



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 Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm; Saturday
11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm, Sunday 7:30am,
9:30am & 5:30 pm;

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



"The family is the setting in which a new life is not only born but also welcomed as a gift of God. Each new life "allows us to appreciate the utterly gratuitous dimension of love, which never ceases to amaze us. It is the beauty of being loved first: children are loved even before they arrive".177 Here we see a reflection of the primacy of the love of God, who always takes the initiative, for children "are loved before having done anything to deserve it".178 And yet, "from the first moments of their lives, many children are rejected, abandoned, and robbed of their childhood and future. There are those who dare to say, as if to justify themselves, that it was a mistake to bring these children into the world. This is shameful! ... How can we issue solemn declarations on human rights and the rights of children, if we then punish children for the errors of adults?" *Pope Francis, Ch.5 #165, Amoris Laetitia*)

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
10th - 11th November 2018

BELIEVE THAT WORD

We all have our ideas about constitutes true and false religion. We have decided which people in our world, our neighbourhood, our parish, or our town of Alice are holy and saved: the clean, the successful, pastors and priests, parishioners who don't disturb the statues quo, those who attend Mass regularly or volunteers at many parish events.

There are others we think stand outside the circle of true religion: persons of other Christian faiths, person of other religions such as Muslim and Hindus, homosexuals, divorced and remarried, persons of other races, persons who are dirty, poor or hungry.

The readings this 32nd Sunday ask us to TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT OUR NEAT CATEGORIES OF TRUE AND FALSE RELIGION. Our way of judging is not always the way God judges.

In the 1st reading the prophet Elijah visits a widow in Zaraphath, a city in Phoenicia. Of course, the Jews would not expect to find faith in God and humanity outside their boarders. But the widow not only believes the word of God which she hears through the prophet, she is willing to trust that request and invitation to the extent of sharing the last of her food with Elijah. She risks laying down her life for that word.

Here we see, outside the boarders of Israel, outside the confines of religion, we find deep faith in God. God's love and concern are universal. His word is heard and obeyed by those we may not consider visibly a part of our faith.

The mark of true faith is also shown by the widow who gave all she had—two small coins. Part of a true religion consists in the willingness to give up one's life for the gift of faith, without show or public display.

As I depart OLSH Parish this Sunday for my home leave, yes I am feeling a bit tired, I pray that we may continue to live out the deeper meaning of the Gospel in our daily lives.

Remember that God loves you and will always accept the gift you give of yourselves even when you feel it is given from poverty and need.

May you have a Blessed Christmas. See you in Feb 2019. *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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 12 November 2018

Mon: Titus 1:1-9 Lk 17:1-6
Tues: Titus 2:1-8,11-14 Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Titus 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19
Thu: Philemon 7:20 Lk 17:20-25
Fri: 2 Jn 4-9 Jn 2:13-22
Sat: 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:27-38
Sun: Dan 12:1-3
Heb 10:11-14,18 Mk 13:24-32
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. 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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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 -7:00pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

THANK YOU FROM BISHOP CHARLES GAUCI

“Please convey my sincere thank you to all parishioners for the warm welcome and hospitality offered with a big smile last weekend. Bishop Eugene and I are most grateful to OLSH Parish for the work you are doing for God and His people. Keep up the good work and pray for me”
– Bishop Charles

November: To Pray for the Dead

November is the month the Church invites and urges Catholics to pray for the faithful departed. The Book of Life is thus placed on the Offertory Table of the OLSH Church. For those who would like us to pray for the souls of their loved ones, relatives and friends, please feel free to write their names in the Book. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Church Pews - Ongoing

As you can see we have already begun refinishing our church pews. FYI, four pews will be removed every 2-3 weeks. Please remember for now the prisoners and staff members of the Alice Springs Correctional Centre who are doing this project for OLSH Parish. Again a big thank you to the many families of the Syro-Malabar Catholic communities and few others who have financially contributed to this special project.

SENIORS PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH

OLSH Parish Seniors Christmas Lunch and thanksgiving falls on Saturday 1 December at Bath Street Hall from 11:00am – 3:30pm. ALL SENIORS AND RETIREES OF THE PARISH are invited. Parishioners are asked to facilitate and help out with food, transport, serving, entertainment and Christmas hampers for the seniors. etc. If you wish to contribute please see Losana and Ruth, our hardworking Hospitality Coordinators or a Sign-Up Sheet will be available next weekend.

FUNDRAISING FOR 2019 JUBILEE PROJECTS

Part 2 Jubilee Fundraising Appeal Projects will soon begin. In this upcoming Jubilee year, we have been inspired to set ourselves a challenge. We would like to raise some money across four projects and invite you to help us. We are now requesting individual, family or corporate sponsors of the said projects. Figures will be out soon.

Improvement of Sound System Project

Completed Arrernte Marian Project for Church Window

Tabernacle Re-Vanish

Internal & External Ramp

(Ramps' construction to begin before Christmas...50% donated by the late Michele Castagna)

WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR?

Change all old lights to LED fluorescent (completed)

Refurbish Confessional Booth Doors (completed)

Refinishing of 32 Pews

(Ongoing....99% donated by Syro-Malabar Catholic Families in Alice)

Please contact Ruth Sexton, Jenny Montefiore and Fred Twohig for more information

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THE PLENARY 2020. BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOUR WISH TO BE IN AUSTRALIA.

Combined Churches Prayer Service with songs from Taizé

Everyone is invited and welcome to participate in a special visit to Alice Springs by Brother Matthew from the Taizé Community in France. Taizé's music and prayers have been a blessing to the world for decades, and Taizé itself is continues to be a profound site of pilgrimage for large numbers of young people across the globe. Please gather this Sunday Nov 11, 7pm at the John Flynn Memorial Church, Todd Mall. ...a very special invitation is extended to all Catholic Youth of Alice Springs. Do not miss this opportunity.

Come along and be touched by the gentle 'springtime' spirit of Taizé.

Church Disability Ramp Approved

The Parish Pastoral Council has approved the construction of a new disability ramp. We have carefully taken into consideration all comments and criticisms of this project. The overall spirit of the parish body is a very positive one. It will be built on the front right-hand side of the church. More details please contact the Finance & Works Team.

WHY BUILD AN INTERNAL RAMP?

- The parish is developing strategies to ensure that people with disabilities are considered and included in worship.
- To enable greater participation by people with all kinds of disabilities in the life of this parish.
- To honour the late disability advocate Ms Michele Castagna and her work in the Bishops' Commission for Pastoral Life.
- To ensure we bring people with injury, illness, impairment or disability to the heart of our parish life.
- Because we want to be prophets of inclusion!

Planned Giving Campaign

We thank those parishioners who have opted for the planned giving programme to help the parish and Diocese. There are more planned giving cards at the back of the church. Encourage others to renew their financial commitment too.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you", Jesus Christ.

Cleaning: November 17 Group 3

Fred & Lyn Twohig

Counters: November 18, 2018

Darryl & Leonie Smith

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,569.60 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$820.10 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,062.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

OLSH COLLEGE GRADUATION MASS 2018

November 23rd Friday will see our Year 12's graduating from OLSH College. A special graduation Mass will be celebrated **at 9:30am, Marian Centre**, by Most Rev Bishop Emeritus Eugene with our local priests. Please remember in thanksgiving these students, staff, parents and benefactors.

ADVENT SEASON COMING UP



Advent for the year 2018 begins on Sunday, December 2nd. Advent, for Western Christians starts the season for preparing for the coming of the Messiah and the celebration of Christmas with the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent always commences on the fourth Sunday

before Christmas or the closest Sunday to St Andrew's Day which falls on November 30th each year and ending on the first Mass of Christmas (Vigil Mass) on Christmas Eve. OLSH PARISH will celebrate two 2nd Rites of Reconciliation on **Tuesdays, 11th & 18th starting at 7:00pm**. All priests will be available to hear Confessions.

Ecumenical Christmas Carols

The Alice Springs Ecumenical Christmas Carols fall on Sunday, 2 Dec. Gates will open at 5:00pm for 7:00pm start. OLSH Parish is taking part. Bring your families to ANZAC Oval. Please call Fr Oli to help out on the day.

BON VOYAGE TO OUR PARISH PRIEST

We wish Fr Raass a well-deserved break after three years of ministry at OLSH Parish. He will depart this Sunday and return on Saturday 12th Feb 2019. Fr Alex will be Acting Parish Priest assisted by Frs Nick and Olivier.

POPE FRANCIS — "The sacraments are gifts from God that are given freely and are not a way for the Church to fill up its coffers to cover expenses, Pope Francis said. "Sometimes," he said, "I have seen — not here in Rome, but in another area — I saw a list of prices" for the sacraments, the pope said. If someone wants to give an offering, "they should put it in the poor box, secretly, so that no one can see how much they have given."

The Pope also warned that the temptation of worldliness that can turn a solemn celebration of the sacraments into a social gathering (Rome, 10/11/2018).

Roster for weekend of November 17 - 18, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Kath McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Mike Steller Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Arrente Elder David Genetti	Cristy Genetti Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Debbie Cooke	Mel Buenviaje Tinna Buenviaje	Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John



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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 87:3

Let my prayers come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading:

1 King 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 145:7-10

R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

(to continue in Feb 2019)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: December 02, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir

TBA

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m dr)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, JP2 Hall

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry

3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs)

4th Friday of the month

Finance Team Ministry

1st Saturday from 8:00am-9:30am

CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

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 the main Church.

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....

Parish Soup Van Ministry

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?

"Here am I. Send me! Isaiah 6:8

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