

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
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Parish Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
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Resident Priests:

Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
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Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

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Sr. Mary Bennett RSM

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

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Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Mr Fred Twohig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 15th - 16th August 2015

If You Can Sing, You Can Sing

One line in St Paul's letter to the Ephesians leapt out of me "**when you are together, go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts**" can strike many as pretty silly. How many times have we felt embarrassed or shy to pray and sing spiritual songs in public? Are we afraid of the sort of reaction that can prevent us from ever speaking and sharing the Good News at all? How many times have we told ourselves, "*This is not the time nor place for any of that religious stuff?*"

Even if we OLSH parishioners don't dance down the street, even if the Word we bring is spoken, not sung, sometimes the reaction is, "That is not how real life is! You're ridiculous!".

Speaking, singing, dancing and celebrating the Good News require practice. We don't need lessons in oratory, though; we need practice in living our beliefs. Then when we sing and dance our faith, it will ring true – and not appear as empty show. It takes practice in sensitivity too, the kind of sensitivity which Jesus had. He understood people's readiness for faith. He had compassion which allowed people to grieve and express human emotions. He understood that timing could mean the difference between turning someone off for good – and healing or converting them to a better life.

Whether the Good News makes sense depends on two things: how deeply you are involved in the story of Jesus, and with whom you are sharing the experience. Indeed, if we speak our Catholic faith we run the risk of being laughed at as irrelevant, but we also open the possibility of giving others the courage to speak their faith and hopefully redeem their lives.

"The Sound of Music" is a more "religious example. When the Mother Superior began singing "Climb Every Mountain" it could easily be dismissed as "out of character" for a Mother Superior, and silly. Yet, those who felt the emotions of the story and identified with the characters took the song very seriously. In the Maria's confusion (the younger nun struggling with her vocation), what else was there to say? And could it have been said more beautifully?

If you feel like singing and dancing and run the risk of dancing off alone, don't forget that each of us has a partner. They call him "The Lord of the Dance".

My sincere congratulations to all the First Communicants. May the Living Bread and Real Drink bring you and your family the fullness of eternal life. Sing, dance and celebrate the spirit of the risen Lord in your hearts.

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

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

"Protect clean, safe drinking water and don't privatise it with market-based fees for the poor." Paras 27-29, 164

- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Daily Readings: starting 17 August

Mon: Judges 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Judges 6:11-24 Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Judges 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16
Thur: Judges 11:29-39 Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22 Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12
Sun: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly
and those who are sick

Death Anniversaries:

Lourdes Colon (August 15)
Estrella Gomugda (August 15)

Their souls rest in eternal peace.

The "Sick List" will be updated at the end of each month. All existing names will be removed. 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. Asaeli Raass

CYAS (Catholic Youth of Alice Springs)

A reminder to all young people of the parish that the parish youth are now gathering every Friday from 6:30pm onwards at the presbytery courtyard.

Turn off your favourite show and come and enjoy an evening of fun, formation and prayer.

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
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

Legion of Mary
Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing
Wednesdays 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

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

OLSH Parish will celebrate the First Communion of 37 Communicants this Sunday 16th August at the 9:30am Mass. All parents, godparents, catechists and parishioners are invited to attend and celebrate this wonderful day. Arrive early next Sunday from 8:45am – 9:00am.

Photographers will not be allowed onto the sanctuary except the designated person from OLSH College. Morning tea served at the Bath Street hall after the Mass. All invited.



His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana

OLSH Parish is delighted to host the upcoming official visit of His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana to Central Australia. His Excellency is the new Apostolic Nuncio to Australia appointed by Pope Francis. We have confirmation that **His Excellency will be celebrating the Holy Mass at OLSH Church on Tuesday 25th August at 6:00pm**. All parishioners are invited to participate at this Mass followed by a

prepared banquet at Bath Street Hall. The Parish Council and Hospitality Committee have started selling tickets for this special banquet at \$10 per adult and \$5 per child for food preparation. Tickets will be sold again this weekend at the back of the Church after every Mass. The Hospitality Committee is requesting for volunteers to help set up the tables, clean up and serve on the day itself. Please sign your name at the back of the church.

Apostolic Nuncio To Meet With Clergy and Religious

His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana desires to meet with all clergy and religious working in Central Australia on Sunday 23rd August for an informal dinner at the Presbytery Courtyard. All religious orders are invited and please bring a plate.

2015 Catholic Mission/Propagation of the Faith Appeal, Sunday 16th August

This year's appeal is inspired by the Gospel of St Matthew, *"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"*.

For your information, one-third of the funds collected on Mission Sunday and Propagation of the Faith is retained by Catholic Mission for distribution within Australia including the Diocese of Darwin. Special envelopes will be prepared as well as the blue buckets at the end of all Masses on Sunday 16th August 2015. Please come prepared.

"I am the Bread of Life."

Minor Improvements to Church Collection Procedures

In order to ensure that the collections and the Offertory procession are given their due respect, we are asking for families to consider taking on responsibility for this important aspect of our celebration at each Mass. This is seen as an opportunity for the younger members of our parish, or those not serving in other ministries, to become more involved. A 'family' may consist of mum, dad and the children, or simply be a group of friends who attend mass together. The only requirement is that there are four of you!

If your 'family' is interested, please add your name and contact details to list at the back of the church or contact the parish office via email. A gathering of interested families will be held soon. This is will be a family-based ministry and please inform other families to get involved.



Saint of the Week – [St John Eudes, priest](#) (August 19)



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.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Parish Pastoral Council Elections.

The PPC consists of the Parish Priest and his assistant clergy, a number of ex officio pastoral workers and 10 elected parishioners, for a term of 2 years. Some parishioners with special talents may be co-opted by the Parish Priest to assist the PPC in their endeavors.

The OLSH PPC's primary responsibility is to assist the Parish Priest in the Spiritual development of the Parish and to foster and support all Parish activities, including Finance and property.

Specific Ministries identified by the Parish Assembly some years ago are, Liturgy, Adult Faith Education, Youth, Indigenous Ministry, Social Justice Awareness, Hospitality and Work Health and Safety.

The time has arrived for 7 of the currently elected members to have their positions declared vacant and a new election to take place. You, the parishioners, are encouraged to recommend either yourselves or someone you think may be a suitable candidate. Please pray for a successful outcome to this very important part of our Parish community.

Nomination forms will be available next Sunday, at the end of each pew. Please complete the form and place in box at rear of Church or drop into Presbytery.

Nominations will remain open **until the 6th of September and voting will take place on the 19th and 20th of September.**



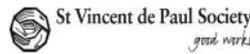
OLSH Parish Bible Sharing Begins

Come and be refreshed with God's Word through heartfelt sharing, spiritual encouragement and support with SVD

priests every **Wednesday from 6:15pm to 7:30pm at the presbytery beginning this week, Wednesday, 12th August.**

"I love opportunities to read, learn and reflect. Bible Sharing is a quiet, contemplative, peaceful time. Discussion was quite personal and thoughtful. What I learned was to be more centered and in tune with my thoughts. I invite all my colleagues that need time, once on a Wednesday, to come, listen and enjoy the sharing"

- Ruth Sexton, Bath Street Campus, 12th August 2015



VINNIES 50 YEARS in ALICE SPRINGS

The OLSH Parish is celebrating this milestone by commemorating the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 23 August to this service in the community. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

A special morning tea, after the Mass, with a photo display of the past 50 years will be held in the John Paul II court yard.

The Vinnies shop is having a \$1 sale on Saturday August 22 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Free sausage sizzle (11:00am-1:00pm); fun activities for the kids and birthday cake (12:30pm)

Please note that Holy Communion gifts can be purchased from Vinnies on 38 Railway Tce.

OLSH College Scholarships and Bursaries Fund

The College Scholarships and Bursaries Fund was commenced during 1998 and since then has provided many families with financial support. Four of these awards are on-going, and are provided by the College and the Catholic Education Office. Your donation is a valuable investment in our children's future. The following categories have been put in place if you wish to use them as a guide for your decision.

If you wish your donation remain confidential the funds will be allocated to a general tuition scholarship or bursary for worthy students. Please consider investing in a child's future and help some struggling families at OLSH College. The Scholarship Donation Form is available at the back of the Church.

23rd Annual Cross Of Redemption Over Australia

The National Marian prayer group Cross-Over Australia will visit OLSH parish again arriving on **Monday 17th August with a special Mass at 5:30pm.** All are welcome to join the group for Rosaries, Benediction, Exposition, Holy Mass & Blessings starting at 3:00pm at the presbytery Chapel.

Reception of Baptised Children into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church

Congratulations to Zoe Michelle Grierson and Isobel Kristy Grierson who were admitted into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church last weekend. Please continue to pray and support them in their young journey.

"He who eats my flesh and drink my blood shall have eternal life".

Roster for weekend of 22-23 August 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Ruth Sexton M McNaught	Rosse Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann AnneChivers
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Mike Steller Patricia Rademaker	Rita Steller John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Fred Twohig	Walter Litvensky Pat Monaghan	Beth Madden Margaret Lillecrapp Betti Knott
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Denise Simon Mike Williams	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Mel Buenviaje

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC DISABILITY COUNCIL

The ACDC will be celebrating a special Mass on **Friday 21st August at the 5:30pm Mass.** Bishop Terrance Brady will be the main celebrant under the theme of **"One Body in Christ Celebrating Ability"**. Please invite or make an effort to assist any parishioner with disability to this special Mass. A special dinner will take place in the courtyard. WELCOME.

Cleaning: 22 August **Group 5**
Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counters: 23 August 2015
Walter and Patricia Litvensky

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,515.35 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 2,516.70 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

15th- 16th August 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O Lord, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading:

Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33:2-3,10-15

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.