



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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Monday to Friday
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Parish Team

Parish Priest:
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Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD
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Fr. Jim Knight SVD
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Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
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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
1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month
- 11am *Aboriginally 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, 12 months' notice required.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 21st - 22nd November 2015

The Shepherd's Voice

Christ's interview with Pontius Pilate centred on the word "king." What did they mean by the word?

The dictionary defines a king as a "male monarch" and a monarch as "an absolute ruler." It follows that unless his office is merely ceremonial, a king has the final say in three areas that most governments today are careful to keep separate: making laws, enforcing them, and judging by them. People sometimes think that in our modern age we have no rulers like the kings of old, but they are wrong. Strip the gilded throne and fancy dress from almost any king in history and what is left is the iron fist of a dictator. Our age has had plenty of them.

The Israelites of old lacked our distaste for absolute rulers. To them "king" was a glorious title, made more so by their great King David. For most of his life, however, it was too glorious a title for Jesus. He wanted no one to call him king.

Once, after feeding a whole hillside of people on five loaves and a couple of fish, Jesus saw them nudging one another and whispering their resolve to declare him king. He responded by instantly slipping off to pray in private (John 6, 15). On another occasion, it is true, he praised Peter for calling him the Messiah, a title implying he was heir to David's throne, but he immediately cautioned his apostles to keep this identity to themselves. Not until Palm Sunday did he permit the people to acclaim him aloud as king; but that was only days before his death, and he knew that soon they would all see for themselves how lacking he was in the pomp and pretensions of royalty.

Finally, on the day Jesus was to die, Pilate put the question bluntly: "Are you the King of the Jews?" The words were laced with sarcasm, a sneering stress on "you." Surely, Pilate implied, this haggard was no king in the popular sense of the term.

The answer of Jesus was twofold. First, he was not a king who busied himself with the things that "belong to this world." He commanded no troops, claimed no territory. Rather, he affirmed that in a higher sense he was indeed a king, had been born to the title.

Pilate could not perceive what kind of king Jesus was. Can we? Think of him as king in the sense that he wields the usual triple authority – legislative, executive, and judicial – over things of eternal value.

The legislation that bears his name binds the most important part of us, our consciences. For about three years Jesus moved through Palestine promulgating this New Law of Christianity. We can find it all summed up in his Sermon on the Mount.

He executes his law, not by physical force, but by the gentle touch of his grace. Either we obey freely or we do not obey at all. But our freedom is energised by his grace, the spiritual power he infuses in our souls in response to our prayer. With this power we can do what would otherwise be impossible.

On the last day Jesus will appear as our supreme judge, weighing the good we have done against the evil and assigning to each of us our place in eternity. In this description of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25, 31-46) he made plain by what law we will above all be judged, the law of love for our neighbour.

Within hours of his interview with Pilate, Jesus Christ, was dead. But he rose again and now lives and reigns for all eternity. Long live Christ the king.

By Joseph Landy, SJ

Daily Readings: starting 23 November 2015

Mon: Dan 1:1-6,8-20 Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Dan 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28
Lk 21:12-19
Thur: Dan 6:12-28 Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Dan 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Dan 7:15-7 Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Jer 33:14-16
1 Thess 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Bernadette Dowd, Armando Dimajutoc, Bob Ely, Jim Lorkin, Brian Ward, Margaret Mcnaught, May Lee Shah, Jim Lorkin, Brian Ward, Margaret Mcnaught, Eufelia Canta, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Veronica Edwards, Andrew Wright, Colleen Matson and Rose Brand

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Death : Vin O'de

May the soul and the soul of all our dearly departed rest in eternal peace.

Please do not underestimate the power of communal prayer for the sick. However The "Sick List" will be updated at the end of each month. If you want a name re-instated or added, please call the office on 8952 1049 or send an email to the address listed below: olsh.parish.bulletin@gmail.com. - Fr Prakash

Saint of the Week – St Columban (Nov 23)

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary
Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion
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

Legion of Mary
Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing
Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:15pm

Mothers' Praying for Your Children
Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA Faith Journey of three of our Candidates: Eric Robinson, Michelle Swan and Kim Brown, commenced on June 7th, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, and each has now expressed their readiness to be received into the Catholic Church. The day has arrived, 21st November, for this Celebration of Reception. Eric and Michelle will be received into the Catholic Church during the Saturday 6:00 pm Mass, and will be receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Michelle's daughter, Kaitlyn Peters, will also be receiving Confirmation at this Mass. At a 3:00 pm Mass at St. Francis Centre, Kim was received and her daughter Tjilala Brown-Roberts was baptised, and both received First Holy Communion and were Confirmed. Michelle's son, Jack Peters was baptised at this Mass. We welcome them with joy and thanksgiving.

- Sr Helen Kennedy FMM, RCIA Director

Climate Change and Refugee Gatherings

Our OLSH Social Justice Awareness Group encourages us to prayerfully consider attending these climate change & refugee gatherings:

Thursday, 26th November, at 6:00 pm 'Refugees Speak' including Nooria Muradi (OLSH vice-Captain) with her dad and family and other refugee families from Sudan and Vietnam at IAD, 3 South Terrace.

Sunday, 29th November, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 'Climate Change Gathering' on Alice Springs Council Lawns strongly endorsed by Catholic Earthcare Australia and many local groups to focus public support for change at UN Climate Gathering in Paris

Thursday, 10th December, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm 'Is Alice ready for more refugees?' Q&A panel chaired by Mayor Damien Ryan with Pat Turner, Kay Eade, Imam Aziz, Nooria Muradi and others at Alice Springs Public Library.

For more details, please contact, Sr Kathleen Leahy 0400123540 or Chris Hawke 0499034225

Clinical Pastoral Education, a free "taste and see" seminar

The Clinical Pastoral Education is a wonderful course if you are thinking of enhancing your people skills and want to train as a chaplain to work in various fields. The course will be offered in Alice Springs next year from February to June. In preparation for the course there is a seminar being organised on Saturday, 28th November from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at Church of the Ascension, 18 Bath St Alice Springs. No Registration Required. Presenter: John Hewitson (Acting Level III CPE Supervisor). Please make use of the opportunity.

OLSH CHURCH CAR PARK

A friendly reminder that cars are **NOT** allowed to park on the yellow lines (and along the ramp) at the entrance to the church. This is to keep the way free for emergency vehicles should they need to attend to the parishioners in the church. Parking on the yellow line or along the ramp also prevents small buses carrying people with a disability to gain access into the church. Two of the parking spaces are reserved for **PERSONS WITH DISABILITY ONLY** and the third space is for **DROP OFF or PICK UP ONLY**. Thank you for complying with the above.
Parish Pastoral Council

Baptism

OLSH community welcomes JACK PETERS son of David Peters and Michelle Swan and TJILALA BROWN-ROBERTS daughter of Morrison Brown and Kim Roberts. They were baptized on Saturday, 21st November.

WELCOME!

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.

OLSH Associates' Announcement

OLSH Associates will celebrate Mass on Saturday 28th November at 11:00 am then share lunch at the Convent. You are welcome to participate in this prayerful event.



Calendars and Christmas Cards on sale after each mass, this week and next. \$9 each.

On behalf of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Saint Vincent de Paul Society **Blue Bucket Christmas Appeal** after each mass, on weekend of 5/6 December.

Opportunity to Sing in the Choir for Carols by Candle Light

There is still some places in the choir for this lovely community event.

The practice schedule:

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm each week up to the 2nd December.

Saturdays at 11:00 am each week with all needing to attend on Saturday 5th December.

Both practices are held at **2 Wedelia Place North Edge Estate**. Please call Rebekah Axe on 0447 5673 54 or email rebekah.axe@hotmail.com

Volunteers for Setting Up for Carols by Candle Light

We are still waiting for the response from the Parishioners for volunteering to set up the venue, stage and the pull down after the event. Please ring the Parish Office (8952 1049) for more information. It is an annual ecumenical event that gives special character to Christmas in Alice Springs. So let us join our hands together and make it a success.

Prayer for the Combined Churches Carols by Candle Light

As we are coming closer to this event, let us pray to our loving God that this event be filled with God's blessings.

"Our Father in heaven we thank you and praise you for sending Jesus to be born into this world. Help us, as the people of the churches of Alice Springs demonstrate the unity of the Holy Spirit, as we share with the Alice Springs community this year's theme of Peace, Hope and Joy. May the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ be conveyed effectively to all through the Carol singing, the spoken message, choir and special items, and also those leading the Carols event. We pray that the Carols event for Sunday 6th December will have good weather so that more of Alice Springs can participate this year. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen"

(Circulated by the Combined Churches Carols by Candle Light Organising Committee, 04/11/2015)

Cleaning: 28 November Group 3

Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

Counters: 29 November 2015

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,413.00 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 2,254.25 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Seniors Christmas Lunch

OLSH Seniors are cordially invited to the Annual Christmas Lunch on Saturday, December 5th. Please see details and sign-up sheet at the entrance of church.

Volunteers, please look for Luncheon sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church for this fun event.

A Course in Christian Spirituality

Sr Robyn Reynolds, a renowned lecturer in Christian Spirituality at Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill, Victoria, is offering a course here in Alice Springs. The Course will be from **Monday, 30th November - Friday, 4th December**. The timings are from **10:00 am - 3:00 pm** in Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community (40 South Terrace), and from **6:00 pm** in **JP II** room in the Church courtyard. It is an opportunity for us to refresh ourselves and learn more about our own spiritual roots. Please contact Fr Olivier on 8952 1049 for catering purposes. **Course Details are on the Notice Board.**

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - 25 Days to Lisbon/Fatima/Compostela de Santiago/ Burgos/Loyola/Lourdes/Paris & Medjugorje - 8th May 2016 to 1st June 2016. The Pilgrimage will begin from Perth. Please see the notice board for details.

Billy Graham Reality Event

As you can see the poster at the entrance of the Church, the Billy Graham Reality Event is going to take place in the Blatherskite Park from 20-22nd May 2016. Leading up to it the Steering Committee combined with Executive Leaders will meet at the Anglican Church of the Ascension in Bath Street next Saturday, 28th November, evening from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The evening will include food, information, worship & prayer. Rodney Trinidad from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will be in attendance. Interested people are invited to participate. Please RSVP for catering purposes by 26/11 to bhjeffries@bigpond.com. This event is family friendly.

Housing Refugees in our Parish

As we had mentioned in our earlier Newsletters, the Housing of the Refugees in our Parish is in the planning process. At the moment we have some issues to deal with regarding the place where we are going to house them. The old Marist House on 10 Hartley Street (the proposed site) needs some essential repairs in regard to power and water. This house is also, fortunately or unfortunately (!), is heritage listed. After the repairs have been carried out the OH&S will give its approval. I will keep you posted on developments.

- Pat Monaghan

Mothers Prayers this Thursday at the Presbytery at 4:00 pm.

Roster for weekend of 28 - 29 November 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Steve Gray	Frank Allan Alf Goody	Marian Maddocks Brendan Heenan Christine Grant
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Mike Steller Rita Steller Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Virginia Loy	Tony Hay Lennie Sumang	Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp Carmela Guthart
Sun 5:30 pm	Mike Ociones	Pat Monaghan Sue Bain	Thomas J John Megan Nertney Sammy Nobleza

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B

21st - 22nd November 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Apoc 5:12,1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 92:1-2,5

R/ The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading:

Apoc 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

You say that I am king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?'; said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.