



# 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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Wednesday 5:00 pm

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday  
8:30 am - 12:00 noon  
Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD  
Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD  
**Parish Council Chairman**  
Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene &  
Mr Manfred Casseeram

## 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**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month  
- 11am *Aboriginally Community Mass at South Terrace.* 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Formation of parents falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Marriage:

By appointment only, 12 months' notice required.



**Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation**

## AMORIS LAETITIA: ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY

"The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. They learn this 'trade', passing it down from one person to another." (*Amoris Laetitia*, 16)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017**

***'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'***

The message of Jesus, in today's Gospel, is loud and clear. We are all called to repent and change our ways and thereby live in the kingdom of heaven. As the followers of Christ, we are invited to change our ways of living. What does it mean to change our way of life?

As Catholics we are very good in practicing our catholicity: we celebrate Mass every Sunday (some of us, everyday), we attend various prayers and devotional practices, we give alms and do charitable works, we do penance and reconciliation, we volunteer with various services and associations (including church activities) and so on. But are we doing all this with conviction or just follow routine? Compulsion or happiness? Tradition or love? Today we are invited to re-think these questions and see how convinced are we in following Christ and thereby change our lives and embrace the light that is shining upon us.

In the second reading St Paul challenges the Corinthians on division in their community. As followers of Christ, we all belong to Christ and there should not be any division among us. Unfortunately that is not the case with us either. We are divided in various fronts and we struggle with these divisions daily. Let us today make an effort to rise above these divisions and work towards unity, work towards 'living' the kingdom of heaven here and now. To do this we need to face challenges, we need to do sacrifices, we need to rise above our prejudices and above all, realise that, with the help of God we can achieve it.

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

## Service of Acknowledgement and Prayer

For your information on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, at 5.30pm** at **Flynn church** there will be a **Service of Acknowledgement and Prayer**. These services, started by Indigenous leader Aunty Jean Phillips in Brisbane, are now being held in all states across the country in lead up to January 26<sup>th</sup>. They are an opportunity for acknowledgement, lament and prayer alongside our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers for whom January 26<sup>th</sup> is a day of mourning. These are ecumenical events being held in partnership with common grace so if you would like to come along please do so. Thank you.

## Roster for weekend of 28-29 January 2017

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion Ministers</b>
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Losana Hay	Alf Goody Sue Bain	Helena Casseeram Volunteer x 2
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Pat Gallagher	Margaret McNaught Ruth Sexton	Fred Twohig Volunteer x 2
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Pauline Otieno	David Gennetti Hilda Reeder	Margaret Lillecraap Volunteer x 2
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Tinna Buenviaje Aileen Batimana	Sammy Nobleza Thomas John Marieta Ives

*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 23 January 2017**  
**Mon:** Heb 9:15,24-28 Mk 3:22-30  
**Tues:** Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35  
**Wed:** Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18  
**Thu:** Is 32:15-18, 1 Cor 12:4-11 Mt 5:2-12  
**Fri:** Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34  
**Sat:** Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Mk 4:35-41  
**Sun:** Zeph 2:3,3:12-13 1Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12

**Pray & read your Bible every day +**

 **Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick**

Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

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**Recently Deceased**  
 Servando Tuazon II (January 18, 2017)

*May he rest in peace.*

**Volunteers for the Month of January**  
 Volunteers required to be the Commentators, readers and Communion Ministers for the weekends of January. Please fill in your names in the sign up sheet at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Feasts of the Week**

**St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor** (Jan 24)  
**The Conversion of St Paul, apostle** (Jan 25)  
**St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor** (Jan 28)

**Cleaning:** 28 January **Group 1**  
 Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** 29 January 2017  
 Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,020.30 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 817.80 (for the parish)  
 Planned Giving: \$ 763.00

*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

**Devotional Practices:**

**Prayers of the Holy Rosary**  
 Monday to Thursday 5:00 pm

**Saint Joseph Devotion**  
 First Wednesday of the month 9:00 am  
 Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

**Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship**  
 Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Every Fridays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Presbytery and every second Saturday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** cf. Ps 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 26:1,4, 13-14

**R/** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

*I appeal to you my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parceled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-17 (Short Form)

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Communion Antiphon:** cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.