



# 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



## Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on

**Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation**

**Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family**

“Jesus knows the anxieties and tensions experienced by families and he weaves them into his parables: children who leave home to seek adventure (cf. Lk 15:11-32), or who prove troublesome (Mt 21:28-31) or fall prey to violence (Mk 12:1-9). He is also sensitive to the embarrassment caused by the lack of wine at a wedding feast (Jn 2:1-10), the failure of guests to come to a banquet (Mt 22:1-10), and the anxiety of a poor family over the loss of a coin (Lk 15:8-10). *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.1, #21. Question: How is the word of God not a source of comfort and companionship for your family during times of difficulties or suffering?

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A  
18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

**Safeguarding Officers:** Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred C.

## 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

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month - 11am Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.

Dear OLSH Parishioners,

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

OLSH Parish Catholic Church will turn 50 years in 2019 since its official blessing on 11th May 1969 by Bishop Patrick O'Loughlin MSC, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Darwin. It will also be 90 years since the 1st Holy Mass was offered in the Red Centre by Fr James Long MSC. It will be an occasion to honour our church's history and long-time members and thus I am calling all parishioners past and present to gather, celebrate and thank God for this occasion.

It is my hope that a Golden Jubilee Steering Committee and a Fundraising Committee will be formed to plan and coordinate a number of spiritual and cultural events/projects leading up to the main Anniversary Mass(es). It's too large a task for one person, and more creativity is possible when a group of people put their heads together. A milestone church anniversary is worth planning well. Let's celebrate God, recount His blessings, and renew our Catholic fellowship in this great anniversary celebration.

But what birthday gift(s) shall we give to our OLSH Church after 50 Golden Years of Service? With utter respect to your place of worship and to the many parishioners who have contributed to the building of this magnificent church, I would like to propose we give OLSH Church some or all of these seven special birthday gifts by 2019, namely,

- 1) Build a wheel-chair excess ramp and contemporary hand-rails from the lower part of the church to the top of the sanctuary next to the lectern;
- 2) Create a new & attractive stained-glass impression/abstract of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at the very top window of the sanctuary;
- 3) Rework on the current sanctuary to bring out the glory of Christ in the tabernacle;
- 4) Refinishing old pews and add upholstery on kneelers and seats only, and include a middle-isle carpet;
- 5) Change the Confessional Booth wooden doors to glass (ref. *Bishop's new policy*);
- 6) Install air-con/heaters & solar panels for OLSH Church (*Is it even possible?*);
- 7) Work on a special 50th Golden Jubilee Stations of the Cross to replace the old ones or use the beautiful mosaic Arrernte Stations of the Cross;

I envision that some or all of the above could be accomplished with your help during these two years of preparation. The Parish Pastoral Council is now calling for volunteers who are willing to be part of the 1) **Steering Committee** and, 2) **Fundraising Committee**. These renovations and additions need money and are worth celebrating. We will certainly seek professional help from liturgical specialists, Bishop Eugene, interior church architects and local parishioners who are able to design & coordinate all the interior elements into one integrated whole. While never forgetting that everything must, in the end, serve the Liturgy and give God glory. At the initial stage of planning, the Committees will ensure that OLSH parishioners do not feel left out of the initial planning process. (cont. page 2)

*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 20 March 2017**

**Mon:** 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16  
 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24  
**Tues:** Dan 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35  
**Wed:** Deut 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19  
**Thu:** Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23  
**Fri:** Hosea 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34  
**Sat:** Is 7:10-14,8-10  
 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38  
**Sun:** 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13  
 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41  
**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



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

Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Solemnity of the Week**

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 - Monday, 20th March  
 The Annunciation of the Lord  
 - Saturday, 25th March

**9.30 Mass Parishioners** – Please sign up at the entrance of the church to sponsor a Sunday morning fellowship at the JP2 Hall. Families, groups or a couple of friends are all that are needed to provide the assistance to clean up after this enjoyable weekly event.  
 – Hospitality Coordinators

**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**  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict, *"The Church must not settle down with what is merely comfortable and serviceable at the parish level; she must arouse the voice of the cosmos and, by glorifying the Creator, elicit the glory of the cosmos itself, making it also glorious, beautiful, habitable and beloved"* (Feast of Faith, Ignatius Press)

Fr Raass, Parish Priest, 3rd Sunday of Lent 2017.



**Commissioning of ALL Parish Ministry Groups+**

All Parish ministry groups will be commissioned for their ministries on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Divine Mercy Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter. Members of our Parish who gather in faith, take on various roles and ministries around worship: outreach, hospitality, cleaning, learning, teaching, evangelism, committees, participation and stewardship. We pray for you and for all those in ministry in our parishes that the flame of faith may burn in your hearts.

We highly encourage all volunteers to attend any of the Masses on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. This is an opportunity to thank & bless them for their generosity and commitment by volunteering to serve OLSH parish community in this way.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE for READERS and COMMUNION MINISTERS**

If you are available for any or all of the celebrations over the period of Easter, could you please contact Sr Anne (email: [surteesa@iinet.net.au](mailto:surteesa@iinet.net.au)). This will help in ensuring that ministers are rostered for the different ceremonies over this very busy time.

**EARTH HOUR**

On **Saturday, 25th March**, our SJAGers are inviting all parishioners to switch off their lights from **8:30pm – 9:30pm** to support progress for the next generation on changing climate change. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Year of what started as an Aussie grassroots movement has grown into the world’s biggest movement for climate change. Our actions on climate change will shape the future for our children. They know more about climate change than any other generation.

**Year of the Family “Raising Great Kids” Workshops**

Young parents and Carers from all backgrounds and cultures are highly encouraged to attend and it’s FREE. Please contact Anileen on 8528776 or Fr Raass on 8521049. Parents have nothing to lose. Do it for your children. The dates are **18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at the JP2 Hall. Not too late to sign-up.



**Monday Adult Faith Introduction...INTRODUCTION**

“A sense of identity incorporates a sense of history. In order to reveal oneself to a stranger it is necessary to communicate some of one’s personal (historical) experiences. We will hope to get some idea of the person—Personality of God. I look forward to hearing about peoples own experiences in relation to God. Brief overlook of the history in the Bible from Creation to the call of Abraham in about 1800BC. We will try and trace the “finger of God” in the happenings from that time until the coming of Jesus –God himself—into our world. Notes will be provided” - Patrick Monaghan, Facilitator. ALL WELCOME. Venue: 1 Lakes Court.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE (Service of the Word with other Christian Churches)**

Uniting Church	Wednesday 22nd March	7:00pm
Catholic Church	Wednesday 29th March	7:00pm
Anglican Church	Wednesday 5th April	7:00pm

*All parishioners are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend. Try it out.*

Facilitators	Day of the Week	Date	Venue	Time
Priests	Saturdays	25 <sup>th</sup> March & 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Presbytery	Start 9:30am
Sue Marshall	Tuesdays	21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> March & 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Treager Campus	Start 4:45pm
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	Tuesdays	21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> March & 4 <sup>th</sup> April	St Francis Centre	Start 7:00pm

All parishioners are invited to join a Lenten Group or start one with your family. There are six sessions, each of approximately 90 minutes. Take to heart what it means to be saved, redeemed, forgiven and graced by the Holy Spirit, because God in his mercy send His Son Jesus to be our Saviour and Redeemer.

**Stations of the Cross During Lent**

Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 24th March, 6:15pm
Stations for Families	Friday 31st March, 6:15pm
Stations With Refugees & Asylum Seekers	Friday 7th April, 6:15pm

**Soup Suppers after Stations of the Cross  
Fridays in the JP2 Hall. All are welcome ☺**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation**

The Parish will put on two Rites of Reconciliation of several penitents with individual confession and absolution. The dates are 20th March & 10th April, 7:00pm... *Come and loosen the soil of your life and trust in God's forgiveness.*



Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation offers Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Are you interested** in helping out that Bath Street Campus with listening to children to read or even better being a penpal for students in our school?

If this is something you would be interested to participate in, could you please make a time to contact Bruce Were at the Bath Street Head of Campus.

**Cleaning:** 25 March 2017 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje  
**Counters:** 26 March 2017  
Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,569.05 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,041.00 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,170.00

*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

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

**Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Arrernte Catholic Community—NEW**

After a few meetings and consultations with our Catholic Arrernte elders at 40 south terrace, the decision is now being made for the Arrernte Catholics to worship at the main Church at 11:00am every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of the month. On the third Sunday, the Arrernte Catholics will take leadership of the 9:30am Mass including readings, music, commentator, choir, collection etc. Please be advised there will be no more 2nd Sunday Mass at Amooguna Community from May onwards. The proposed move to the main Church is a temporary arrangement towards some form of unity, reconciliation and respect until such a time when we can all come to common understanding of who we are as brothers and sisters in Christ. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Arrernte Mass starting on the 23rd April, Mercy Sunday at 11:00am. - *Fr Raass*

**Altar Servers' Training**

We are inviting the Altar Servers to serve at the Easter Triduum. The training sessions are scheduled for **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (20-22 March) from 3-4 pm**. We request the candidates to participate in **any one** of the training sessions and be available to serve in, at-least, one of the services of Easter Triduum (starting from Holy Thursday). Thank you for your generosity in serving the Lord at the Altar. - *Fr Prakash*

**Celebrate Your Community and Host a Neighbour Day Event**

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door or across the street for a get together. It is the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour and being there when needed. 5 Ideas to Celebrate Your Community

1. Have a cup of tea or a chat with a new (or old!) neighbour
  2. Leave a Neighbour Day calling card and your contact details for elderly or vulnerable neighbours
  3. Enjoy a neighbourhood picnic in your favourite park
- It's not too late to organise an event for your street or neighbourhood.. and remember if the **26th of March** doesn't suit – find a date that works for you and your neighbours.

**Roster for weekend of 25 - 26 March 2017**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	D Fernandes R Fernandes Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Mike Steller	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Fred Twohig Greg Gilbert Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jooby Mani	Elfy Jooby Jenny Dietrich	Cristy Genetti Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Debbie Cook Denise Simon	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Thomas J John

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A**  
**18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. cf. Ps 24:15-16

**First Reading:**

Exodus 17:3-7

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?' The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

R/ Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed; Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

Ez 36:26

**Second Reading:**

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Your words are spirit and life**

Ps 19:8-11

**Gospel:**

John 4:5-42

*The water that I give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Jn 4:13-14

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
Resumes 27th March 2017. Details on page 2.

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sundays: 30th April 2017, 11th June 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 10:00am-11:00am

**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)**  
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

**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 40  
South Terrace and the main Church. Need LR  
Licence.

*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*