



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

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priest:

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Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

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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 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.

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.

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?

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
2nd - 3rd July 2016

Called and sent

In today's Gospel reading we hear the fascinating story of Jesus sending out seventy two people to the places where he himself intended to go. Jesus gives them some instructions regarding what they can do and what they cannot. One instruction that inspired me was “don't move from house to house.” This instruction speaks about being stable in one's life.

Jesus was a radical person and also was radically dependent on God (Father). He did not own things (as we heard in last week's Gospel, for “the Son of Man has no place to lay his head”), and he wants his disciples to also own as little as possible so that their focus is on spreading the Reign of God as Jesus himself did. Jesus had a single minded focus on realising the reign of God here and now and he worked towards it wholeheartedly.

When Jesus says, “don't move from house to house” he talks about the stability of one's focus on spreading the reign of God. If the disciple is busy seeking his/her own comfort and keeps moving from place to place, he/she will lose their focus on their work of spreading God's reign. He/she will move away from their basic call. He/she will be busy seeking worldly comfort than the realisation of God's reign. That is why Jesus emphasises on being stable at one place.

Secondly, it also means that one is able to develop friendship and possibly a relationship with the people of that house. If the disciple keeps moving from house to house, he/she will miss out on the opportunity to develop the relationship. As the residents of Central Australia, we all know how crucial it is to develop our relationship with our neighbours. These relationships help us build a better society, as opposed to being anonymous.

Dear friends in Christ Jesus, let us take this message from Jesus today and work towards building our relationship with one another and focus on spreading the reign of God here and now. The call is clear and straight forward. We are the Disciples of Christ and we have a responsibility to work for the reign of God. So let us not lose our focus by worrying too much of our own comfort, rather, let us depend on God as Jesus did and work towards building a better world filled with God's love. Then we also will be felicitated by Jesus, when he says, “rejoice ... for your names are written in heaven.”

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 4 July 2016

Mon: Hosea 2:16-18,21-22 Mt 9:18-26
Tues: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13 Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12 Mt 10:1-7
Thur: Hosea 11:1-4,8-9 Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Hosea 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33
Sun: Deut 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Sr Bertha Brown FMM, 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

Good News for Readers in the Liturgy:

The Parish copies of 'Break Open the Word' have arrived and are available for borrowing from the Priest's Sacristy. Feel free to borrow a copy in preparation for reading the week you are on the roster. Simply return the book on the day you read so that they are available for the next set of rostered readers.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

At the end of the distribution of Communion during the celebration of Eucharist, the extraordinary ministers now take the sacred vessels to a specially prepared area in the Sacristy to purify and clean them in preparation for the next liturgy. The ministers do this reverently and in silence. Once the sacred vessels are purified, the ministers move quietly to the usual place for the concluding rites of the liturgy. The purifying of the vessels is very important to do but it is not a feature of the liturgy and therefore does not need to be visible to the congregation.

Ann Surtees, Parish Liturgy Co-ordinator

Information on Fr Raass and the Teachers

As we are aware that Fr Raass, our Parish Priest, and the teachers from CEO are on a pilgrimage in Greece and Turkey. They are safe and are doing well as they did not have to travel to Istanbul on the day of the bomb blast in the Istanbul International Airport. Message from Fr Raass, "The CEO pilgrims are all okay. We are on transit to Greece from Qatar as I write. Please pray for the recent victims at Istanbul and we appreciate the prayers from the Diocese. We are due for Istanbul in three weeks' time. God wills!!!"

We pray for their safe travel and remember all the victims of the attack.

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.

CHILDREN

Before reading the Gospel, explain to the children that the disciples were learning from Jesus how to go about the task of spreading the Good News of God's love and peace. Read the Gospel and lead the children to understand that this was a new job for the disciples and Jesus was teaching them what to do and what to take with them on the road. Invite the children to recall what the disciples had to do when they entered the houses they visited. What did Jesus ask them not to take with them as they travelled? Jesus was teaching the disciples that they did not have to worry about material things too much but to spread the Good News. We can do this too, just by the way we live our own lives. We don't need to have lots of money or own lots of things to bring God's love and peace to others.

Parish Priests' Movements

Fr Prakash, along with three of the youth members of CYAS is in Darwin for the Breakaway Retreat. He will be back in the Parish on Tuesday, 5th July. Please pray for their retreat.

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 Week

This week is NAIDOC week (3-10th July) and an opportunity for us to make conscious effort to participate in the activities planned for this week in our town. It is also a good time to learn more about our Aboriginal People and if possible spend time with each other and develop a relationship and build friendships. Let us pray for all the good works that are being done this week and throughout the year towards the empowerment of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters

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.

Saint of the Week

July 2

Patron Saint . Bernardino Realino

DID YOU KNOW?

- The IMAGE Of the vineyard is often used in the Old Testament as an image of God's people. They must be tended to and cultivated well so that the harvest is a rich one.
- The Church has always understood its main function to be one of announcing the gospel to others. This is the mission of the Church and the work is carried out by missionaries.
- All baptised people are called to be a part of this missionary activity of the Church.

Cleaning: 9 July 2016 Group 4

Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford

Counters: 10 July 2016

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,470.20 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 993.30(for the parish)

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$ 1,215.00

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, 4th July 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 18th 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 19th 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 14th 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

Parish Dinner

The eagerly awaited Parish Dinner is taking place on **Friday, 19th August, at 6:30 pm in Gap View Hotel.** It is an opportunity for the parishioners to come together and spend the evening together socialising with each other and probably meet those parishioners whom we did not get a chance to say hello. More information on the dinner itself will be published in coming weeks. **The tickets will be on for sale from next weekend, 9-10 July, onwards.** The ticket prices are \$35 adults and \$17.50 for children 12 and under.

Roster for weekend of 9 - 10 July 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Kath McGargill Mike Steller	Ruth Sexton Greg Gilbert John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Leonie Sumang Col Marshall	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	A Skrzypiec Tinna Buenviaje	Sammy Nobleza Thampi Joseph Denise Simon

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Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Ps 47:10-11

First Reading:

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.
Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Isaiah 66:10-14

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Ps 65:1-7,16,20

Second Reading:

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.
The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Galatians 6:14-18

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Col 3:15,16

Gospel:

Your peace will rest upon him.
The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first word be, 'Peace to this house!' And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick and say, "The kingdom of God is very near you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town." The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord, they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Luke 10:1-12,17-20

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seek refuge in him.

Ps 33:9

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.*