



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

“All that has been said so far would be in-sufficient to express the Gospel of marriage and the family, were we not also to speak of love. For we cannot encourage a path of fidelity and mutual self-giving without encouraging the growth, strengthening and deepening of conjugal and family love. Indeed, the grace of the sacrament of marriage is intended before all else “to perfect the couple’s love”. Here too we can say that, “even if I have faith so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing” (1 Cor 13:2-3). The word “love”, however, is commonly used and often misused. *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.4#89. Question: What is your understanding of true Christian love?

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
23rd – 24th September 2017

Parish Priest:

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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm

Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm,

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Bishops call for an inclusive and sustainable economy

Media Release

Australians are called to work for an economy that is based on principles of justice and equity – one that is at the service of all, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalised, says the Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen.

Bishop Long was speaking at the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2017–2018 Social Justice Statement, entitled *Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy*.

The Bishops point out that although Australia has enjoyed a quarter-century of uninterrupted growth, the benefits have not been spread evenly. The top 20 per cent of households have received far greater increases in wealth than the poorest 20 per cent and nearly three million Australians, including 730,000 children, are living in poverty.

The Bishops point to four major examples of economic injustice and inequity today.

Growing numbers of Australians are in insecure, ill-paid work, and some live below the poverty line even though they are employed. Those on welfare are also likely to be in poverty and face greater bureaucratic hurdles. Australia's housing crisis has terrible effects on those on welfare, low-paid workers, asylum seekers and older renters, especially women. And Indigenous Australians are disadvantaged in health, education, employment and income, while they are grossly overrepresented in our prisons.

Drawing on the teachings of the Gospel and more than 120 years of Catholic social teaching, the Statement sets out five principles that could form the foundations of a just and inclusive economy:

- People and nature are not mere tools of production.
- Economic growth alone cannot ensure inclusive and sustainable development.
- Social equity must be built into the heart of the economy.
- Businesses must benefit all society, not just shareholders.
- The excluded and vulnerable must be included in decision-making.

The Bishops call for a new approach to the economy that prevents exclusion from the outset and builds justice into the very foundation of our society.

They echo the words of Pope Francis, who calls us to be ‘an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society’.

The 2017-2018 Social Justice Statement can be downloaded from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

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 25 September 2017

Mon: Ezra 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18
Tues: Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20 Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Ezra 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6
Thu: Haggai 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Dan 7:9-10,13-14 Jn 1:47-51
Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15 Lk 9:43-45
Sun: Ezek 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Fr Paul Makovitch, Marie Liedwinger, Eric Robinson, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, AneTobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Eddie Javernik, Lenie & Will Arthur

May the Lord grant them healing

Recent Death: Rosemary Francois

Death Anniversary: Rita Gorham, 7 October

May their souls rest in eternal peace

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Contact: Ruth Sexton on 0487 860 283

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am



Postal Survey on Same-Sex Marriage: 12th September -

7th November 2017

From Bishop Eugene Hurley

“As has been made clear by the Bishops of Australia, our faith demands that we treat every person as a precious creation of God. This alone entitles every person to respect, reverence and justice. Our faith demands further that we obey the command of Jesus Christ, ‘to love one another.’

Having said that, it is clear from history and the teaching of the church, that marriage is essentially a relationship between a man and a woman. It is a natural social construct. As we know “Grace builds upon nature” and so for the church, marriage is also a sacrament”

“By voting NO, we are in no way being disrespectful to anyone, but simply stating a truth that marriage is between a man and a woman”.



Pope Francis in his ‘The Joy of Love’ says, “*We need to acknowledge the great variety of family situations that can offer a certain stability, but de facto or same-sex unions, for example, may not simply be equated with marriage. No union that is temporary or closed to the transmission of life can ensure the future of society.*” [Par.52.]

BISHOPS’ STATEMENTS ON MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE

This is the ACBC site <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>
Arch diocese of Sydney <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/marriageinfo/>
Coalition for Marriage <https://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au>

Social Justice Sunday: TEN STEPS TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

1. REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL
2. BECOME INFORMED ABOUT ‘ECONOMIC EXCLUSION’
3. IDENTIFY THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE EXCLUSION
4. JOIN THE WORK OF COMBATING POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS
5. STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE FIRST PEOPLES OF AUSTRALIA
6. END POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION
7. INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES, GLOBAL CITIZENS: YOU, ME, US
8. CALL FOR CHANGE AS A MATTER OF FAITH
9. GET ACTIVE
10. LET US PRAY

Please take a copy of the Bishop’s Statement and the 10-Practical Steps from the back of the Church. Read, Reflect and Act!

Feast of the Week

Friday, 29 September: *Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael*, archangels

Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to Holy Land & Italy, October 2018

So far a good number of parishioners have expressed a strong interest in participating and have submitted their names. There is still time for you to think & pray about it. Please see notice board for more information.

WELCOME!

To DOMINIC REUBEN JONES, son of Jeremy and Tanya Jones, who will be baptized on 24 September at the 5:30pm Mass.

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.

Important Parish Dates, September & October

Social Justice Sunday	Sunday 24 th September
Annual Police Remembrance Day, OLSH Church	Friday 29 th September, 10:00am
ITECA (Indigenous Bible Workshop)	2 nd – 6 th October
St Francis Feast Day Commitment Mass	Sunday 8 th Oct
Parish-Wide Children's Choir Starts	9:30am Mass, 8 th October
Clergy Retreat in Darwin (NO Mass but Liturgy of the Word)	15 th Oct – 21 st Oct



Parish Assembly 2017

All parishioners and parish pastoral service groups are invited to attend this OLSH Parish Assembly on **Saturday 4th November**.

WHAT IS A PARISH ASSEMBLY:

OLSH Parish is in exciting times of renewal and revival, and now, more than ever the world needs the Church for its vision, its communities, and its leadership. While our parish thrives now, it may not always be this way if new leaders, practitioners and visionaries do not rise up to meet the needs of the families at the Red Centre so sorely in need of a message of love and conversion.

This year, I am calling all parishioners from all walks of life to bring to the discussion table ideas for leadership and spiritual renewal, to aid our ministries in equipping and grooming leaders that will see this parish continue to grow and serve the community around us. Come and be a part of this discussion and help to shape the future of our parish and home. Please mark the date on your diary.

Fr Raass, PP.

Former Marist House Renovation (Stage 1)

The NT Heritage Program has granted \$30k for the physical renovation of the former Marist House residence. AL's Plumbing, Alice Springs, has been contracted to start soon at 10 Hartley Street. The work includes:

1. Removal of soil in back & front-yards to lower ground level;
2. Upgrade all down-pipes, fascia guttering, repair timber fascia timber, paint, remove old tree trunks, and install new water-tanks, cracker dust, Etc.

We thank the Finance & Works team for their ongoing ministry.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

After weekly Inquiry Gatherings, **Douglas Baillie** and **Peter Martin** express their readiness for the next stage of the RCIA Journey.

This is scheduled for the 6:00pm Vigil Mass, 23 September, when the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens* is planned to occur.

Each has a particular member of the OLSH community to be their Sponsor during these months of preparation.

All parishioners are invited to support these new members by your prayers and faith witness. Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly during the refreshments following this 6:00pm Vigil Mass.

- Helen Kennedy fmm

Next Spirituality in the Pub

Venue: Todd Tavern
Date: Friday, 27 October
Time: 6:30pm
Speaker: Mike Bowden
Theme: (tba, next week)



Parish-Wide Children's Choir

Who: Interested Children & Parents/Carers for Assistance
What: Weekly Singing Practice
When: Every Tuesday at 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Where: OLSH Parish JP2 Hall
Why: To form a Parish-wide Children's Choir and sing once a month at the 9:30am Mass



The **MASS** consists in some sense of two parts, namely the **Liturgy of the Word** and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed.

- GIRM 28

***Only in silence can the word of God
find a home in us.***

Cleaning: September 30, 2017 **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell

Counters: October 01, 2017
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,207.00 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$703.65 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$900.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

Roster for weekend of 30 Sept - 01 Oct 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	M Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Jenny Montefiore	Kath McGargill Jo Molin	Rita Steller John Lillecrapp Mike Steller
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br M Green
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Emil Tabbada Aileen Batimana	Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza Debbie Cooke

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
30th September - 01st October 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his ways, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 144:2-3.8-9.17-18

R/ The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:20-24.27

For me to live is Christ

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: "Now the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage". So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too". In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first". So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous? Thus the last will be first, and the first last"

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sunday: 5th November 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 10:30am-11:30am

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)

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

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 the main Church.

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more? Call the presbytery and participate 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