



# 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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## 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 Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

## Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

## 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 Mikweken 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.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”



“Jesus does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living”,

**Pope Francis, The Face of Mercy**230. #9. Question: How have you contemplated God’s mercy in your lifestyle?

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## Commitment and Freedom

Today’s Gospel reading challenges us as the followers of Christ. We are invited today to commit ourselves to follow Christ, and through the following, gain freedom. It is interesting to notice that the term ‘freedom’ and ‘commitment’ seem opposite to each other. In a first glimpse, they are! But if we reflect upon them and give time for these words to absorb in our inner being, they do complement each other. Let us see how it works.

Jesus, in today’s Gospel, is approached by few people who wanted to follow him, but they had few conditions. Jesus accepts them and also their conditions, but asks them to give up. Give up their securities, give up their plans, give up their wants so that they are totally free to follow Him. Once they are ‘free’ to follow Jesus, then comes the ‘commitment’ to follow Jesus. This commitment is the fruit of the freedom they have experienced by giving up on all those things that had bound them earlier.

Jesus himself was totally free for he had given up all the earthly dependencies (“foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head”). He knew his mission very well and also was committed to this mission. He could do it only when he was free of all that bound him. This is also called radical dependency: the complete dependency on God. And once we attain this dependency on God we can let go of all that holds us bound. And when we let go of all that binds us, we can follow Jesus and when we begin to follow Jesus, we can commit to this following.

St Paul in today’s second reading tells us the same. We are freed by Christ. We are freed by the Son of God. When we are freed by the Son of God, what is it that holds us bound?

Let us also be aware that the freedom doesn’t mean I have no responsibility or do as I want to do or break the laws or harm others or indulge in self gratification. Freedom is giving up on all that holds me and reach out to all those who need me. We can see this in the life of Mother Theresa, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Maximilian Kolbe, and many more who were free in their life and had committed their life or Christ.

We are called to be free, dear friends, of all that keeps us bound. Today let us pledge our life to Christ and Christ will guide us. We can become human by being free and committed followers of Christ.

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

*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.*

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### Daily Readings: starting 27 June 2016

**Mon:** Amos 2:6-10,13-16 Mt 8:18-22  
**Tues:** Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Mt 8:23-27  
**Wed:** Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19  
**Thur:** Amos 7:10-17 Mt 9:1-8  
**Fri:** Amos 8:4-6,9-12 Mt 9:9-13  
**Sat:** Amos 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17  
**Sun:** Is 66:10-14  
Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12,17-20

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Gerald Laverty, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan and Claire Lorkin

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

### School Holidays and Children's Sunday School

We wish our children, students, teachers, admin workers and parents all the very best of good health and rest during these school holidays. Take good care of yourself. Have fun and a blast! Since it is school holidays there will be no Children's Sunday School for three weekends starting this Sunday.

### Children's Check & Professional Standards

Just a humble reminder that if you are volunteering in any parish activity in the name of OLSH Parish with children around you, or there is potential for children's interaction, you will need an Ochre Card. This is compulsory. Please inform the parish your Ochre number and expiry date. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Devotional Practices:

#### Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

#### Saint Joseph's 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

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

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

#### Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

#### Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

### AMORIS LAETITIA

Pope Francis is inviting all families, mums, dads, newly married couples, expectant mothers, young people in love, in-laws and for those engaged in the family apostolate to read, pray and ponder on his latest post-synodal document, **The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia**. **"It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for families are not a problem; they are the first and foremost an opportunity"**, Pope Francis. Here are 9 things to know about Pope Francis ground-breaking document:

**1. The church needs to understand families and individuals in all their complexity. The church needs to meet people where they are. "Thinking that everything is black and white" is to be avoided (305). And the church cannot apply moral laws as if they were "stones to throw at people's lives" (305).**

**2. "Individual conscience needs to be better incorporated into the church's practice in certain situations which do not objectively embody our understanding of marriage" (303). The church has been "called to form consciences, not to replace them" (37). Pastors, therefore, need to help people not simply follow rules, but to practice "discernment," a word that implies prayerful decision making (304).**

**3. Divorced and remarried Catholics need to be more fully integrated into the church. Divorced and remarried couples should be made to feel part of the church. "They are not excommunicated and should not be treated as such, since they remain part" of the church (243).**

**4. We should no longer talk about people "living in sin." "It can no longer simply be said that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin" (301) When it comes to these people, indeed everyone, the church need to stop applying moral laws, as if they were, in the pope's vivid phrase, "stones to throw at a person's life" (305).**

**5. "Each country or region...can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs" (3).**

**6. Traditional teachings on marriage are affirmed, but the church should not burden people with unrealistic expectations. Marriage is between one man and one woman and is indissoluble; and same-sex marriage is not considered marriage.**

**7. Children must be educated in sex and sexuality. In a culture that often commodifies and cheapens sexual expression, children need to understand sex within the "broader framework of an education for love and mutual self-giving" (280).**

**8. Gay men and women should be respected. While same-sex marriage is not permitted, the pope says that he wants to reaffirm "before all else" that the homosexual person needs to be "respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, and 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression or violence." (250).**

**9. All are welcome. The church must help families of every sort, and people in every state of life, know that, even in their imperfections, they are loved by God and can help others experience that love. The family is an absolutely essential part of the church, because after all, the church is a "family of families" (80).**

### Parish Priests' Movements

Fr Raass will depart this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June for a spiritual pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece with 22 other Catholic Teachers in the Diocese of Darwin. Fr Prakash will Acting PP until the 16<sup>th</sup> July. Fr Oliver will be away in Darwin from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July with three Aboriginal elders for the Aboriginal Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting. Fr Prakash will drive to Darwin on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June with three young people from our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs for the Breakaway Camp organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry. They will return next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. So there will be NO EVENING MASS on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### 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.

### NAIDOC AND NATSICC, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

The NAIDOC and NATSICC Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass in the big church. There will be no Holy Mass at 40 south terrace. A BBQ will follow after the Mass with our Catholic Arrernte mob. We invite all parishioners to also bring some light lunch or cakes to share with everyone. It will be a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

### OLSH Parish Vision and Mission Planning, 2016-2020.

After three solid weekends of deliberations, brainstorming and prayer, the Parish Pastoral Council has unanimously consented to *propose* to all parishioners our **OLSH Parish Vision until 2020**. There was a great sense of excitement as councillors agreed to propose it to you:

***OLSH Parish in Central Australia, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' Dream to bring justice, compassion and love to all of creation.***

Please bear in mind this is a proposal to the parish body. We ask you to pray, reflect and discuss it until such a time when we'll invite responses, objections and comments. In the meantime the PPC, as appointed leaders of the parish, will resume its work on our Mission Objectives in the light of the proposed vision, Pope Francis' universal pastoral projects and our Diocesan plans.

### Bible Society at OLSH Parish

This Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June a representative from the Bible Society Australia will speak at the 5:30pm Mass in areas of **translation, publishing, distributing and engaging people with the Bible**. The Bible Society will also be distributing pamphlets after the Mass.

### HUG-help us grow

'HUG - Help Us Grow' is an Australian-based not-for-profit organization which works to implement and support sustainable community projects in the beautiful rural villages of Uganda in East Africa. Log onto: [www.hug.org.au](http://www.hug.org.au) Two volunteers, namely Sue & Terry O'Brien will be selling a recipe book full of delicious NO BAKE SLICES at \$10 each after the 9:30am Mass. All the money goes to establishing a Secondary & Vocational school in a small village in Uganda. Please help.

### **Cleaning: 2 July 2016 Group 3**

Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

### **Counters: 3 July 2016**

Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

### **Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,382.90 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 1,107.10 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$ 855.05

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

### Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

Workshops: **Exploring the Six Chapters of Laudato Si'**,

**Venue: JP2 Hall**

**Mondays only, next session, 20<sup>th</sup> June from 6:30pm-8:00pm.** Mr Chris Hawke as Facilitator. Topics to be covered: What is happening to our common Home? The Gospel of Creation; The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis; Integral Ecology; Lines of Approach and Action; Ecological Education and Spirituality. This is an initiative of our Social Justice Awareness Group.

Workshop: **Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 4:30pm – 6:15pm** (for Parish Council and Finance Team only), Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earthcare Australia.

Contemplative Input: **Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care:**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 7:00pm – 8:15pm** (for all parishioners & other churches) Venue: OLSH Church. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earth-Care Australia

Talk, Lunch, Q&A: **Amoris Laetitia & Synod on the Families:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 12:30pm – 2:30pm (for all leaders/coordinators of all parish support groups & their families, Parish Pastoral Council and their families. Other parishioners invited too. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Bishop Eugene Hurley DD, Bishop of Darwin (Please RSVP presbytery).

Workshop: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm**. By Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (Donations only).

### **Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)**

By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of Center Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane. Venue and Costs: TBA

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA Journey usually begins at this time of the year, and so if anyone from another Christian Community, or anyone who isn't a Christian, is interested in becoming a Catholic Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM, the OLSH Parish RCIA Director, can be contacted on 0448856323. Parishioners, if you know of someone who would be interested in becoming a Candidate (that is, they are already baptized in another Christian Denomination) or a Catechumen (seeking baptism), kindly introduce them to this opportunity.

### **Roster for weekend of 2 - 3 July 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Pat Litvensky Walter Litvensky	M Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Pat Gallagher	P Rademaker Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Debbie Cooke	Virginia Loy Anthony Hay	Bro. M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Jenny Dietrich Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives



**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**25th –26th June 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Ps 46:2

**First Reading:**

Kg 19:16. 19-21

*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came to Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11

R/ You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Second Reading:**

Gal 5:1,13-18

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 9:51-62

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, bless his holy name.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

Mondays from 6:30pm-8:00pm  
(to begin on 6th June 2016 on *Laudato Si'*)

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &  
on these Sundays: 3rd July, 21st Aug, 9th Oct,  
27th Nov, 2016 and 15th Jan 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

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-  
7:00pm

**Telephone Tree Ministry**

Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

**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** Last Sunday  
of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

*Is God calling you to any of the above  
ministries and more? Call the presbytery  
and participate in God's Mission.*

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