



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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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priests:

Fr. Vincent Mai SVD

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Mary Bennett RSM

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Mr Fred Twohig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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 *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.

Sacraments:

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, 6 months' notice required.

6th Sunday of Easter
9th—10th May 2015

A LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

In our OLSH Parish there are now many occasions when parishioners come together in convenient numbers to practice the Sunday hymns, to attend the Holy Mass, to pray on Tuesday nights, to prepare good liturgies, to visit those in prison, to teach the young children on Sundays, to provide hospitality after the Mass, to clean the Church, to financially maintain the parish, and so on: in one word, to be the Church together.

Such groups are signs of hope for the future of the Church, as they help members to preserve the faith and to grow in it, especially when their faith is no longer self-evident to them. In such groups people are sometimes reborn to the faith, they arrive at understanding their faith better and see their life in a richer light. There is often in our parish groups and committees a sense of fellowship even when they appear tedious and insignificant. It is my prayer that we do not undermine the presence of the Holy Spirit who is active in these gatherings. This is quite similar to the experience of the infant Church in the first century.

Today Jesus says, "**This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you**" (John 15:9-17). There is indeed a tangible *agape* love where people are together for the sake of their faith.

I believe the first task given to us is to deal first and foremost with our family members, our first community of faith before we confront the rest of the world, to bear the burden of each other's nearness and each other's short-comings, to serve one another very concretely, including doing very ordinary things for your brother and sister. But we do not stop with our immediate family. This is a **divine invitation to love beyond boundaries.**

Whether our Christianity is genuine, whether it is valuable what we do in our OLSH Parish meetings can be measured with this yardstick: **are we concerned about ourselves only, or do we bother about ourselves and the strangers?** In Jesus mind it is always you and the others as Peter exclaimed **'I now really understand (I have now come to realize...) that God has no favourites'** (Acts 10: 25-26).

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Evangelii Gaudium

"I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: 'Where is your brother?' (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where are the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. The issue involves everyone! This infamous network of crime is now well established in our cities, and many people have blood on their hands as a result of their comfortable and silent complicity." - Par 211 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 11 May

Mon: Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4
Tues: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15
Thur: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn 15:9-17
Fri: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23-28
Sun: Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Tony Rilocapro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Tiffany Doughty, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Words of Wisdom – From the Hail Mary

“Blessed are you among women/and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus...”

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Adoration

Adoration every Friday from 6-7pm at OLSH Church and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The four stage preparation for those who are enquiring about becoming Catholic will commence the week of the **Feast of Corpus Christi, 7th June, at St. Francis Centre, Adamson Ave.** Others may come forward even as the year progresses and are welcome to make contact, either by calling the presbytery on 89521049 or Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM, our Parish RCIA Director, on 0448856323.

Please pick up an information card from the back of the Church to pass on to anyone you know who is expressing an interest.

Legion of Mary

Three members of the Legion of Mary from Darwin will be visiting OLSH Parish this weekend (9th/10th May) to speak briefly at all the Masses. Feel free to register your name if this is where God is calling you to serve God's people in Central Australia.

Commitment Mass (Sacrament of Confirmation)

Congratulations to our young people who will be making an important commitment this weekend at the 5:30pm Mass. They are here to tell us that they want to continue in the parish/OLSH College programme for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending Mass, spending time in prayer and reflection. Please continue to support them.

Youth Break Away Camp (Retreat)

The NT Catholic Youth is organizing a Break Away Camp for young people from across the NT to have fun, celebrate, pray and learn about Jesus and ourselves. Together young people can learn how to be awesome and ready to inspire and change the world! Date: 19th – 22nd June 2015, Riyala, Noonamah, Darwin, costs \$99 (accommodation & food).

Contact one of the priests if you are interested or call Benita on 8946 2822, or breakawaynt@gmail.com - pamphlets located at the back of the Church.

Planned Giving

Our Parish is Everyone's Responsibility. If you wish to take part in the planned giving towards OLSH Parish, please contact the parish office 89521049 for a Planned Giving Pledge Form which gives options such as 1) Envelope Contributions; 2) Direct Debit Deductions; 3) Credit Card Deductions. Please also remember the parish in your estate planning and will. Thank You.

Earthquake Special Appeal (this weekend)

According to CNN the earthquake's death toll now stands at 7,803. The Kathmandu district took the brunt of the losses, with 3,035 fatalities. Nepal's National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC), says 403 people are believed to missing. It's the first time the agency has released a figure of those unaccounted for. More than 10% of the country's homes were destroyed (299,588) or damaged (269,107), according to NEOC data.

OLSH parish will respond. Please give generously or donate online Nepal Earthquake Appeal - www.caritas.org.au

WELCOME!

Welcome to EMCEE FORMOSO daughter of Mark and Editha Formoso – baptised on Saturday 09/05/2015.

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.

Happy Mother's Day

For a lifetime of unconditional love, support and encouragement, you sacrificed so much to make sure your children have the best they could ever need. You did it with good grace and cheer. Enjoy this special day that is all about you – you deserve it. Happy Mother's Day!

If you wish to find some special gifts for Mother's Day, Sr Margaret Reis OLSH has a stall at the back of the Church.

Parish Dinner

This year the Parish will hold its annual dinner at Tali Restaurant, Lasseters on Wednesday 10 June from 7:00pm.

The 3-Course Buffet Menu includes:

- Freshly baked house bread with selection of dips
- Salads
- Soup of the day
- Carvery and Seafood Stations
- Selection of hot dishes with sides
- Live wok station
- Desserts, Tea & Coffee Stations



Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$12 for children and will be on sale from next weekend, after every mass. Contact Helena on 0417 839 711 for more information.

Social Justice Group News

This summer Pope Francis is expected to issue a rare Papal Encyclical on the environment in which he is expected to declare climate action a moral imperative for the world's 1.2 billion Catholics. It is the first in history that addresses environmental issues specifically.

The following links are of a Yale University Panel on "Pope Francis and the Environment: Why his New Climate Encyclical matters". The Panel includes: Sciences: Peter Crane, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Ethics: Margaret Farley, Yale Divinity School, Emeritus. Religion: Mary Evelyn Tucker, Forum on Religion and Ecology. Conservation: Dekila Chungyalpa, World Wildlife Fund. Law: Douglas Kysar, Yale Law School.

Gregory Stirling, Dean of the Yale Divinity School, made concluding comments.

Watch the video: <https://environment.yale.edu/news/article/pope-francis-and-the-environment-why-his-new-climate-encyclical-matters>

Read the transcript: http://fore.yale.edu/files/Papal_Panel_Transcript.pdf
- Kathleen Leahy OLSH

♥ **Saint of the Week – [St Pancras, martyr](#) (May 12)** ♥

Cleaning: 16 May Group 7

Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

Counters: 17 May 2015

Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,321.20 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,167.00 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator

Fr Noel Connolly
SSC
(Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)

Theme

'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership

Date & Venue

18 July
at St Francis,
9:00am – 3:30pm

A Note of Gratitude

"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity the parish has given to us by inviting Br Michael Herry fms to Alice Springs. The workshop on Thursday night (7/5/15) was interesting, educational and engaging. It was simply fantastic and I enjoyed every minute of it!

I never thought we would be able to learn all the songs on his list in a span of under two hours but we did. His music is simple which makes it easy to learn and remember. Not a lot of hard notes there. I can't wait to introduce his songs in the Mass repertoire later on. Thank you to the Marist Brothers and the OLSH Parish team for organizing this workshop".
- Tinna Buenviaje

Solemnity of Pentecost (24th May) - A celebration of God's Breath of Life, God the Holy Spirit. OLSH Parish invites all cultural groups to participate in this multicultural Mass at 9:30am & to be followed by lunch at OLSH Bath Street Campus. There will be food and drinks available and entertainment by the various cultural groups. Please contact Sr Mary, Fr Prakash or Helen if you are participating.

Marriage Tribunal (Divorces, Annulments & Marriage)

The Church acknowledges the reality of separation and divorce and reaches out in support of those experiencing this ordeal, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

OLSH Parish has invited Mrs Trish Tranter, an officer of the Marriage Tribunal (Regional Tribunal of SA & NT), to work with any couples & individuals who may be seeking a declaration of matrimonial nullity. The process may be emotionally challenging, but many find that this can actually be part of the healing process that helps the person to return to a state of wholeness. Marital failure does not mean that either party was a failure as a person. Please don't be afraid to approach Trish and present your marital case. We are here to help you. **Date: 16th June – 25th June, at the presbytery.** But you need to make an appointment by calling the presbytery office on 8952 1049.

Roster for weekend of 16-17 May 2015

| | Commentator | Readers | Special Ministers |
|--------------------|------------------|--|---|
| Sat 6:00 pm | John Appleby | Walter Litvensky Patricia Litvensky | Rose Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann Anne Chivers |
| Sun 7:30 am | Jenny Montefiore | Mike Steller Patricia Rademaker | Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill |
| Sun 9:30 am | Bro. Tony Caddy | Pauline Otieno Hilda Reeder | Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp Bruce Were |
| Sun 5:30 pm | Miguel Ociones | Mike Williams Pat Monaghan | Cristina Buenviaje Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives |

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

9th –10th May 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. "Stand up," he said "I am only a man after all!" Then Peter addressed them: "The truth I have now come to realise" he said "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, "Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?" He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 97:1-4

R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading:

1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete to abide with you for ever, alleluia.