



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 Team

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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.

Solemnity of All Saints

31st October - 1st November 2015

Rejoice And Be Glad, Your Reward Will Be Great In Heaven

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a lovely feast to remember all those lovely people who have been our role models in our life and have inspired us to live a saintly life. This feast is very significant because it helps us to remember all those people who are canonised by the Catholic Church and most importantly those people who are saints through their virtuous life and not yet officially declared saints. Therefore the saints in this list are numerous as the first reading tells us today, "After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language....They have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb." These are the people with whom we have shared our lives, our parents, our grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters, neighbours, friends, relatives who have passed on and have left a wonderful example for us to live a worthy life.

The Gospel today highlights the beatitudes and invites us to look into our lives and see if we have been able to live a life worthy of them. The beatitudes are the fulfilment of the Ten Commandments as Jesus did it in his own life. He is inviting us to do the same today in our lives. We can always be lawful by not breaking the Ten Commandments, but can we work to fulfil the Ten Commandments? Yes, we can and Jesus has shown us the way in today's Gospel. We are invited to be poor in spirit, merciful, gentle, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted for the Word. We are challenged to be counter example to the messages of the modern world. We are asked to stand tall in witnessing to the life of Christ and live it ourselves because "of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are." Once we accept and acknowledge that we are the children of God, all things begin to fall in place. We work for the reign of God, we become faithful in our ministry, and above all, we accept everyone as our brothers and sisters. And I feel that is what the saints did, that is what many of the people, who have now passed on, have done and have left us the legacy to build our lives on. Therefore, as we are celebrating this wonderful feast, let us pray that may we be guided by God's Spirit in our daily venture in realising God's reign among us and follow the beatitudes to fulfil the Ten Commandments and we will Rejoice and be glad for our reward will be great in Heaven. Amen.

Fr Prakash Bryan Menezes SVD

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

A call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

"Sweat it out. Increasing use and power of air-conditioning seems 'self-destructive.'" (Par 55)

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Daily Readings: starting 02 November 2015



Mon: Is 25:6-9
Rom 5:5-11 Mk 15:33-39,16:1-6

Tues: Rom 12:5-16 Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33

Thur: Rom 14:7-12 Lk 15:1-10

Fri: Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8

Sat: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 Lk 16:9-15

Sun: 1 Kg 17:10-16
Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

An Excerpt from the Homily of Pope Francis for the Closing of the Synod on Families



“Dear Synod Fathers, we have walked together. Thank you for the path we have shared with our eyes fixed on Jesus and our brothers and sisters, in the search for the paths which the Gospel indicates for our times so that we can proclaim the mystery of family love. Let us follow the path that the Lord desires. Let us ask him to turn to us with his healing and saving gaze, which knows how to radiate light, as it recalls the splendour which illuminates it. Never allowing ourselves to be tarnished by pessimism or sin, let us seek and look upon the glory of God, which shines forth in men and women who are fully alive.”

- Pope Francis 24/10/2015



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Eufelia Canta, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Veronica Edwards and Andrew Wright.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Please do not underestimate the power of communal prayer for the sick. However the “Sick List” will be updated at the end of each month. If you want a name re-instated or added, please call the office on 8952 1049 or send an email to the address listed below: olsh.parish.bulletin@gmail.com. - Fr Prakash

NOVEMBER is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the pope’s intention. (Norms 15,7)

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph 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

- Friday nights from 6-7pm at the OLSH Presbytery Chapel.
- 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

Monday nights from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesday nights from 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Mothers’ Praying for Your Children

Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Update on Synod on the Family (4th October – 25th October, Vatican)

The Synod on the Family is concluded on the 24th of October. Pope Francis will write an Apostolic Exhortation following the Synod. The papal document “will be based on the conclusions of the synod, as is the tradition,” says Cardinal Secretary of State, Pietro Parolin. He also said that the synod fathers, in their final document, which they approved on October 24, had requested Pope Francis write a document on the family.

“We humbly ask the Holy Father that he evaluate the opportunity of offering a document on the family,” the request said. “So that in it the domestic church may reflect always more clearly Christ, the light of the world.”

Asked when the document might appear, Cardinal Parolin added: “This I don’t know, but I don’t think it will take too long. After all, it’s best to strike while the iron’s hot.”

- Source: Catholic Herald

Housing the Refugees at OLSH Parish

The OLSH Parish, under the co-ordination of Mr Patrick Monaghan, is looking at housing some of the Syrian refugee families when they are released into the community. The Australia Catholic Bishop’s Conference has requested all the Catholic people to be aware of this refugee crisis and be open to the dialogue in helping out these strangers at our door. Mr Monaghan, along with two more members of the Parish, is looking for ways and means to accommodate these people once they arrive in Alice Springs. Let us start the dialogue among us and talk about it with each other and begin our own preparations in finding a refuge to them. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office or Mr Monaghan directly with your thoughts and ideas in this present challenge.

The Daily Gospel 2016 is now available for sale in a slim pocket-sized edition at \$6 per copy. It contains the Gospel reading for the weekday Masses from January to December and all 3 readings for the Sunday Masses. After each reading, a short reflection is offered to assist personal prayer.

It serves as a personal help to follow the liturgical readings of the Church year as well as a source of prayer in every home. It is also a great Christmas gift idea!

To order copies, please contact Sr Liz Tham, email: liztham7@gmail.com or mobile: 0400 389585

*May the blessings of the Saints be with you on
ALL SAINTS DAY*

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.

All Souls Day Services in the Cemetery

On Monday the 2nd November, there is a Prayer Service at the Alice Springs General Cemetery, Memorial Avenue at 4:30pm and Rosary followed by Mass at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery at 5:00pm.

The evening Mass at the Church on Monday is cancelled and you are all invited to come along to both or any one of the Services at the above mentioned places. The blessing of the graves will follow the service. Let us remember our loved ones in a special way this day.

The **Memorial Book** for our dearly departed brothers and sisters will be placed on the Offertory Table in the Church during the month of November. Please feel free to put the names of your loved ones who have passed away. This book will be taken up to the altar during the weekday Masses.

Thank you note for the Memorial Walk

A big thank you to our Hospitality Team and all who helped to make our Memorial Walk to Telegraph Station a memorable event. It was a day to commemorate all our loved ones who have gone before us and pray for them.

As we know the month of November is set apart to remember our loved ones so let us keep them in our prayers.

Will Graham Reality Event Launch, 6 November

The Will Graham Reality Event, which is scheduled to take place in Alice Springs on 20-22 May 2016 will be launched on 6/11/2015 at the Desert Life Church, 32 Undoolya Road at 6:30 pm.

Will Graham, grandson of Dr Billy Graham, is an anointed evangelist who shares the gospel in crusades called 'Reality Community Events', in regional centres of Australia. In partnership with believers and their churches around the country, Reality Events with Will Graham spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through a compelling Gospel message, music, powerful testimonies and one-on-one discipleship. See more at:
<http://billygraham.org.au/reality#sthash.ZRajzOqG.dpuf>

Mosque Open Day Invitation

Alice Springs Islamic Society takes pleasure in extending a heartiest invitation to an Open Mosque Day at the Afghan Mosque, 101 Lyndavale Drive, Larapinta on Saturday the 7th of November from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Let us take this opportunity to know more about our Muslim brothers and sisters and extend our Inter-religious Dialogue with other religions.

Saint of the Week - St Nicholas Tavelic and companions (November 6)

Cleaning: 07 November **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde
Counters: 08 November 2015
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret-Ann McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,579.90 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 2,306.30 (for the parish)

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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The report for the Year ended 30 June 2015 is posted on the announcement board at the entrance of our church. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parish Treasurer, Kevin Hickmott, for preparing the report and for his long service to our Parish. Thank you to the Finance Committee members John Lillecrapp, Michael Steller and Fred Twohig as well as John Healy and Mel Buenviaje who oversee and keep our finance records in order. Kevin and Fr Prakash are available to discuss any general queries on the report should anyone like to do so.

Combined Churches Carols by Candle Light

The Carols by Candle Light event of this year will take place on Sunday 6th December. The organisers are looking for the beautiful voices from our Church. Please call Rebekah Axe on 0447 5673 54 or email rebekah.axe@hotmail.com. It is a great opportunity for Ecumenism in Alice Springs and let us make use of it.

Did you know?

- This well-known and much loved text is known as The Beatitudes (blessings).
- There is a parallel text in Luke's Gospel (Lk 6:20) that has slight differences to Matthew's version (used here) and includes a number of curses, as well as the blessings.
- Matthew's Beatitudes are delivered on a hill (Luke's are given on a plain) because Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses. Moses received the Law from God on the mountain and Jesus gives the 'new law' also on a mountain.
- Matthew is writing for a Jewish Christian audience so he often presents Jesus as the fulfilment of the Old Law.

Roster for weekend of 07 - 08 November 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Ann Surtees	Thelma Bowen Marian Maddocks Bryan Weir
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Mike Steller Patricia Rademaker	John Lillecrapp Kath McGargill Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	M Lillecrapp Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Mike Williams	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Thampi Joseph

Solemnity of All Saints
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Entrance Antiphon:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading:

Apoc 7:2-4,9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea. 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I 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. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him. 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 23:1-6

R/ Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face .

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord

Mt 11:28

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage; Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted; Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied; Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them; Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God; Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God; Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.