



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

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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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 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*.

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**

"If anyone will not work, let him not eat" (2 Th 3:10; cf. 1 Th 4:11). This having been said, we can appreciate the suffering created by unemployment and the lack of steady work, as reflected in the Book of Ruth. Jesus' own parable of the labourers forced to stand idly in the town square (Mt 20:1-16), and his personal experience of meeting people suffering from poverty and hunger. Sadly, these realities are present in many countries today, where the lack of employment opportunities takes its toll on the serenity of family life ". *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.1, #25. Question: Labour makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability and fruitfulness of one's family. But labour can not overlook the social degeneration brought about by the greed and even brutally ravaging nature for profit. Please discuss.

4th Sunday of Lent Year A
25th - 26th March 2017

The Lord Looks at the Heart

God does not see as we see; we look at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.

Jesus offers us the light to see as God sees. St Paul says to the Ephesians, "You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord." When we really live in the Lord with his spirit living in us, the scales fall from our eyes and we see things and people differently.

At the end of today's Gospel the blind man was able to say "Lord, I believe," and he "worshipped him".

St John tells us of that difficult journey to that point. Today's liturgy reminds us to remember all who are making that journey from being touched by God to a deepening of faith in Him. Today we remember the five Catechumens and Candidate in the parish RCIA programme who are searching for the more of God in their lives. We pray that on Easter Vigil 2017 they too may be able to say with love and understanding, "Lord, I believe", and with joy "worship him".

Our call in today's liturgy is to continue the search ourselves. No one has fully arrived. There is still some darkness in us that needs the light of Christ. Our view of the church and the world still falls short from the way God sees.

Like the blind man lets all open the eyes and ears of our heart to receive the gift of light and sight that leads to true freedom.

Do not be a static Catholic. We are believers called to go deeper and deeper into the eternal light promised by God on the Day of Resurrection.

Fr Raass

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 27 March 2017

Mon: Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54
Tues: Ezek 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-3,5-6
Wed: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-52
Sun: Ezek 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Carrozo, 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS

If you are available for any or all of the celebrations over the period Easter could you please contact Sr Anne (email surteesa@iinet.net.au). This will help in ensuring that ministers are rostered for the different ceremonies over this very busy time. Thank you . Sr Anne

"Love is a sacred reserve of energy; it is like the blood of spiritual evolution"

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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

Commissioning of ALL Parish Ministry Groups



All Parish ministry groups will be commissioned for their ministries on Sunday 23rd April, Divine Mercy Sunday, 1st Sunday after Easter. Members of our Parish who gather in faith, take on various roles and ministries around worship, outreach, hospitality, cleaning, learning, teaching, evangelism, committees, participation and stewardship. We pray for you and for all those in ministry in our parishes that the flame of faith may burn in your hearts. We highly encourage all volunteers to attend any of the Masses on the 23rd April.

Diocesan Directory

This year Bishop Eugene has decided to distribute the Diocesan Directory electronically. Please email the Diocese if you want a pdf version of the new Directory which can either be saved to your desktop, or printed, whichever is more convenient for you. admin@darwin.catholic.org.au or reception@darwin.catholic

Sacramental Preparation



Sacramental Classes at the St Francis Centre

Sacramental Preparation for Catholic kids at government, independent and Non-Catholic Schools will start on **Tuesday 28th March - 3.30pm to 4.30pm** at the St Francis Centre. This programme is for baptised children who are old enough to understand the nature of the three sacraments of initiation namely, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession will also be included during the formation sessions. Please call the presbytery or email Jenny Dietrich: jennydietrich@hotmail.com. Do inform other parents.

Monday Adult Formation Begin

Our parish Monday Adult Faith, Culture and Spiritual Formation begins this coming Monday, 27th March from 7:00pm – 8:30pm on the *History of Christianity*. It will be facilitated by our good Irishman Mr Patrick Monaghan and to be held at his residence, 1 Lakes Court, Alice Springs. All welcome.



OLSH Church temporary Closure

Please be informed that the Church will be closed for pest control spraying on Monday 27th March from 8.15 am until 2 pm.

No Holy Mass

All clergymen will be in Darwin from 3rd April – 6th April for the annual Chrism Mass and Clergy Conference. Hence there will be no celebration of the Holy Mass on these dates except for the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service.

WELCOME!

To Georgia Anne Phillips daughter of Jamie Ross and Tara Eva Phillips and Caleb James Brown son of Raymond and Renee Brown who will be baptised on Sunday 27 March after the 9:30 am Mass.

FRIDAY PENANCE SHOULD BE MARKED BY PRAYER, SELF-DENIAL AND HELPING OTHERS.

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

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	1 st & 8 th April	Presbytery	Start 9:30am
Sue Marshall	Tuesdays	28 th March & 4 th April	Treager Campus	Start 4:45pm
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	Tuesdays	28 th March & 4 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 for Families	Friday 31st March, 6:15pm
Stations With Refugees & Asylum Seekers	Friday 7th April, 6:15pm

**Soup Suppers after Stations of the Cross
Fridays in the JP2 Hall. All are welcome ☺**

**Child Booster Seats & Drivers wanted
for Sunday Masses**

Each Sunday, many Parishioners are seeking support in attending the various Masses offered within the Parish. If you have a licence that is at least a Light Rigid vehicle (LR) and are able to assist, especially with the 11 am Arrente mass, can you kindly contact Eddie on tedjavernik@gmail.com.au.

As Parishioners come in all ages, if you have a Child Booster Seat that you no longer require and are happy to donate it to the Parish, can you kindly leave it at the Parish Office.



OLSH Working Bee & Church Cleaners Wanted



We are holding a cleaning working bee in the church on **Sat 1st April from 8.30 am - 10.30 am** to prepare the church for Holy Week. All cleaning groups and any other available parishioners are requested to attend for all or part of that time. Many hands make light work! The parish is also requesting more people to join the cleaning ministry: -as a new group on a Saturday or to join an existing group - or to join the Wed ladies group.

Year of the Family "Raising Great Kids"

"Thanks for your active participation last Saturday morning at the JP2 Hall. Jen Green (Reconciliation, Australia) has been so wonderful to draw some of our reflective memories from our past upbringing. We will see you again this Saturday at 9:30-11:30 at the same venue. If you have some interested friends to join us, please do not hesitate to bring them along. May we be more mindful as we go through the program", *Anileen Bensted, Multicultural Services*

You can raise great kids!

OLD OLSH CHURCH, 8 Hartley Street

A local contractor Probuild will commence work on the old chapel next Monday 27/3. They will start putting in the windows, replacing the doors and finishing off the floors (sanding and polish.) The renovation which begun five years ago still needs approximately \$70k to complete.

Car-Park Behind the Church

The Car-Park behind the church is now completed. We thank OLSH College for their generosity to organise and finance it.



Celebrate Your Community and Host a Neighbour Day Event.

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door or across the street for a get together. It is the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour.

THE SEASON OF LENT is the most appropriate time for celebrating the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Roster for weekend of 01 - 02 April 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	M Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Kevin Hickmott	Prey Taylor Bridget Knight	Virginia Loy Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Jenny Dietrich David Gennetti	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Thomas J John

Cleaning: 1 April 2017 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: 2 April 2017
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ (available next week)
2nd Collection: \$ (available next week)
Planned Giving: \$ (available next week)

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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

4th Sunday of Lent Year A
25th - 26th March 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. cf. Isa 66:10-11

First Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ez 36:26

R/ Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed; Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Ps 19:8-11

Your words are spirit and life.

Gospel:

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (Short form)

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg? Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' and there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir, the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgment that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.' The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf. Jn 9:11, 38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Start: 27th March. Theme: History of Christianity @
1 Lakes Court, Alice Springs

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-7:45pm

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.

*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*