



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

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Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
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Ms Michelle 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 *Aboriginally 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”



“His name is Mercy”, *Pope Francis*. Question for Week 1: We often struggle with repeated sins which is usually a sign that we have a particular weakness to that sort of temptation. What spiritual and practical steps can we take to address temptation in order to avoid repeated sins?

1st Sunday of Lent Year C
13th - 14th February 2016

With Jesus In the Desert

One day, so the account goes, Jesus and his disciples were walking along a stony road. Jesus asked each of them to choose a stone to carry for him. John, it is said, chose a large one while Peter chose the smallest. Jesus led them to the top of a mountain and commanded that the stones be made bread. Each disciple, by this time tired and hungry, was allowed to eat the bread he held in his hands. Peter's of course, was not sufficient to satisfy his hunger. John gave him some of his.

Some time later Jesus asked the disciples to pick up a stone to carry. This time Peter chose the largest of all. Taking them to a river, Jesus told them to cast the stones into the water. They did so, but looked at one another in bewilderment.

“For whom,” asked Jesus, “did you carry the stone?”

In the desert experience of Lent, we once more have to answer this most basic of questions: “Whom do our actions serve: God or ourselves? *In whom* do we put our ultimate faith? Three times Jesus was tempted to make himself the equal of God, His Father. Three times he rejected the temptation and chose the path of the Cross, the path of the radical “yes” to God and “no” to the Adversary.

The radical “no” marks the beginning of his public ministry. He says “no” to money, success, status and worldly glory. He says “no” to his family which tries to restrain him and to bring him back to his senses; he says “no” to Peter who rejects the path of the cross; he says “no” to a law without spirit, to a Sabbath without freedom, to the powers that debase people.

How about us? We have to learn to say “no” to all those things that do not give us life at the end of the day. “No” to a faith that is vague, pious sentiment that ignores the poor and the plight of refugees. “No” to a faith that constantly excommunicates others. “No” to negativity, gossip, mistrust, egotistical attitude, domestic violence, racism, etc. etc.

Jesus was led into the desert to also say “yes.” “Yes” to trust, to hope, to conversion, to new beginnings, to life. Yes to the desire for Mercy. So, will we allow God to tempt us this Lenten Season?

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Misericordiae Vultus – The Face of Mercy

In section 6 of the *Bull of Indiction*, , Pope Francis declares that the “mercy of God is not an abstract idea.” He describes it as “a concrete reality through which He reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child.”

Daily Readings: starting 15 February 2016

Mon: Lev 19:1-2,11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jonah 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Thur: Esther 4:17 Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ezec 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Deut 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gen 15:5-12,17-18
 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28-36

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Mary Dick, Rose Brand, Colleen Matson and Georgina Gilbert.

May the Lord grant them healing.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2016

Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. This year's theme is "Learning More, Creating Change" and is explored through six feature stories for the six weeks of Lent. These stories demonstrate how education, training and sharing knowledge empowers individuals and communities to transform their futures and create lasting change. The stories of 5 minutes each will be shown before the final blessing on Sundays each week. For your information, OLSH parishioners have contributed a total of \$10,487.85 in the last four years and an average of \$2,621.90 per annum excluding those who donate directly to CARITAS. Please pick up a box or donation envelopes at the back of the church and put your compassion into action. Forward all donations by Easter Sunday or before 27th May 2016. You can also donate by Electronic transfer, call CARITAS on 1800 024 413 for details or post a cheque to GPO Box 9830, Sydney, NSW 2001. Donations are tax deductible. We also need someone to help promote Project Compassion in OLSH Parish every year. Volunteers?

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph 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

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Mothers' Praying for Your Children

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Stations of the Cross (During Lent only)

Fridays from 6:15pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

OLSH Parish Doors of Mercy: Jubilee Indulgence

Did you know that OLSH Parish has official Doors of Mercy? While these doors are strongly symbolic, OLSH parishioners are invited to make a conscious pilgrimage as individuals or family to the Holy Door situated at the left hand side of the main entrance to the church in order to experience and obtain your Jubilee Indulgence. What you have to do as requested by the Holy Father is simple:

- 1) Enter through the Holy Doors as an inner sign of the deep desire for true conversion. It has to be a conscious effort on your part or family;
- 2) Find a seat/pew, kneel, make the sign of the Cross followed by a profession of faith. You may use our Sunday Creed or better still - make a personal & profound profession of faith yourself;
- 3) Offer a prayer for Pope Francis and for the intentions he bears in his heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world.

***It is highly recommended that you link your personal/family pilgrimage first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Mass. Therefore, come on a day when the priest is available for Confession and Mass afterwards.*

Jubilee Indulgence is also granted to the sick and elderly and alone at home. Please relay to them that it will be of great help if they live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord followed by receiving Holy Communion and Confession if at all possible.

Jubilee Indulgence is also granted to those in prison as an opportunity for great amnesty, conscious of their sins they sincerely wish to re-enter society and each time they go through the threshold of their cell - remind them of God's Holy Door of Mercy.

OLSH Parish Lenten Programme in the Year of Mercy

Our 2016 Lenten Season has begun since Ash Wednesday. Pope Francis is asking us to live this Lenten period as a favourable time for conversion during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. In his message for Lent entitled "I desire mercy and not sacrifice".

"It is a season to be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience the transforming miracle of divine Mercy", Pope Francis. "Let us not waste this season of Lent - Pope Francis says - so favourable a time for conversion!"

(Frs) Raass & Prakash SVD - MERCY	Presbytery, Saturdays @ 9:00am-10:30am, start Saturday 13 th Feb, call 89521049
(Sr) Helen Kennedy FMM - MERCY	St Francis Centre, Mondays @ 7pm-8:30pm call 89524151
Sue Marshall - MERCY	Traegar Campus, start 9 th Tuesdays 4:45pm or call 0408453061,
**Patrick Monaghan "Prayer & Mysticism"	1 Lakes Court, Wednesdays @7pm-8:30pm, start 10 th Feb, call 8521042
Ruth Sexton - MERCY	Bath Street campus staff room, Thursdays 4:20pm-6:00pm, start Thursday 11 th Feb

Social Justice Awareness Group

During the Season of Lent, the Social justice Awareness Group will be placing reflections each week focusing upon Lent and Social Justice Issues. Please take any information offered home, as the reflections will be both Scriptural and applicable to day to day Social Justice Issues here and throughout the world. May your journey through Lent be a blessed one. *Sr. Kathleen Leahy Chairperson OLSH SJAG.*

WELCOME!

To ETHAN JAMES MILLER, son of Louis John Miller and Shielo Banagodis who will be baptised on Saturday 13 February and SPENCER GAFF, son of Ben Gaff and Shelby Prow who will be baptised on Sunday 14 February.

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.

1st & 2nd Rite Penitential Celebrations

This Jubilee can be a privileged moment for re-proposing to you, as a central theme, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, so that all parishioners may grasp God's joy at forgiving and the power of mercy as a sign of his closeness and tenderness. Please pay extra attention to the Examination of Conscience and Meaning of Penance this year.

Every Saturday throughout the Jubilee Year (1 st Rite)	11:30am & 5:15pm
Monday 22 nd February (2 nd Rite)	7:00pm, OLSH Church
Monday 21 st March (2 nd Rite)	7:00pm, OLSH Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6:15pm Fridays

Jesus the Migrant and Refugee	Friday 19 th Feb, 6:15pm
Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis	Friday 26 th Feb, 6:15pm
The Face of Christ, the Face of Man	Friday 4 th March, 6:15pm
My Wounded Hands	Friday 11 th March, 6:15pm
Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 18 th March, 6:15pm

Happy St Valentine's Day, February 14th



Did you know that the origins of Valentine's Day are traced back to St Valentine, a Roman Catholic priest who was executed for marrying couples against the orders of Emperor Claudius II (268-270, Middle Ages). This was during the general persecution of Christians and therefore he might also be persecuted for assisting Christians. While in prison he healed the sight of his jailer's young daughter, and on the eve of his execution, reportedly wrote her a note signed, "**From your Valentine**". He is celebrated throughout the world as the patron of romance and married love. It was Pope Gelasius (492-496) who marked Feb 14th in his honour. FYI, Pope Gelasius was rumoured to be of African origin so... the Catholic Church may have already had a black pope!!..

May St Valentine's Day reminds us of a beautiful truth, instinctively recognised and wonderfully appreciated: men and women are different. We can't imagine one without the other. In fact, each one's existence is largely defined by its difference from the other. "Complementarity becomes a great wealth. It is not just a good thing but it is also beautiful" – *Pope Francis, Humanum*

As you exchange flowers, gifts and romantic dinners with your Valentine, spare a thought for the deeply held life-giving values of marriage and life-long romantic love.

Saint of the Week St Valentine (February 14)

Cleaning: 20 February **Group 7**
Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller
Counters: 21 February 2016
Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,354.40 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 2,105.55 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Ecumenical Lenten Service

Wednesday 17 th February, 7pm	Lutheran Church, Gap Road
Wednesday 24 th February, 7pm	Catholic Church, Hartley St
Wednesday 2 nd March, 7pm	Uniting Church, Todd Mall
***Thursday 3 rd March 10:00am	Catholic Church, Billy Graham Christian Life Witness Workshop
Wednesday 9 th March, 7pm	Anglican Church, Bath St
Wednesday 16 th March, 7pm	Lutheran Church, Gap Road

OLSH Parish Ecumenical & Interfaith Dialogue Teams

The priests and your Parish Pastoral Council is calling for interested parishioners or Spirit-filled evangelizers who are open and willing to work with the Holy Spirit on two movements of the Church's work in evangelisation, and as mandated by the 2nd Vatican Council, namely, **ecumenism and interfaith dialogue**.

Pope John Paul II in Ut Unum Sint, 25 May 1995 has this to say,

"Thus it is absolutely clear that ecumenism, the movement promoting Christian unity, is not just some sort of "appendix" which is added to the Church's traditional activity. Rather, ecumenism is an organic part of her life and work, and consequently must pervade all that she is and does."

Interfaith Dialogue refers to cooperative, constructive and positive interaction between people of different religious traditions (i.e., "faiths") and/or spiritual or humanistic beliefs, at both the individual and institutional levels.

"There will be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions. There will be no peace among the religions without dialogue among the religions" was formulated by Dr Hans Küng, a Professor of Ecumenical

Mothers Prayers program starting back on Thursday, Feb 18th at 6.15pm, at the Presbytery. This new time is to accommodate more working women who want to join in our prayer program. Additionally, Mothers Prayers will be every Thursday evening after mass. Come join us as we pray for those children in our lives. Questions? Marieta Ives or Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283.

Help Needed

A client of CatholicCare NT is urgently requiring accommodation. We are looking at the possibility of finding the client a granny flat for rent so the client will feel safe. If anyone is able to assist in this matter, please contact Teresa Imms on either 8958 2400 or Teresa.imms@catholiccarent.org.au.

Roster for weekend of 20 - 21 February 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Bev Heenan	Marian Maddocks Christine Grant Brendan Heenan
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Patricia Rademaker Jo Molin	Mike Steller Rita Steller Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30 am	Bro Tony Caddy	Lennie Sumang Anthony Hay	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Denise Simon	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Tinna Buenviaje

1st Sunday of Lent Year C

13th - 14th February 2016

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall then take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me". You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90

R/ Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful Lord, hear our prayer

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf. But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone'. Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: 'He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,' and again, 'They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.