

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

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, 6 months' notice required.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B 6th - 7th June 2015

Catholicism means Giving

Recently I noticed how a parishioner entered the Church. She entered quietly and reverently. She genuflected and blessed herself with holy water. She felt at home right away and went to sit in the last pew perhaps to let the whole space have its impact on her. In less than few minutes she was completely absorbed in prayer. Now and then she would open her eyes to take in the magnificent space and the shifting play of light on the coloured windows. Maybe at this moment she was feeling grateful for the many hours of labour and sacrifice to build this space of worship, OLSH Church. After a while she sat right upfront maybe to catch the impression of the church from another angle or to get closer to the Most Blessed Sacrament. There was also a sense of restlessness in her and yet something profound was taking place in the ocean depth of her life.

I believe this is an image of us, people who believe. We know that we can never understand the richness of the Eucharist from one single angle only. There are so many facets to this Mystery that one single aspect can never cover the whole reality. Key aspects of the Eucharist are that it is a meal; it is a sacrifice; it is a Presence. On this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ we think especially of the love of the Lord, who wants to stay among us under the forms of bread and wine. He is there our God-with-us, our Immanuel. He shares with us the bread of cares and tears and the wine of joy and gladness.

Mother Teresa once shared a story how a Hindu was asked: "What is Christianity?". He replied "Christianity means giving." Indeed, this one word expresses the whole essence of Christianity in all its depth. Christianity consists in giving. God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son. Jesus himself gave us everything; his word, his example, his Mother, his Spirit. But on the eve of his suffering and death his love went all the way. In the gifts of bread and wine he gave himself to us as the ever-present on in our midst.

Many years ago I attended to a young mother in her early thirties as she was dying. She had I think three children and here she was dying of cancer. Her children were beside her. After a period a struggle she had become resigned to the fact. Finally she had accepted that she would die. There was only on thing she had a hard time to accept. Even in the hour of her death she kept saying: "My dear children, I would like to stay with them. My little one needs me so much." "I would like to stay with them" - this is Corpus Christi for us.

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Evangelii Gaudium

"Small yet strong in the love of God, like St Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples."

Par.216 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

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

Bon Voyage and Thank You!

On behalf of the Parish we sincerely thank two Missionaries of Charity namely, Sr M. Chiara MC and Sr M. Anthony MC for their kind dedication, sacrifice and love for the 'Lazaruses' at our OLSH Church door step – the Arrenrte Aboriginal Christians.

Both sisters will be leaving us for good to take up new ministries elsewhere within the MC province. Go well sisters and thank you from all of us.

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged, 9 Percy Court

You might not have known but there is a Home for the Aged which caters for older Indigenous people providing residential care particularly to those suffering from disabilities and chronic health problems. The Home is managed by the Australian Regional and Remote Community Services (ARRCS).

Please make time to visit them. OLSH Parish will reach out to them **every 2nd Friday of every month at 10:30am**. You're welcome to come along and bring a smile to the elderly custodians of this land.

Some thoughts from Celia Dean-Drummond, Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame about Pope Francis' soon to be released Encyclical on the Environment:

“The source of authority for Pope Francis will be that based on both a reflection on Scripture, prior statements of the Magisterium- especially, I suggest, those inspired by Pope (now Saint) John Paul 11 and to a more limited extent his predecessor- the Franciscan tradition that sees all creation as gift, and his own experiences as one who has been formed in the context of Latin America. He will want to appeal to the heart and not just the head, since the issues that face human beings in this millennium are those that require a passionate response. So while he is unlikely to write in a way that is as philosophically sophisticated as we would expect from Benedict XVI, what we can expect is a document that is ethically challenging in its call to care for people and planet, provocative in its call to take climate change seriously, and deeply theological – perhaps even mystical- in its emphasis.”

Cleaning: 13 June Group 3

Lyn & Fred Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

Counters: 14 June 2015

Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

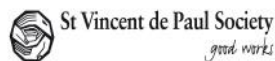
Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,510.15 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,167.25 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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



BLUE BUCKET WINTER APPEAL 13/14 June

Please give generously to this annual appeal. All donations will be converted to food vouchers, purchase of blankets and non-perishable food. Thank you in anticipation.

Ecumenical Fellowship – Billy Graham Crusades

Founded by Billy Graham in 1950, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by every effective means and to equip others to do the same. Since Billy Graham's historic 1959 crusades, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has been committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Central Australia in 2016.

We are encouraged to see much fruit from our evangelism outreaches in Australia and overseas and so we are now launching our Come Together evangelism initiative for regional Australia. All Christian Churches in town including OLSH Parish have supported the possibility of holding an evangelism outreach right here in Alice Springs.

If you are willing to help out and share your ideas, you are invited to a free Breakfast at Ibis Styles, Gap Rd, Alice Springs on **Thursday June 18th at 6:30 for a 6:45 commencement**.

Please RSVP to jamesbortoli@hotmail.com or 0400779905 by Saturday 13th June for catering purposes.

Nungalinya College, Alice Springs Campus, Official Launch

Nungalinya College is an Adult Education College for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Provided by the Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Churches, it is also supported by other churches as well as Aboriginal and Islander communities.

The three main Christian Churches in town are officially launching the Nungalinya College, Alice Springs Campus at **40 south Terrace, our Church property, on the 29th June 2015 at 2:00pm**. The theological/scriptural course on 'The Story of the People Israel' will run for four full days and geared towards Indigenous Christian Leadership.

You are invited to attend and help support this mission project.

Roster for weekend of 13-14 June 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Walter Litvensky Patricia Litvensky	Leanne Dieckmann Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Marie Berryman	Mike Steller Greg Gilbert Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	BroTony Caddy	Elisha Odhiambo Josephat Odhiambo	Mark Bensted Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Andrzej Skrzypiec Denise Simon	Mel Buenviaje Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B

6th - 7th June 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock

First Reading:

Exodus 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you .

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 115:12-13,15-18

R/ I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

Second Reading:

Hebrews 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.