



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 Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

“The love of friendship unifies all aspects of marital life and helps family members to grow constantly. This love must be freely and generously expressed in words and acts. In the family, “three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: ‘Please’, ‘Thank you’, ‘Sorry’. Three essential words!”¹³² “In our families when we are not overbearing and ask: ‘May I?’; in our families when we are not selfish and can say: ‘Thank you!’; and in our families when some-one realizes that he or she did something wrong and is able to say ‘Sorry!’, our family experiences peace and joy”¹³³ Let us not be stingy about using these words, but keep repeating them, day after day. For “certain silences are oppressive, even at times within families, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, among siblings”¹³⁴ The right words, spoken at the right time, daily protect and nurture love. “Pope Francis, Ch.4#133, *Amoris Laetitia*.”

The Ascension of the Lord Year B & Happy Mother's Day 12th - 13th May 2018

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Tabadda

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 Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

GOD WAS WITH HIM

It is not easy for anyone to speak about the Lord's ascension in plain human terms. Our heads are full of images and we still tend to look skyward. But if someone asked you outright: What does faith in the ascension, the faith that Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father, mean to your concrete everyday life?

Today's Gospel formulates the answer to this difficult question in a very concise and simple way: "Going out, they preached everywhere; the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the signs that accompanied it" (Mark 16:20). This is a text that should disturb us. Is it too much to ask? Jesus asks no more nor less than to be what he was throughout his life. When Peter describes Jesus he summarizes everything as follows: "Because God was him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil." This is what filled his life. It is easy for us to understand this going about and doing good to people. We really do not know what to do with the devil. It is engrained somewhere in our psyche to make life difficult for another. Jesus healed people from this tendency. It is not said in what way he did this, but perhaps he did so by being good to everyone and by doing good on trusting in the good that is present in everyone. The Father provided him with the power to go about doing good and to liberate people from evil. Whenever we encounter on the road of life a person who is really good, we somehow infer that God or some divine power is near that person. Only through godlike persons we sense and experience something of God.

Repeatedly, Jesus told people that the old system of "eye for an eye and tooth for tooth" was not the best system. He also said that grab-what-you-can is not the highest form of wisdom. But he taught people to love each other and look after the poor especially. In doing so, Jesus disclosed his vision to people: about the kingdom of God and what it should look like on earth; forgiveness; of feeding the hungry and fighting for peace and justice. He also modelled the need to always withdraw to a lonely place to be with God. Jesus repeatedly mirrored himself in the image of his Dad, Abba Father and Our Father too. From this intimacy he drew the strength to do good and face many obstacles. If you dream and speak and act like Jesus, you have to face the consequences; you either go to pieces, you tire of it, you wear out, or you end up crucified. But even then God is still with you.

Happy Ascension & Mother's Day.

Fr Raass 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 14 May 2018

Mon: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn 15:9-17
Tues: Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11
Wed: Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11-19
Thu: Acts 22:30,23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13-21 Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Sun: Acts 2:1-11
Gal 5:16-25 Jn 15:26-27,16:12-15

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, 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, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lennie, Will Arthur, Zak V.

May the Lord grant them healing

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. 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; 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 -7:00pm

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays from 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

Multicultural Mass, PENTECOST, next Sunday



All nationalities of OLSH parish in Alice Springs are invited to participate in our Multicultural Mass on Pentecost Sunday at 9:30am. Sr Anne and the Liturgy Team are liaising with representatives from the various cultures and nationalities to take part in the liturgical celebrations. Then after Mass, we invite you to join us at the presbytery courtyard as we all gather to celebrate the diversity of our many nationalities. We invite everyone attending to contribute a dish/plate that represents your home country, to proudly wear your national dress and to participate in a display of cultural entertainment from your home country. Planning is already underway, so if you have any questions please contact Ruth, Losana, Hilda or Sr Anne.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is the faith journey by which an adult person is initiated into the Catholic Church, passing through a number of different phases, and focusing on the conversion of heart and mind to Christ. If you are seeking to become a Catholic or you know an interested person, a new group will be forming. For further information, please contact Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Directress on 0448856323. 'Candidates' are people who are already baptized in another Christian denomination; 'Catechumens' are people who have not been baptized in the Christian faith. All are warmly welcome to come and explore. The group meet regularly with the RCIA team and sponsors for discussion, reflection and prayer.

Confirmation Classes



Every year the presbytery staff manages a formation session for baptised adult Catholics who have received the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession except Confirmation. The class will begin early June. Please see Fr Raass. Other Catholic kids studying in public and non-Catholic schools, please see Dean Taberdo, Jenny Dietrich or Joyce Clifford ASAP for any sacramental preparation. Bishop Eugene will confirm all candidates on Sunday 12 August, 9:30am.

Lectors/Readers Preparation Hour



This is a humble reminder to all 6:30pm/7:30am/9:30am/11:00am & 5:30pm readers for the upcoming Sunday to please attend your lector's preparation & reflection with Sr Anne on Tuesdays at 6:10pm after the Mass. You owe it to the people of God to reflect well on what you will proclaim on Sundays.

May 13th, Mother's Day & Closing of Fatima Centenary



In Australia, on Sunday 13th May, Fatima Day, groups around the country will hold our own national Rosary day. An organising committee from Sydney, under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin, have been busy organising the event since November last year. Already many groups including OLSH Parish have registered on the Oz Rosary Facebook site to participate in the event. In Alice Springs, the Rosary will be held this Ascension Sunday 13th May at 3:00pm. Bring your whole family.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

-Tenneva Jordan

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!



The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.



NEXT SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

WELCOME OR EXCLUSION? Social Teaching on Gender, Race and Place.	Sr Robyn Reynolds OLSH BA (Hons), MA, PhD Yarra Theological Union Lecturer	Friday June 15th	Todd Tavern 6:30pm dinner/drinks for 7:00pm start
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Monday On-Going Adult Formation

Law & Freedom What's your attitude to law & freedom? Is there such a thing as interior law? Natural Law? Can someone initiate his/her own actions?	Fr Raass SVD	JP2 Hall Monday May 21 st , 7-9pm
Ignatian (St Ignatius of Loyola) Discernment and Decision-Making "How do I know what God wants me to do?"	Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	Mondays, June 11 th , 18 th & 25 th June

PLANNED GIVING



A big thank you to all parishioners who continue to give their talents, treasures, and time for the parish. A special thank you to those who prefer to contribute to the parish planned giving program via envelopes or direct bank deductions. It will ensure that Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish will be here for all parishioners week in and week out, offering pastoral care and spiritual inspiration. May God's grace and mercy fill your life and rest assured of our prayers for your family.

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New Readers Workshop

There is a New Readers workshop for anyone who would like to become a reader at our masses. It will be on this Tuesday evening at 6.45 in the church.

Readers Preparation is on for readers at 6.15 in the church on Tuesday evening

Cleaning: May 19, 2018 **Group 5**
 Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counters: May 20, 2018
 Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1296.85 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$804.10 (for the parish)
 Planned Giving: \$910.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

MONDAY ON-GOING ADULT FORMATION



At OLSH Parish, our Adult Faith Formation Ministry is concerned with the ongoing learning of all adult parishioners. We try to offer friendly and enlightening topics for those who seek to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith (see above program).

“Adults are called to a full and personal living out of the liturgy in the secular world. We cannot give to the world what we do not have in our hearts; we cannot bear witness to what we do not understand, or even know. We cannot raise our children in a faith we do not understand and love. We need to know the faith, growing in that wisdom for the rest of our lives”, JP2

GOLDEN JUBILEE PARISH SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE
21-Days

The doors are still open to parishioners wanting to join this spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy this October 2018. Booking forms are available in the Parish Office. \$1000 booking deposit is needed to secure booking. Don't miss this genuine experience and an opportunity for renewal.

Roster for weekend of 19 – 20 May 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith Helena Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Kath Mcgargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	Mike Steller John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Tony Hay David Genetti	Cristy Genetti Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Br Dean Taberdo	Pane Komene Debbie Cooke	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza

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Entrance Antiphon:

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 46:2-3,6-9

R/ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: In my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it. The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Mt:28-20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation
Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this
Sunday: July 01, 2018

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

Parish Children's Choir
Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal
every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

Children's Sunday School
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries
Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-
7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings
1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs
(Re-structuring)

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.

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice
board.

*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*

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