



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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Monday to Friday
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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

*We acknowledge the original
custodians of this land and pay our
respects to the Elders both past,*



Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

“Some currents of spirituality teach that desire has to be eliminated as a path to liberation from pain. Yet we believe that God loves the enjoyment felt by human beings: he created us and “richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy” (1 Tim 6:17). Let us be glad when with great love he tells us: “My son, treat yourself well... Do not deprive yourself of a happy day” (Sir 14:11-14). Married couples likewise respond to God’s will when they take up the biblical injunction: “Be joyful in the day of prosperity” (Ec 7:14). What is important is to have the freedom to realize that pleasure can find different expressions at different times of life, in accordance with the needs of mutual love. In this sense, we can appreciate the teachings of some Eastern masters who urge us to expand our consciousness, lest we be imprisoned by one limited experience that can blinker us. This expansion of consciousness is not the denial or destruction of desire so much as its broadening and perfection. (Pope Francis, *Ch.4#149, Amoris Laetitia*)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
11th - 12th August 2018

WALK IN LOVE, JUST AS CHRIST

‘NEVER HAVE GRUDGES AGAINST OTHERS’

‘DO NOT LOSE YOUR TEMPER’

‘DO NOT RAISE YOUR VOICE’

‘DO NOT CALL EACH OTHER NAMES’

‘DO NOT ALLOW ANY SORT OF SPITEFULLNESS’

‘BE FRIENDS WITH ONE ANOTHER’

‘BE KIND’

‘BE FORGIVING AS READILY AS GOD FORGAVE YOU’

‘TRY TO IMITATE GOD’

‘FOLLOW CHRIST BY LOVING AS HE LOVED YOU’

The above quotes are taken directly from St Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (2nd reading today). What saddens the Holy Spirit is when we totally do the opposite of all that are stated above. “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit”, St Paul says. May the Holy Spirit, a Spirit of Hope, joy, peace of mind, of spiritual renewal and strength, come down on all those to be confirmed today, guided by the same Spirit who has put his seal on us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW COMMUNICANTS AND CONFIRMANDI—FR RAASS

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 13 August 2018

Mon: Ezek 1:2-5,24-28 Mt 17:22-27
Tues: Ezek 2:8-3:4 Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed: Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10 1Cor 15:20-26 Lk 1:39-56
Thu: Ezek 12:1-12 Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri: Ezek 16:1-15,60,63 Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Ezek 18:1-10,13,30-32 Mt 19:13-15
Sun: Prov 9:1-6 Jn 6:51-58
Eph 5:15-20
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tricia Wormald, 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, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

Recent Death

Sr Antonine MC *May her soul rest in peace*

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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

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



Sacrament of Confirmation

OLSH Parish welcomes Bishop Eugene Hurley this Sunday 12th August, to celebrate and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 9:30am Mass. Congratulations to all confirmed and those receiving the Sacrament for the 1st time. Go well and go with God for the rest of your lives.



Assumption of Our Lady, August 15

Wednesday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times. OLSH Parish will still have two Masses as usual and at the Marian Centre at 11:00am. This special concelebrated Mass will also be the celebration of 80 Years of OLSH College contribution to Catholic Education in central Australia. All parishioners are invited and lunch will be provided afterwards.

PARISH BIKE RIDE



Dear Parishioners, the annual OLSH Family Bike Ride this year will be held on the 29th of September. This is the first day of the school holidays and is also the AFL Grand Final. What a day to get out with the family in the morning and kick back to watch the G.F. in the afternoon.

The ride will depart from Flynn's Grave at 0800 and proceed at your own pace along the picturesque Simpsons Gap Bike Path, where we will share good companionship and a cooked breakfast together. The distance is 16 klm. Assistance can be provided to return riders back to Flynn's Grave if required. This year all proceeds will go to the Australian Melanoma Institute, in memory of our good friend Marie Litvensky -Joachim. The cost will be \$20.00 per. adult, children free. Registration details will be provided next week. Get you chain oiled, your tires pumped up and stay tuned. Call Fred Twohig on 0437778819 for further information.



Youth Benefit Concert

This benefit concert is to help the youth of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, and Yulara. Music will be provided by talented local musicians, many of whom are youth themselves. Hosted by the Anglican Church, Sunday 19 August, 3:30p @ 18 Bath Street. Admission by donation.



Christmas Carols Choir

Can we support our Ecumenical Christmas Carols Choir by joining them? Choir Practice has already started. Next rehearsal on Monday 20 at 7:00pm at Desert Life Church and every fortnight after that. Christmas Carols on 2nd December at the Anzac Oval. Contact Sam Harris on 8952 6196.

Natural Fertility is Just an App Away

Last month was the 50th anniversary of Humanae Vitae - one of the more controversial Vatican documents in recent history. There has been a flurry of commentary over the past few weeks to which we add our own, albeit from a very different angle. But first a bit of context. The document was written at a time when hormonal contraceptives were newly available. Today, the Pill dominates family planning and that the Catholic alternative, Fertility Awareness **Methods (FAMs)**, are a lesser used alternative. At the time, there was also a general expectation that Pope Paul VI would follow the lead of the Anglican Church, which in 1930 had approved the use of ...

Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	Sept 28 th -30 th Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses and Aboriginal communities	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) 'Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ'
Exploring <i>Laudato Si</i> , Half-Day Recollection & Launch World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	Saturday Sept 1, 9:30-12:20pm @ Log- os Spirituality Centre, Sing Rd followed by lunch.	Social Justice Awareness Team
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat "Claiming Your Inner Voice"	November 10 th , Saturday, full day & Sun morning – midday Venue: TBA	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne

CON'T...Contraception

contraception by married couples. He didn't. Instead he carefully outlined the reasons why contraception undermined the sacred meaning of marriage but the headlines were enough for many who stopped attending Mass in protest. Most people, Catholics included, have never read the document and thus don't really understand its many worthy insights. At the end of the day, we recognise that we are losing this battle to the culture.

At least we were.

For almost fifty years, Fertility Awareness (also known as Natural Family Planning) has been something only those 'poor, oppressed Catholics used', along with the tree-hugging hippies with their lunar cycles and recycled paper charts. No sensible minded person would trust something as important as their birth control to such 'primitive' methods. Or so the thinking went.

As long-time users and advocates of FAMs, we used to challenge this thinking by pointing out that modern Fertility Awareness Methods were grounded in high quality science and were as effective in avoiding pregnancy as the contraceptive pill and considerably better than barrier methods.

But we don't think it was just the perceived unreliability that made people disdain FAMs; it was the belief that they were just too hard. Too hard to understand. Too hard to learn.

Too hard to apply - especially that abstinence business. But wait..

(to be continued next week)...from Catholic Alternative or Natural Catholic family Planning)

**Women of Encouragement -
Australian Church Women**

This coming Friday evening 17 August at 7pm, our church is hosting this ecumenical event. Please join us in prayer, as we pray for women in our community and around the world.

For further details or offers to help, please contact Rita Steller Wk 89595397 Hm 89520868.

Cleaning: August 18, 2018 **Group 4**
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

Counters: August 19, 2018
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,637.95 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$1,185.85 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,055.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

PLENARY 2020: START NOW



The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question,

“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?” OR “What questions do you have about the future of the Church in Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?”

This is one step to making sure your voice is heard. Please submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team. This individual approach will be rolled out for a few weeks until we start working and consulting all parish service and pastoral groups.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED TODAY....and by the way:

Will you be the one to ask those you already know? Are you prepared to ask those who are unlikely to respond because they are young, older, shy, indigenous, from another culture, not good with words, disillusioned or upset with church?

The PPC is inviting askers, listeners & encouragers to gather, practice and share 'how-to tips' on **Saturday morning 18 August from 10-12 in JP2 Hall** beside OLSH Church. Morning Tea from 0930.

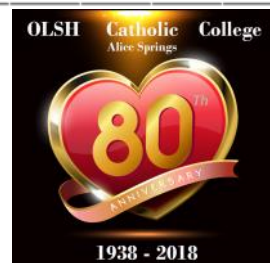
Cross-Over Australia

Cross-Over Australia will once again make their annual pilgrimage to OLSH Parish on Friday 17 August from 3:00pm – 6:30pm. All are welcome to be part of this prayer movement.

Roster for weekend of August 18 - 19, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Kath McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Pauline Otieno David Genetti	Cristy Genetti Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Debbie Cooke	Pane Komene Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 73:20,19,22-23

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.

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said, 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33:2-9

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everyone who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world. The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 147:12,14

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

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: August 19, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

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

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

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 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 from 8:00am-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 – 6:45pm, main Church

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

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

Parish Soup Van (During Winter months)

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

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