



# 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 Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



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

### Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

**"In some countries, especially in various parts of Africa, secularism has not weakened certain traditional values, and marriages forge strong bond between two wider families, with clearly defined structures for dealing with problems and conflicts".** *Amoris Laetitia, Ch.2, #38.* Question: How can we as a parish assist married couples find true happiness?

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A

13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

The very comforting words of Jesus in today's Gospel give us some hope, dear friends, in our challenging world of today. The rapidly changing times and situations make us realise that nothing seems to be the same every day. The enmity between the nations is growing, the climatic changes are clearly evident, the number of people going hungry is increasing, the number of malnourished children is growing, the number of refugees and asylum seekers at our door is countless and there are all the other added disadvantages that are happening to us, to our families and neighbours alike.

In spite of all these situations, we are called to have 'hope' today. We are called to hold on gently yet strongly to the promise of our Saviour, who says, "I am going now to prepare a place for you." Jesus is preparing a place for us. He is giving us hope that all is not at stake here. We are called to believe strongly that this is not the end. This is not the completion, rather it is a beginning of something new and beautiful.

Recently I was in an information night, for the parents, about the Preparation Programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation of our students. One of the questions I asked the students was, "what do you 'confirm' in the Sacrament of Confirmation?" As usual, typical teenagers (!), they had a blank look on their face as if to say "I don't know" (again, typical teenagers (!)).\* I did not give up on that, rather I asked them, what did their parents accept, on their behalf, on their Baptism day. Well, that was a tough one as they wouldn't be aware of their Baptism ceremony as most of them would have been little babies then. So I turned to the parents and asked them the same question and fortunately I was able to get one answer that "we professed our faith and accepted that we believe in the Holy Trinity." And yes! That is true. The Parents and Godparents professed the faith on our behalf on our Baptism day and now, on the Confirmation day, it is us, we ourselves, profess this faith and say boldly "I do." And by saying "I do," we begin to live this faith boldly, begin to express this faith joyfully and begin to show this faith in our actions: beginning of something new and beautiful, even though it has taken so much time to learn and accept this faith.

When Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," he invites us, once again, to re-live our Baptismal Promises. He invites us, once more, to re-commit our lives, especially the commitment that we consciously made on our Confirmation day.

There are a lot of things that will frighten us and make us lose heart. There are a lot of challenges which will stop us from moving forward and there will be a lot of disappointments which will make us feel useless. But we have one hope, one and only, and that is in Jesus Christ, who has promised us, "Whoever believes in me, will perform the same works as I do myself, he [she] will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father" (Jn 14:12). So let us live with this hope and live a life filled with the promise of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

\* Sorry for the stereotype, humour intended.

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash 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

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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

## Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

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Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

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## 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

11am Aboriginal Community Mass

*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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 15 May 2017**

<b>Mon:</b> Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tues:</b> Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31
<b>Wed:</b> Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thu:</b> Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
<b>Fri:</b> Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
<b>Sat:</b> Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sun:</b> Acts 8:5-8,14-17	
1 Pet 3:15-18	Jn 14:15-21

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



**Annual OLSH Parish Weekend Retreat**

In response to Pope Francis' request to open ourselves up to "The Joy of Love", especially in our families, a team of parents, facilitated by Sr. Helen Kennedy and Mrs. Ruth Sexton, are planning this Weekend Retreat at St. Francis Centre, 1 Adamson Ave.: evening August 18th through to midday August 20th. Come and explore with us the beauty and complications of family life today. Contact Sr. Helen 0448856323 for more details.

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

Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, 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 Lorikin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin.

*May the Lord grant them healing*

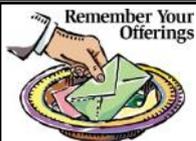
**Death Anniversary**

Fr Brian Healy MSC (15/05/2016)

*May his soul rest in peace*

**OLSH PARISH PILGRIMAGE, 50<sup>TH</sup> Golden Jubilee**

The PPC has recently endorsed a proposal to include a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy land and Italy as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee of OLSH Church. Please start saving up if you want to be part of this spiritual journey. Proposed departure date is early October 2018. More details at the notice board at the back of the church. Indicative cost per person is \$10,290 (incl.tax) excluding single room supplement. Contact Fr Raass or Tina Buenviaje for more information.



**Collections Made Easier (Bank to Bank)**

Are you tired of scrambling for offering money on the way to OLSH church? Want to be more 'organised' with your giving? OLSH Parish has for many years' two approaches which are more convenient, flexible and confidential way of giving to OLSH Parish namely, via a direct debit system and planned giving. The forms for a bank to bank transfer are available at the back of the church. You simply authorize a regular offering from your bank to the parish account. The other is using planned envelopes every week. Easy! Feel free to call the presbytery or any Finance Team to answer any of your questions. Thank you for ongoing support for the parish.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Multicultural Mass, PENTECOST:**

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**



On Pentecost Sunday, the last day of the Easter Season, OLSH Parish will once again celebrate the Church's birthday, and yours as well. Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. As usual the priests invite all cultural and national groups to celebrate their identities by participating in our multicultural Pentecost Mass, the meal of any foods and cultural entertainment afterwards. The Liturgy Team and Hospitality Team will soon be calling all nations in the parish to participate. Please start preparing.

**WELCOME!**

OLSH Parish also 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.



**Divest from Fossil Fuels – Reinvest in Renewable Energy:**

Would you move your money to banks that support renewable energy rather than fossil fuels? Would you like our parish & our Catholic institutions in Central Australia to divest from banks that will profit from funding the proposed NT gas pipeline or Adani coal project in Queensland? And then re- invest in Renewable Energy?

Our OLSH Parish Pastoral Council encourages all parishioners to prayerfully consider the Global Catholic Climate Movement’s call for each of us and our institutions to divest of investments with fossil fuel companies and re-invest into renewable energy.

Nine Catholic institutions around the world are divesting from fossil fuel companies and reinvesting in renewable energy as a response to Laudato Si encyclical of Pope Francis and the COP21 statement of Catholic Bishops from all continents. See resources in [catholicclimatemovement.global/divest-and-reinvest/](http://catholicclimatemovement.global/divest-and-reinvest/) Learn more & share your views with our OLSH Common Home Carers group or invite us for a free no pressure chat or stay in touch via Chris 0499034225 or [commonhomecarersalicesprings@gmail.com](mailto:commonhomecarersalicesprings@gmail.com)



**Happy Mother’s Day, May 13-14**

Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Fathers/ Kids are being organized to serve coffee, tea and biscuits to the moms of our parish after every mass this weekend. Lets thank God for all our mums and all types of motherhood.

**The Month of May.** Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord’s return.

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ’s mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.  
- SC 102, 103

**Cleaning:** May 20, 2017 **Group 2**  
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

**Counters:** May 21, 2017  
Margaret McNaught

**Last Week’s Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,428.45 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,114.35 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,205.00

*Thank you for your kind generosity!*

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

**OLSH PARISH UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS**

FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	

**Mission Conference, Sydney**

Frs Prakash, Olivier and Mr Manfred Casseeram will represent OLSH Parish to the annual Catholic Mission Conference in Sydney this week, May 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. Please be reminded that there will be NO 5:30pm MASS on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and no Exposition of the Holy Eucharist afterwards.

**Confirmation Classes**

The presbytery staff will run a formation session for all baptised adult Catholics who have received the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession except Confirmation. The class will begin on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-10:30am. Please call the Parish Priest.

**Funeral this Week**

Ted Carter, R.I.P. A funeral service will take place this Thursday at 10:00am and on Friday at Tee Tree at 11:00am for the burial. Please remember the grieving family in your prayers.

**Baptism**

KANE PAUL HENKES son of Mitchell William and Brandy-lee Henkes will be Baptised this Sunday 14/5/17 at 9:30 am Mass.

**Roster for weekend of 20 - 21 May 2017**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Kath McGargill	Julie Permezal William Rainnie	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Arernte Community	Arernte Community	Arernte Community
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Pane Komene Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Mel Buenviaje

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A**  
**13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

cf. Ps 97:1-2

**First Reading:**

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

Acts of the Apostles Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 32:1-2,4-5,18-19

**R/** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading:**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

Jn 14:6

**Gospel:**

*I am the way, the truth and the life.*

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform ever greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

cf. 15:1, 5

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sundays: 11th June, 2017, 30th July, 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 10:30am-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)**  
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.

*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*

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