



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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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm; Saturday
11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm, Sunday 7:30am,
9:30am & 5:30 pm;

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community
11am Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Every 3rd Sunday of the month



Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

“Keep an open mind. Don't get bogged down in your own limited ideas and opinions, but be prepared to change or expand them. The combination of two different ways of thinking can lead to a synthesis that enriches both. The unity that we seek is not uniformity, but a “unity in diversity”, or “reconciled diversity”. Fraternal communion is enriched by respect and appreciation for differences within an overall perspective that advances the common good. We need to free ourselves from feeling that we all have to be alike. A certain astuteness is also needed to prevent the appearance of “static” that can interfere with the process of dialogue. For example, if hard feelings start to emerge, they should be dealt with sensitively, lest they interrupt the dynamic of dialogue. The ability to say what one is thinking without offending the other person is important. Words should be carefully chosen so as not to offend, especially when discussing difficult issues. Making a point should never involve venting anger and inflicting hurt. A patronizing tone only serves to hurt, ridicule, accuse and offend others. Many disagreements between couples are not about important things. Mostly they are about trivial matters. What alters the mood, however, is the way things are said or the attitude with which they are said.

“Pope Francis, Ch.4#139, Amoris Laetitia.

The Nativity of St John The Baptist Year B 23rd - 24th June 2018

OUR JOB IS TO POINT BEYOND OURSELVES

The birth of every child is a wondrous gift to the world. Some children, however, have a more public impact in their world than others. Today's gospel is a story about the birth of one such child, a child who came to be known as John the Baptist. It is a story about his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and the impact of his birth on family, friends, neighbours, and nation. The child's birth is received as an expression of God's mercy to Elizabeth who in the normal course of events is past child-bearing age.

The biblically literate reader knows at once that this child belongs in a long line of biblical children of older women whom God has favoured, women like Sarah, Rachel, and Hannah. Elizabeth is surrounded by family and friends who share in her joy. She is a strong woman who takes her own power when these family members and friends try to assume control of the naming of the child. Her prophetic utterance, “he is to be called John”, is confirmed by Zechariah, her husband, who regains his speech at that moment and praises God. The response from those around to the evident presence of God's working in their lives is one of awe (translated inadequately as “fear”).

Names carry meaning. They hold the hopes of parents and foreshadow the accomplishments of the child. We probably subconsciously all try to live up to the expectations embodied in our names. “John” comes from the Hebrew and means “God's grace”: the female form is Joanne or Joanna. John the Baptist is graced by God and is also an instrument of God's grace.

Luke parallels the story of the prophet John with that of the prophet Jesus in ways that point to the even more significant role of Jesus in God's dealings with God's people. John grows and becomes strong in spirit. Jesus grows strong and advances in age and wisdom and grace (2:41, 49). John is the voice crying in the wilderness, the one preparing the way (3:5-6). Jesus will go into the wilderness and emerge victorious to teach the ways of God (4:1, 15). John baptises with water, Jesus “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (3:16). John fasts, Jesus feasts. John knows who he is and what he has to do. He is not the Messiah and he refuses to accept the adulation of the crowd. John's story keeps giving way to that of Jesus and the community that forms around him. In a sense, we are all called to do what John does, namely to point beyond ourselves to the one who incarnates the fullness of God's life and love.

Fr Raass 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 25 June 2018

Mon: 2 Kg 17:5-8,13-15,18 Mt 7:1-5
Tues: 2 Kg 19:9-11,14-21,31-36 Mt 7:6,12-14
Wed: 2 Kg 22:8-13,23:1-3 Mt 7:15-20
Thu: 2 Kg 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29
Fri: Acts 12:1-11, 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Sat: Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19 Mt 8:5-17
Sun: Wis 1:13-15,2:23-24
 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 Mk 5:21-43
 + Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Bruce Were, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing***Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. 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.

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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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 - 7:00pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

NATSICC

The 2018 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Sunday is coming up on **1 July 2018**. The theme is 'BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN! The 'her' is a reference to strong women in our lives – our mothers, daughters, uncles, grandmothers, sisters – and also to Mary, Mother of God. This will be a combined Mass (9:30am) and a liturgy resource has been drafted to incorporate meaningful rituals, prayers, hymns & symbols of our Arrernte Catholics in Central Australia.

Please Note: there will be no combined Mass on the third Sunday of July (15th July).

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

After weekly Inquiry Gatherings, our new Candidate, Dorothy Jamela, has expressed her readiness for the next stage of her RCIA Journey. She has a particular member of the OLSH community to be her Sponsor during these months of preparation. We will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming of a Candidate for Reception into full Communion of the Catholic Church for her at the 5.30 pm Mass on 24th June.

Help her to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at light refreshments following this 5.30 pm Mass.

*Sr Helen Kennedy FMM OLSH RCIA Director***Planned Giving Campaign**

Deacon Tony Cunningham, Darwin, will attend OLSH parish this weekend of the 23-24 June. He will speak at all Masses to encourage parishioners to be on planned giving programme to help develop a culture of generosity and support for the parish. Please pray and think about renewing your financial commitment to your parish and Diocese of Darwin.

The Tech-Wise Family

Come and be part of the discussions, the teaching, the activities and the delight of discovering a refreshing way of doing family in this world of tech devices. Each session on a Wednesday night will give you immediate tools to begin using in your home. Alice Springs Baptist Church Wednesday nights 7.00pm - 8.30pm (10 weeks) July 25th - September 26th 2018. Please call Church Office: (08) 8952 9568 or office@alicebaptist.org if interested.

**Aboriginal Diocesan Pastoral Council**

This week, Fr Olivier, Teresa Ryder, Delores Furber and Josephine Palmer will travel to Darwin for the annual ADPC Meeting. In dialogue and partnership with the Aboriginal people, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Darwin is part of a national response of the Church to work with Aboriginal people in building up an authentic Aboriginal Australian mission and ministry.

Indigenous Theological Education in Central Australia

The next ITECA biblical course for the Arrernte Catholics will take place at Yirara College from the 2 - 4th July. Please submit your name to Fr Olivier if this is what God is calling you to do next month. ITECA welcomes any financial assistance for training and formation of Arrernte Catholic leaders.

**WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!**

The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

Monday On-Going Adult Formation

<p style="text-align: center;">Ignation Discernment and Decision-Making, Part 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"How do I know what God wants me to do?"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Does the Catholic Church have authority?”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Do you have authority to speak in the name of God?”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sr Helen Kennedy FMM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fr Raass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, June 25th June, JP₂ Hall @ 7-8:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 9th July, JP₂ Hall @ 7:30-8:30pm</p>
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Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

<p style="text-align: center;">Couples for Christ (CFC) Christian Life Program (CLP)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14-15th July, 9:30am-3:30pm St Francis Centre, Memorial Dr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All Married Couples WELCOME</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Charismatic Weekend Retreat <i>Coming Up</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19th-23rd July Fri 5:30pm-8:30pm, Sat 1-6pm; Sun 1-6pm St Francis Centre, Memorial Dr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Led by the Missionaries of God’s Love and Martin de Porres Community ALL WELCOME</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28th -30th September Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2nd—4th November Venue: TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Retreat Director: TBA</p>



Christmas Carols Combined Choir

The preparations for the 2018 Ecumenical Christmas Carols have begun leading up to December 2nd. OLSH Parish will again participate in various activities which includes finding 15 parishioners to form a strong combined choir with other churches. Please give your name to Fr Olivier when you’re ready. C’mon, do something special this year!

ROYAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(This bulletin will be printing all the Recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sex Abuse submitted to the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference. There are twenty altogether and the Church has begun work on these Recommendations)

1. The bishop of each Catholic Church diocese in Australia should ensure that parish priests are not the employers of principals and teachers in Catholic schools.
2. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should conduct a national review of the governance and management structures of dioceses and parishes, including in relation to issues of transparency, accountability, consultation and the participation of lay men and women. This review should draw from the approaches to governance of Catholic health, community services and education agencies.

Cleaning: June 30, 2018 **Group 4**
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

Counters: July 01, 2018
Daryl & Leonie Smith

Last Week’s Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,737.15 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,194.90 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,825.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

PARISH SOUP VAN



Last Thursday eight parish volunteers served 30+ homeless and hungry people of Alice Springs.



We are still calling for more volunteers to serve on Thursday evenings from 6pm—8pm. Thank you for those who have signed up. Is this what God might be calling you to do?

The Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelisation and the source of her renewed self-giving.
Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 24

Roster for weekend of 30 June– July 01, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Kath McGargill Tony Whitelum	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Deepthi James	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Mel Buenviaje
Sun 5:30pm	Br Dean Taberdo	Lennie Sumang Pat Monaghan	Losana Hay Marieta Ives Goury Nair

The Nativity of St John The Baptist Year B
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Entrance Antiphon: There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord.

First Reading:

Isaiah 49:1-6

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Behold I will make you a light to the nations. Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 138:1-3. 13-15

R/ I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Second Reading:

Acts 13:22-26

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal." 'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 1:57-66. 80

John is his name.

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy. Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon Through the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

June 25 and July 9

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this

Sunday: July 01, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

at Desert Life Church

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir

Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal

every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-

7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

Friday 22 June, 6:30pm, JP2 Hall

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry

3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

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)

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

Social Justice Awareness Group: 4th 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 the main Church.

Lectors' Preparation Hour: Tuesdays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm, main Church

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board...next one around August 2018

Parish Soup Van (During Winter months)

Thursdays at 6:30pm start.

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*