller John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Lillian Labastida Alfy Mani	Virginia Loy Margaret Lillecrapp Helena Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm	Mike Ociones	Denise Simon Pat Monaghan	Megan Nertney Sammy Nobleza Mel Buenviaje

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 125

R/ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Tim 1:110

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.