



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

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

06th - 07th September 2014

WIN BACK YOUR BROTHER

From Sunday Reflection by Fr. Eugene Lobo, SJ



We are communities of sinners trying to be saints and there are many pitfalls on the way. In today's gospel passage we see a three-stage procedure for dealing with a community member who has done "something wrong". Presumably, it is some form of external behaviour which is harmful to the quality of the community's witnessing to the Gospel. The whole thrust of the passage is that we should all work towards reconciliation rather than punishment. There will also be a desire to keep the issue at as low a profile as possible without any unnecessary publicity. At the same time we are obligated to privately approach the sinner so we will not publicly humiliate him or her. So, the first stage is for the two people concerned to solve the issue among themselves. If it works out at that level, that is the ideal situation. Jesus says: "You have won back your brother." To 'win back' here is a Jewish technical term for conversion. For it is not enough that he merely stop his offensive behaviour, there also needs to be a genuine change of attitude and a genuine reconciliation with the offending person. It indicates in the Christian spirit a change of heart.

Then we have the second step in the mode of reconciliation. If the offender refuses to listen to his "brother", then others should be brought in as confirming witnesses. This involves confronting the community member with one or two additional persons. This is a more serious step and again it is hoped that the matter will be resolved by it. If neither of the first two steps works and if he refuses to listen to these, then the case must be reported to the Church. The 'Church' here is understood as the local community because during the time of Jesus the term Church was not in use. It is understood that while meeting in the community it is not the judgment but fraternal love that brings the transformation.

If these steps fail to produce any result, the final step is taken as the last resort. If the offender still refuses to listen or to change, he is to be treated as a gentile or a tax collector. This means that the person is to be shunned totally by the community as a hopeless and incorrigible person.

This however sounds very strange coming from the teaching of Jesus who never set limits to human forgiveness. He was always known as a kind, gentle and forgiving person and accepted good and bad. He reached out to sinners and forgave them and he said it is the sick persons who need the doctor and not the healthy. The sinners and tax collectors always approached him easily and that led to serious opposition from Scribes and Pharisees. Therefore when Jesus says that they must be treated like gentiles and sinners, it really means to treat them as Jesus did, namely, with love and affection, and at the same time showing special concern towards them. To Jesus it means continuing friendship. He indicates that they too have a heart which can be touched. This special concern and forgiveness will lead to a change in heart and the person will surely be reconciled to God.

Parish Team:

Parish Priest:

Fr. Jan Szweda, SVD

Aboriginal Chaplain:

Fr. Mikhael Loke, SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr. Binesh Naramattathil

RCIA Coordinator:

Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Fred Twohig

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 08 September

Mon: Micah 5:1-4 Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Tues: 1 Cor 6:1-11 Lk 6:12-19
Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26
Thu: 1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13 Lk 6:27-38
Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-27 Lk 6:39-42
Sat: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Num 21:4-9
 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Isobel Laverty, Margaret McNaught, Rita Knchel, Graciano Mercado, Kevin Feed,
 Penelope Sleming, Hermon Tirkey, Tilde Cabantog, Benedicto J Chupungco, Eileen Sanvictores, Manuel Sarangay, Alice Costa, Do Quyen, Paul Rindahl, Gwyneth Allwright, Kathleen Williams, Lafie Saanga, Dianne McGinn, Georgina Gilbert, Editha Baslot, Ann Vernon, Kevin Edwin, Paul Manard, Heather Cent, Jala Breanna, Singmia Fofung, Colleen Langcake, Cathy Golotta, Marissa Johnston, Allison Burgess, Charlotte Langdon, Rosemarie Schnell, Bill Sims, Antonio Mutia, Gill Dew, Mark McGinley, Patricia Wyatt, Lorraine Gore, Peter Strachan, Gary Brenton, Glen Clarke, Imblisa, May Lee Shah,
 Bill Costa, Maria Lourdes Sacramento.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Death: Tina Zenetti.

May her soul rest in peace.

Death Anniversary: Vicitacion Gomugda (Rose Colon's mother) who's death anniversary occurs on September 8. May her soul rest in peace

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 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

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

Confront Sin

What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relationships. Jesus makes clear that his followers should not tolerate a breach in relationships among themselves. Sin must be confronted and help must be offered to restore a damaged relationship. When relationships between brothers and sisters in the Lord are damaged, then we must spare no effort to help the brother or sister at fault to see their error and to get things right again.

- From a reflection by Don Schwager <http://www.rc.net/wcc/readings/matt1815.htm>

Evangelii Gaudium

“The Church is herself a missionary disciple; she needs to grow in her interpretation of the revealed word and in her understanding of truth.”

- Para 40 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013



Dear Fr. Jan & the Parish Family,

I write to express my gratitude for the delightful way you hosted the Nuncio and myself recently. The Nuncio was delighted with his experience in our Diocese and particularly his time in the Centre. I was very proud to be your Bishop and to extol the wishes of our community.

Again, my personal Thanks.

Bishop Eugene Hurley

LITURGICAL NOTES

In the waters of Baptism and the gift of Confirmation, we are the priestly people of God. Each time we gather for Sunday Mass, we come to exercise this one priesthood of God under the leadership of our ordained minister. This priestly work begins with the very fact that we gather in Christ's name and so provide the sacramental basis for Christ's presence in our world. Having gathered in Christ's name, we then allow the Lord to form us through His Word and Sacrament to be the Body of Christ in this time and place.

The **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September)** celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Community of the Little Sisters of Jesus from Yuendemu who celebrate their 75th Foundation Day.

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

Parish Diary

Sunday 07 September
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 08 September
 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 09 September
 • Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm

Wednesday 10 September
 Requiem Mass for Dexter Guevera 5:30 pm

Thursday 11 September

Friday 12 September

Saturday 13 September

Sunday 14 September
 Feast of the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS



Come to the Old Telegraph Station and join the Parish Community for time of togetherness and fun. Bring your children along. There will be activities for everyone who likes to join in! Please bring a plate of food to share with friends.

The theme of the gathering will coincide with the theme for the 2014 Social Justice Sunday which will be celebrated on 28 September: "A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation".

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, 21 September, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

At this time we are looking for volunteers to assist in various ways. A list to sign up for any help needed is placed at the back of the church.

We will also provide transport for those who like to attend the picnic but have no way of going to the Telegraph Station. Please enter your name, address and contact number on a paper placed also in the back of the church so that we may organize transport to get you there and back. For more information contact Helena Casseeram on 89523891 or the Parish Office.

*Words of Wisdom: Those who walk with God reach their destination.
 If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.*

Why does everyone have a right to exercise freedom?

The right to the exercise of freedom belongs to everyone because it is inseparable from his or her dignity as a human person. Therefore this right must always be respected, especially in moral and religious matters, and it must be recognised and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and a just public order.

From: Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Paragraph 365 (Catholic Enquiry Centre www.catholicenquiry.com)

OLSH ANNUAL FETE

This Friday 12th September OLSH Annual FETE 5.30 start and the OLSH P & F have nearly finalized the buy-a-paver scheme. If you wish to purchase a paver with you family name on, or know of someone who would like to, Please pass this information on. For Further information - Contact phone 08 8950 8617 or email leanne.dieckmann@nt.catholic.edu.au Thank You.

Little Sisters of Jesus

The Yuendemu Community of the Little Sisters of Jesus is celebrating 75 years of the Foundation of their Congregation on Monday 8 September. The Congregation was started by Little Sister Madeleine of Jesus in Touggourt, Algeria, to share life with the Nomads of the Sahara Desert. Soon their Congregation extended from the Moslem world to other Nomads and other milieus around the world. Congratulations to Srs. Magali, Claire-Marcelle and Bernadette-Thin. They invite us to unite with them in a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 7 September at 9.30 am.

Roster for weekend of 13 / 14 September 2014

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Binu Katherine Matthew Smith	Christine Grant Darryl Smith Mary Dick
Sun 7:30 am	Mike Steller	Jo Molin Pushpa Vida	Fred Twohig Margaret Lillecrapp John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Beth Madden	Mike Williams Rodea Aplaon	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Helena Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Cristina Buenviaje Franchesca Ives	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

We **INVITE** all children who received First Holy Communion last year to come for the 9:30 Mass next Sunday, 14 September.

Cleaning: 13 September **Group 4**
 Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford

Counters: 14 September
 Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,283.40 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$2,211.65 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9 **R/** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.