



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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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”



“The Joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. Jn 16:22). The evils of our world – and those of the Church – must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment and our fervour. Let us look upon them as challenges which can help us to grow.” Pope Francis. Question: With your eyes of faith, when was the light time you saw the movements of the Holy Spirit in the midst of darkness around you?

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
6th - 7th August 2016

Part 3

St Paul's Pilgrimage

From ancient Athens the 22 CEO pilgrims drove to Corinth. In the Acts of the Apostles 18:1, it reads that “Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to visit them”. The Good Book says that St Paul stayed over one year at Corinth where he met the two rope makers (Acts 18:11).

I have no doubt that during the week Paul was working with them and on Saturdays he was teaching in the synagogue, trying to persuade the Greeks and the Jews to change their ways, to follow Jesus Christ and to believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Ancient Corinth now lies in ruins with some exceptions like the archaic temple of Apollo and other massive marble remains.

It was around midday when I celebrated the Holy Mass at the spot where Paul was brought to trial. It is likely to have been the tribunal in the Roman Agora (public meeting place) of Corinth, the remains of which are still visible today and found under the foundation of a Christian Church named after Paul. Many of the Corinthians heard the Gospel, believed it and were baptized (Acts 18:8).

According to our Greek Tour Guide, ancient Corinth was a prominent commercial city of Greece, noted for its manufactures, architecture, paintings, bronzes and prostitution – an act of service to goddess Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love, sex, and fertility. Corinth had such a bad reputation as an evil, immoral city that it had become an insult to refer to someone as a Corinthian.

It must have been one of the reasons why Paul preached on the sacredness of the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body,” (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Evidently the Lord saw that His servant Paul needed some special encouragement at this time. Hence another vision was granted, in which the Apostle was told, “

“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking; do not be silent. For I am with you and no one will lay a hand on you” (1 Cor 18:19).

To be continued....

Fr Asaeli Raass

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.

Daily Readings: starting 08 August 2016

Mon: 1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17 Mt 6:25-34
Tues: Ezek 2:8-3:4 Mt 18:15,10,12-14
Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
Thur: Ezek 12:1-12 Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri: Ezek 16:59-63 Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Ezek 18:1-10,13,30-31 Mt 19:13-5
Sun: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Heb 12: 14 Lk 12:49-53
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

John Gaces, Fay Hawkins, 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 Clare Lorkin.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Did you know?

Under Roman custom, a day was reckoned from midnight to midnight and the night divided into four watches. Jewish custom was to reckon a day from sunset to sunset and the night was divided into three watches.

Prayer at home

*My soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is my help and my shield.
May your love be upon me, O Lord,
As I place all my hope in you.*

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**
Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm
- Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**
Every Sunday from 9:20am

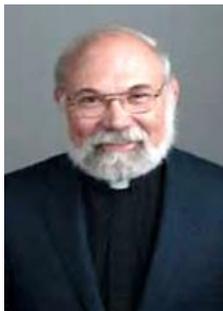
Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Sacrament of Confirmation



Sacrament of Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion:
Next Sunday 14 August. 9.30am OLSH Parish Mass. Administered by our Good Bishop Hurley. All invited. There will NO ABORIGINAL MASS at Amoonguna on the 14th August. The 1st Holy Communion is only for those candidates who will be receiving Confirmation.

First Holy Communion: Following Sunday 21st August, 9:30am. This is for the Year 3's Bath Street children and a few others from the non-Catholic schools who are not receiving Confirmation.



Parish Workshop with Professor Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD.

Father Roger Schroeder SVD, Louis J. Luzbetak SVD Professor of Mission and Culture at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, International coordinator of Anthropos Institute (AI). St Francis Centre, Alice Springs, Saturday 27th August from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Donations only. ALL WELCOME. Fr Roger will explore three themes:

- 1) "Mission Today: How the idea of mission has changed since Vatican II--The Why, Who, and Where of mission."
- 2) "Different elements of mission--The WHAT of Mission."
- 3) "The Mission-Centered Parish--The HOW of Mission" (Garden image/parable and table fellowship)

The National Deputy President of SVDP, Claire Victory:

Claire will be in Alice Springs this weekend to discuss recent issues the Society has faced and provide a forum for the Conference and Volunteers to plan a way forward to continue providing our Good Works projects and services with Vincentian hearts. Marian Centre 12.30pm this Sunday, 7th August. All past, present and future members and volunteers welcome.

BAPTISM

OLSH Parish welcomes SHAMGAR JUNIOR DELA TORRE DESTACAMENTO son of Shamgar Destacamento and Thi Tran

&

PATRICK MICHAEL KERIN son of Phillip Lloyd Kerin and Aimee Sian Kerin
in the 930am Mass this Sunday

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.

FAREWELL PAT & WALLY

After 46 & 49 years respectively Pat & Wally Litvensky bid goodbye to the parish of Alice Springs, the religious community, the parishioners and the many people they have come to know, associated and grown spiritually with over those years. Wally aged 21 came as a Lay Missionary from Sydney to Santa Teresa in 1967, Pat aged 17 came from Northern Ireland in 1970, to start a new life with her mother, brother and her granny. They married in the parish church in 1973, raised two daughters Sarah & Marie. Both participated in parish council, various associations and committees in OLSH parish during the 80's and 90 are working tirelessly as members of SVDP for over 25 years. They are retiring to Normanville in the Fleurieu Peninsula of SA.

OLSH Parish Multicultural Mass-a main Liturgical event for 2016. Sun 28 August 9:30am. A Mass of many languages and nations. All cultures are invited to dress in traditional attire, contribute to the Mass and bring local food to share.

Vision Statement Responses

There were 44 responses received from an attempt to consult with the parish body. There were 25 responses in the affirmative and agreeing with the PPC draft Vision Statement. Other 19 are suggestions, recommendations and objections. The PPC will work with all responses until we bring it back to you. Please be patient with your Councillors and priests as God is very patient with you. Thank you very much for the honesty and we hope to hear from again.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal 2016

Once again the national Catholic Mission Appeal (Propagation of the Faith) will take place this weekend, 6 - 7th August, at all the Masses. The theme is **“Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me”** (Mathew 25:40). Please take a pamphlet/envelope at the back of the church and give generously for the least of these children.

Saints of the Week

St Alphonsus Ligouri (1st August), St Dominic (3rd August),
St John Vianny (4th August)

Feast of Transfiguration this Saturday, 6th August.

Cleaning: 13 August 2016 **Group 1**
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje
Counters: 14 August 2016
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,737.40 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,190.70 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 1,330.00
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

- **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 Centre Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane. *Venue and Costs: TBA*

Spiritual Direction Is Available

Spiritual direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with the God, and learn and grow in their own personal spirituality or relationship. It is not Counselling nor psychotherapy but uses the art of Sacred Listening to the movements of the heart, spirit and body, and hopefully see where Jesus' invitation might be for you. We are blessed to have six trained Spiritual Directors in the parish.

Roster for weekend of 13 - 14 August 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	M Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Bro Tony Caddy Confirmation Mass	Denise Simon Bridget Knight	Bro M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Myke Ociones	Pat Monaghan Jenny Dietrich	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

First Reading:

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord
Ps 32:1,12,18-20,22

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own .

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Second Reading:

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to the city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord
Mt 24:42, 44

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Luke 12:32-48

Gospel:

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Ps 147:12, 14

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
New theme & dates to be advised soon

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 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

Sunday Mass Pick-Up: Every Sunday if you
can help those who wish to attend Mass at 40
South Terrace and the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and partici-
pate in God's Mission.*