



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 Office Hours:

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

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Mr Fred Twohig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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 *Aboriginal*

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 11th - 12th July 2015

HE SENT THEM AND THEY WENT OFF

This is the first time that Jesus sends out the Twelve, that is, his Church, that is us the whole community, OLSH parish, all Christians. This is notable in God's way of doing things; he calls and sends. Look to Abraham, the Jewish people, the Virgin Mary, Jesus, the apostles.

This mission is not restricted to priests, religious and missionaries. If you and I are convinced that the gospel is good news, how could we keep it for ourselves? We are not asked to be its door-to-door vendors but at least to make it known through our proclamation in word and deed. Our task is simply to make it available to all who want to have it. What they do with it is in a way no longer our concern, for that is the secret and gift of human freedom, and we too have to respect the work of God in them.

The Church can never withdraw into itself, for it makes sense only when it lives for others. And when Christians speak and work they never do so in their own names but in the name of Jesus Christ. Indeed this is God's mission not ours and we are mightily grateful to participate.

What is to be proclaimed? Strangely enough the text in Mark 6:7-13 does not say it. The Jesus of Mark acts more than he speaks. He instructs the Twelve to drive out evil spirits and to heal the sick. Basically, **what he asks of them to do is what he has done himself: set captives free, bring relief to people who suffer.** We can translate this mission in Mark as anything that keeps people from being themselves and that therefore keeps them captive; idol worship, money, work, entertainment, the craving to dominate and many more. There is a need to liberate people from all this, to invite them to change their life, to show them the ways towards true inner freedom.

Finally, Jesus' instructions sound like sending out commandos on a mission: no bread, no backpack, no money; only light sandals; no spare clothes. It is like being put to sea in boats without a rudder. Jesus insists that our only luggage is our faith; we have to fight without weapons, we have to be trusting in God's providence. It is this gift of poverty that we avail ourselves to do God's work.

Fr Raass SVD, Parish Priest

Parish Priests' Movements: Frs Raass, Prakash, Olivier, Jim and Vincent will be in Darwin from the 13th July – 17th July for the Diocesan Leadership Conference and Professional Standards Clergy Workshop.

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

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

-- Have forthright and honest debates and policies; issues cannot be dealt with once and for all, but will need to be "reframed and enriched again and again" by everyone with plenty of different proposals because there is no one way to solve problems. (16, 60, 185)
- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Daily Readings: starting 13 July

Mon: Ex 1:8-14,22	Mt 10:34-11:1
Tues: Ex 2:1-15	Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6,9-12	Mt 11:25-27
Thur: Ex 3:13-20	Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Ex 11:10-12:14	Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Ex 12:37-42	Mt 12:14-21
Sun: Jer 23:1-6	
Eph 2:13-18	Mk 6:30-34

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Veronica Edwards, Tilde Cabantog, Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Turkey, Philip Ponodo, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux, Br Dan fms, Imelda Palmer

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recently Deceased, R.I.P.

Patrick Davies, 45

Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

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

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration every Friday from 6-7pm at OLSH Church and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Embracing the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has proclaimed an **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th December 2015) to the Feast of Christ the King (20th November 2016)**. The upcoming Jubilee Year could be an opportunity for OLSH Parish to offer a number of initiatives to help us gaze and grow in the merciful heart of Christ. In a few weeks' time OLSH Parish will be ordering everyone a copy of INFORM (Informative Intelligent Inspirational) reflection by Fr Ken Barker MGL on 'Embracing the Year of Mercy' and what Pope Francis hopes to achieve. He also looks at how Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy and ways OLSH parish can embrace it in practice in our communities and personal lives.

Leading Busy Lives and Finding it Hard to Cope

Do not be afraid to chill out with God who says, *"Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest"* (Mathew 11:28) and *"Whoever looks for me can find me"* (Proverbs 8:17).

Did you know that God has a plan for each one us and creates those plans according to our gifts and talents? But we have to give God a chance. All that God asks of you is to give God a chance so that we may respond in ways according to what God would want us to – when the pressure is on. OLSH Parish has ongoing Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour, Thursday midday Christian Meditation, Tuesday Prayer Fellowship, Monday Legion of Mary, 1st Saturday Healing Mass and Anointing and of course the daily Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Weekly Confessions, daily rosaries and the availability of Spiritual Direction, personal Awareness Examen and many more. Life lines are available for those who wish to stay connected!

Catholic Mission's World Mission Month School Resource for 2015.

Join with Catholic Mission this World Mission Month in October to learn more about issues of mission and justice and to reach out to the children in Madagascar who live without access to clean water and proper sanitation. Distressingly this leads to thousands of children dying from easily preventable diseases like diarrhea every year. We invite you to get involved with World Mission Month in October.

Please take an envelope at the back of the Church and encourage others to do the same. More details later on.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A humble reminder that Bishop Eugene will be administering the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 26th July at the 9:30am Mass**. All confirmandis and sponsors are asked to prepare and arrive early at least by 9:00am.

Planned Giving

Our Parish is Everyone's Responsibility. If you wish to take part in the planned giving towards OLSH Parish, please contact the parish office 89521049 for a Planned Giving Pledge Form which gives options such as 1) Envelope Contributions; 2) Direct Debit Deductions; 3) Credit Card Deductions. Please also remember the parish in your estate planning and will. Thank You.



Saint of the Week – St Henry (July 13)



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.

No Holy Mass

Please be informed that there will be no celebration of the Holy Mass on these days next week:

Monday, 13th July

7:00am: Holy Mass
5:30pm: Eucharistic Service and Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, 14th July

7:00am: Eucharistic Service and Liturgy of the Word
5:30pm: No Eucharistic Service, No Mass

Wednesday, 15th July

7:00am: Eucharistic Service & Liturgy of the Word
5:30pm: No Eucharistic Service, No Mass

Thursday, 16th July

7:00am: Eucharistic Service and Liturgy of the Word
5:30pm: Holy Mass

Minor Liturgical Improvements Begin

Please be advised that the improvements on our celebration of the Holy Mass, according to the rubrics of the Roman Rite, have already come into effect last weekend. **Commentators, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers** are again humbly reminded of the following improvements from the recent workshops re last week's bulletin.

1. The Commentator's role remains except there will be no more commentaries on the 1st, 2nd and Gospel readings.
2. The Prayers of the Faithful will be read from the pulpit by the 2nd Reader.
3. The Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will only come up after the priest has received Holy Communion.
4. A humble reminder that everyone is invited to take and drink from the chalice. The Church highly discourages *intinction* or dipping the consecrated hosts into the chalice.

Parish Notice Board

A humble reminder to please ask for permission from the Parish Priest before you place any posters, pamphlets or advertisement on the Parish Notice Board or on the tables. Thank you.

In Him we were chosen.

Cleaning: 18 July Group 8

Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

Counters: 19 July 2015

Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,256.70 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 1,958.15 (for the parish)

Special Collection \$ 354.50 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator	Theme	Date & Venue
Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)	'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership	18 July at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm

'The Joy of the Gospel' Parish Workshop



A reminder to all religious and all parishioners that that Fr Noel Connolly SSC will be conducting a workshop on Pope Francis '*The Joy of the Gospel*' next Saturday 18th July at *St Francis' Pastoral Centre, Alice Springs, from 9-3:30pm*. Fr Noel Connolly is a Columban missionary priest. He presently is head of Mission Studies at the Columban Mission Institute, the Broken Bay Institute and the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Besides mission theology, his major interest is in growing our increasingly multicultural Australian Church. He has worked with numerous Dioceses to help welcome and enable overseas priests and religious.

Light Lunch will be prepared by the parish. Please bring someone along. Donations only.

Did you know?

- Jews often had to pass through pagan territory which surrounded their own lands. The gesture of shaking the dust from their sandals was a common one when Jews passed from pagan lands into the lands of Israel.
- The word 'apostle' comes from the Greek word for being sent out.
- Some Christian sects and denominations take this text as the reason they send out people in pairs in missionary activity to spread the gospel.
- The instruction to the disciples to take only sandals and a staff symbolises their complete dependence. Jesus is to be their bread, their clothing, their wealth.

I can do ALL things through

CHRIST

Who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Roster for weekend of 18-19 July 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Ruth Sexton	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Marie Berryman	Mike Steller Rita Steller John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Josephat Odhiambo Elisha Odhiambo	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Denise Simon Andrzejs Skrzypiec	Sammy Nobleza Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11th - 12th July 2015

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading:

Amos 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 84:9-14

R/ Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance, and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest wherein to place her young, near buy your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise