



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred C.

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 Mikweken 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.



Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family**

“Here too, we see another aspect of the family. We know that the New Testament speaks of “churches that meet in homes” (cf.1 Cor 16:9; Col 4:15; Philem 2). A family's living space could turn into a domestic church, a setting for the Eucharist, the presence of Christ seated at its table”, (Amoris Laetitia, Ch.1, #14) Question: Is your home filled with the living presence of God?

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
25th - 26th February 2017

LENT: A CALL TO RETURN, RELATE & REDISCOVER

From Ash Wednesday (1st March) we begin with our forty days of Lent, forty days of preparation before Easter. Why these forty days of penance? To return to our roots – to God, to our better selves – and consequently also to our neighbour. In many ways we have tried to be our own gods, to decide for ourselves what is right or wrong, and we have ended up by making ourselves the centre of the world at the expenses of ourselves, of God, of our neighbour and even our family members. Now is the right time to return to God and to turn to the people around us. We express our brokenness and our readiness to change when, after the gospel, we receive the ashes.

“You cannot be the slave of both God and money”, (Mt 6: 21). Do we really accept this teaching? It is not the invention of some theological school or some latter-day radical. THIS IS JESUS SPEAKING. He puts God and money in two opposing camps.

Parishioners, you and I cannot live with two loyalties. Perhaps the reason that some people get no real joy from their Catholic faith is that they are, in fact, serving two masters. Many see the command of Jesus as merely as set of laws. They will do the minimum required but still be careful in case it lets them down. To obey God is a burden. They have never taken the invitation to enjoy the fullness of life Jesus offers. It is too risky.

Has your Catholic life mingled with the accumulation of security-insurance policies of all sorts, that you are depriving yourself and your children of the things of the spirit? We have heard of the so-called spoiled children turning to their parents who have “given them everything” except the beauty of God's Kingdom values.

JESUS KNOWS WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. Life is more than what we eat or the things we store up. And death cancels everything insured on this earth. “Set your heart on His Kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these others things will be given you as well”, Mathew 6:34).

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.

Daily Readings: starting 27 February 2017

Mon: Sirach 17:24-29 Mk 10:17-27
Tues: Sirach 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31
Wed: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thu: Deut 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32
Sun: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11
 + Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, 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

Pray for the soul of dearly departed brother

Lindsay John Thiele

Lenten Soup Suppers

Join your parish in this Year of the Family for Lenten Soup Suppers, every Friday AFTER Stations of the Cross. Bring your family's favourite soup* to the JP2 Hall to share this simple meal of bread and soup with your parish family – all are welcome. *Please bring soup in a serving crock pot, microwavable dish or pot that can be reheated.

OLSH Parish welcomes newly baptised Kodee Willie, Drew Willie and Sonny Bill Willie

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Amoris Laetitia "The Joy of Love"

OLSH Parish has ordered extra copies of Pope Francis Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family. In this Year of the Family, Bishop Eugene has encouraged everyone to read and reflect on it. The book costs \$10.00 each and will be available at the back of the church for 2-3 weekends starting this week. Or call the presbytery.



Year of the Family Prayer

OLSH Parish will begin praying the *Prayer to the Holy Family* at all weekend Masses. There is sufficient number of prayer cards at the back of the church. Take some for your family and pray together as a family. The priests of the parish are also happy to visit your home and maybe bless your house and family.

World Day of Prayer in the Red Centre



World Day of Prayer 2017 this coming Friday 3 March 7pm hosted by the Anglican Church. All are invited to join as a world in prayer on the same day around the globe, for the people of the Philippines. For our contribution, I am looking for 5 or 6 people, 1 child, 1 youth and 4 adults of Pilipino original, to play a very small verbal part in the service. If you would like to be involved or find out more, please contact Rita Steller work 89595397 or home 89520868.



2nd Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

It is important that our PPC bring to their deliberations an understanding of the views of all their parish members rather than simply representing their opinions. Feel free to voice your opinions, express your hopes and frustrations to any of the Councillors or write it and place it in the box provided at the back of the church. Next meeting falls on the 2nd March at 5:00pm.

Formation Sessions

Repeat formation sessions will be conducted on the following dates for new ministers who were unable to participate in earlier sessions. There will be a practical formation session for **readers** in the church on Sunday 12th March after the 9.30 Mass. New readers are strongly encouraged to participate in this session before you begin your new ministry. For new **communion ministers** there will be a practical formation session in the church on Sunday 19th March after the 9.30 Mass. Again all new ministers are strongly invited to participate in this very important session before you begin your new ministry.



Project Compassion 2017

Project Compassion begins 1st March in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Boxes and envelopes have arrived. Please take one for your family and return it during the Holy Week. Our theme this year is "Love Your Neighbour".

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE (Service of the Word with other Christian Churches)

Catholic Church	Wednesday 8th March	7:00pm
Lutheran Church	Wednesday 15th March	7:00pm
Uniting Church	Wednesday 22nd March	7:00pm
Catholic Church	Wednesday 29th March	7:00pm
Anglican Church	Wednesday 5th April	7:00pm

All parishioners are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend. Try it out.

Facilitators	Day of the Week	Date	Venue	Time
Priests	Saturdays	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th March & 1 st & 8 th April	Presbytery	Start 9:30am
Sue Marshall	Tuesdays	28 th Feb, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th March & 4 th April	Traegar Campus	Start 4:45pm
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	Wednesdays	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th March & 5 th April	St Francis Centre	Start 7:00pm
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	Thursdays	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th March & 6 th April	St Francis Centre	Start 7:00pm

All parishioners are invited to join a Lenten Group or start one with your family. There are six sessions, each of approximately 90 minutes. Take to heart what it means to be saved, redeemed, forgiven and graced by the Holy Spirit, because God in his mercy send His Son Jesus to be our Saviour and Redeemer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis	Friday 3rd March, 6:15pm
The Face of Christ, the Face of Man	Friday 10th March, 6:15pm
My Wounded Hands	Friday 17th March, 6:15pm
Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 24th March, 6:15pm
Stations for Families	Friday 31st March, 6:15pm
Stations With Refugees & Asylum Seekers	Friday 7th April, 6:15pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses this coming Wednesday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting binds those from 18th—60th year. Abstinence binds those from 14 and above. Lent, is season of prayer, self-denial, fasting & helping others.

In preparation for Lent

Living in Central Australia we are very aware of how, in the dry times, the earth can become very packed down and hardened. Life is seemingly scorched out of it. It seems almost impossible for the earth to bring forth new life. Yet all the soil needs is to be loosened and softened by rain. Then it can bring forth new shoots. Sometimes in the busyness of our lives we too can be weighed down and feel hardened and dry. The demands of our busy lives can stretch us and make us feel packed down.

When we see Lent as positive time for growing in our willingness to deepen our love for God, we could take time to loosen the soil of our lives so that we can be ever more responsive to the touch of God. Each Sunday as we enter the church there will be tubs of soil at the doors. *You are invited to loosen the soil as a symbolic action showing our willingness to loosen the soil of our lives; so that we can renew our desire to grow ever more closely in union with God.*

Thank you from Sr Anne

Cleaning: 4 March 2017 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly
Counters: 5 March 2017
Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,643.75 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,122.80 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 980.00

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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

Sunday Mass Collections...a more dignified way

The parish is trying to engender a sense of dignity in the collection of the offertory gifts. Instead of Commentator asking for collectors, people will be asked before mass. The process is meant to give people time. Not to rush the collection but give it some dignity. This is a reminder that as we offer the monetary offering we are joining this with the offering of ourselves and the mission of the Church.

- Immediately after the Prayers of the Faithful, please come before the altar with your bags and *bow down together*;
- Proceed to the four (wall) end of the pews and WAIT for about 30 seconds for parishioners to prepare themselves;
- Issue the 1st Yellow bag first until it reaches the end of the 2nd pew then;
- Issue the 2nd Green bag. PLEASE DO NOT ISSUE BOTH BAGS CONCURRENTLY.

Car-Park at the back of the Church



The resurfacing of the bitumen carpark between the Church & the ELC off Wills Terrace will start on the weekend of the 4th & 5th March. Please note that the Car-park cannot be used that weekend & will be cordoned off. We do apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

Roster for weekend of 4 - 5 March 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	David Fernandes R Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Kath McGargill Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Br Tony Caddy	Rowena Russell Dilushi Fonseca	Cristy Gennetti Virginia Loy M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Myke Ociones	Denise Simon Debbie Cook	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Thomas J John

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Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

cf. Ps 17:19-20

First Reading:

Isaiah 49:14-15

Even these may forget, says the Lord God, yet I will not forget you.

Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me.' Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

The word of the Lord

Ps 61:2-3, 6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Rest in God alone, my soul.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness .

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted; the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

The word of the Lord

Heb 4:12

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 6:24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.' 'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

cf. Ps 12:6

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Theme & dates - coming up soon.

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 5th March 2017, 23rd April 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

Children's Sunday School
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-
7:00pm

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: 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 40
South Terrace and the main Church. Need LR
Licence.

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

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom
shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said,
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +