



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Safeguarding Officers: 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 Mikweken 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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”



“Dialogue between science and faith also belongs to the work of evangelization at the service of peace. Faith is not fearful of reason; on the contrary, it seeks and trusts reason, since “the light of reason and the light of faith both come from God and cannot contradict each other” Pope

HFranis. Question: Are we in touch with the scientific advances? How do they affect the teachings of the Catholic Church? E.g. Natural Law

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
15th - 16th October 2016

MISSION SUNDAY—FROM POPE FRANCIS

“The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: it invites us to consider the *missio ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to “go out” as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God’s tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord’s love. She “is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young or old.

When mercy encounters a person, it brings deep joy to the Father’s heart; for from the beginning the Father has lovingly turned towards the most vulnerable, because his greatness and power are revealed precisely in his capacity to identify with the young, the marginalized and the oppressed (cf. Deut 4:31; Ps 86:15; 103:8; 111:4). He is a kind, caring and faithful God who is close to those in need, especially the poor; he involves himself tenderly in human reality just as a father and mother do in the lives of their children (cf. Jer 31:20). When speaking of the womb, the Bible uses the word that signifies mercy: therefore it refers to the love of a mother for her children, whom she will always love, in every circumstance and regardless of what happens, because they are the fruit of her womb....

All peoples and cultures have the right to receive the message of salvation which is God’s gift to every person. This is all the more necessary when we consider how many injustices, wars, and humanitarian crises still need resolution. Missionaries know from experience that the Gospel of forgiveness and mercy can bring joy and reconciliation, justice and peace. The mandate of the Gospel to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt28:19-20) has not ceased; rather this command commits all of us, in the current landscape with all its challenges, to hear the call to a renewed missionary “impulse”, as I noted in my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: “Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the ‘peripheries’ in need of the light of the Gospel” (20).....

May Holy Mary, sublime icon of redeemed humanity, model of missionaries for the Church, teach all men, women and families, to foster and safeguard the living and mysterious presence of the Risen Lord in every place, he who renews personal relationships, cultures and peoples, and who fills all with joyful mercy.

From the Vatican, 15 May 2016, Pope Francis

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.

Daily Readings: starting 17 October 2016

Mon: Eph 2:1-10 Lk 12:13-21
Tues: 2 Tim 4:10-17 Lk 10:1-9
Wed: Eph 3:2-12 Lk 12:39-48
Thur: Eph 3:14-21 Lk 12:49-53
Fri: Eph 4:1-6 Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Eph 4:7-16 Lk 13:1-9
Sun: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19
 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18 Lk 18:9-14

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan, Clare Lorkin and Rose Almanza.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Death Anniversary

Giuseppe Antonelli - 11th year
Carmel Rose-20th year (13/10/1996)
May their souls rest in eternal peace

As simple as walking...

Walking is said to be one of the easiest exercises out there and a group of like-minded people has come together to form a walking group in our Parish. If you are interested and want to shed some of those extra stones, please feel free to join us every Saturday morning from 6:30 am (sharp!) in front of the Church. Looking forward to seeing you there. One step at a time is all it takes...!

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

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Mission Sunday 2016

This year we celebrate World Mission Sunday on 16 October. On this day, Catholics all over the world are called to reflect on and recommit ourselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer, sacrifice and personal involvement. In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are all called to be the true face of God by bringing the message of love, forgiveness and tenderness to those who have not yet experienced the love of our God.

Pope Francis in his World Mission Day message says – *“This merciful love, as in the early days of the Church, is witnessed to by many men and women of every age and condition. The considerable and growing presence of women in the missionary world, working alongside their male counterparts, is a significant sign of God’s maternal love. Women, lay and religious, and today even many families, carry out their missionary vocation in various forms: from announcing the Gospel to charitable service.”*

What can you do for God on Mission Sunday? One practical way is to visit one of the many Aboriginal camps in Alice Springs and see where the Spirit leads?

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Preparations are underway for the annual Ecumenical Xmas Carols in Alice Springs on Sunday 4th Dec, 7pm at the Anzac Oval. OLSH Parish is participating. We will be needing singers and musicians for a combined ecumenical choir. Any volunteers?

End of Jubilee Year of Mercy Celebration

In the Bull of Indiction *Misericordie Vultus*, Pope Francis decreed that the Holy Year would conclude on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St Peter’s at the Vatican, and all the Holy Doors all over the Catholic world. The jubilee will be brought to a close in local churches including OLSH Parish. The Vicar-General Fr Malcolm Fyfe MSC will be the main celebrant at the 9:30am Mass and all parishioners are welcome.

4TH PPC Vision Planning

Our Parish Pastoral Council will deliberate and hopefully finalise the Draft Vision Statement of the Parish on Saturday 29th October from 2:00pm at Traegar Campus. Any parishioner is welcome to participate.

Parish Solar Power Investigation

In response to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*, the Parish Council continues to explore sustainable initiatives such as the use of solar power for the Catholic vicinity. The parish hopes to step up even if policymakers aren't going to create the right environment to accelerate the renewables rollout, let's do the job ourselves. The PPC & SJAGers are open to any constructive advice, financial assistance or any help in this new development.

Recent Parish Retreat - A Feedback

"I had second thoughts about going on a weekend spiritual retreat. I thought to myself "what about the housework, the laundry, the lazy days at home with the kids and grandkids and then there's browsing the shops?" So I went with a heavy heart. However, during and after the retreat, I was amazed by the serenity and peace that overcame my whole being...to tap into my inner self, to get re-acquainted with my spirituality, and to re-affirm my relationship with God and with those around me. I felt refreshed, invigorated, nourished, light-hearted and happy. My weekend was a no-weekend in my terms but turned out to be the best weekend of my life. Thank you, Fr. Raass, for this parish opportunity & Sr Anne as Retreat Facilitator”.

Tinna CB

MONDAY ADULT FAITH & SPIRITUAL FORMATION

A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy

Monday 17 th October	Compassion for a Stranger	The Good Samaritan (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 24 th October	Who is Forgiven More Loves More	The Two Debtors and their Creditors (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 31 st October	God Is Looking For Us	Finding the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Monday 7 th November	Extreme Compassion	The Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32)
Monday 14 th November	The Opposite of Mercy	The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:1-21)

Come, Learn, Share & Celebrate from 7pm-8:30pm

PARABLES OF MERCY NIGHT

Charity and wisdom are praiseworthy, but we should add mercy to that list. If we really think about it, if we are supposed to be merciful like (and because) the Father is merciful, it is impossible to speak about mercy apart from the people who actually have it or lacking it. The Parables of Mercy tell stories about mercy rather than define it, he has his reasons. Come and join the Monday Formation nights at 7:00pm. These parables are mirrors of life.

Five Easy Steps to Creating a Place At Table
(Social Justice Statement 2016)



1. Give thanks for the gift of long-life in this modern Australia.
2. Get informed about what living longer is all about.
3. Help OLSH parish include older people in the life of the Church.
4. Visit elderly people at OLD Timers, Hetti Perkins or at home.
5. Assist with activities in retirement facilities.

Cleaning: 22 October 2016 **Group 3**
Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

Counters: 23 October 2016
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,016.35 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 733.25 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$ 3,190.00

Total planned giving donations made direct to parish bank account for September 2016 quarter: \$4,249.00

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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



OLSH Parish Picnic

All are invited to our annual Parish Picnic on the 20th November, 2016 at the Telegraph Station. It will take place after the Closing Year of Mercy Mass. Please bring your families and friends. More information later.

OLSH Parish Memorial Walk

There will be a Memorial Walk in honour of all parishioners, friends and families who have died in 2016. Please bring water and a good pair of walking shoes on Saturday 29th October starting at 7:00am in-front of the Church. ALL WELCOME.

Columban Calendar 2017

2017 Columban Art Calendar ON SALE NOW includes beautiful artwork, Liturgical Formation and Feast Days. Selling at \$11.00 inc. GST & postage. Contact (03) 9375 9475 or calendar@columban.org.au www.columban.org.au

Refugees Accommodated at OLSH Parish

For your information, a couple from Zimbabwe is staying at the parish flat. Feel free to assist them with food, clothing and pocket money. Call the Parish Priest.

SPECIAL MINISTERS, READERS AND COMMENTATORS

The Parish Pastoral Council is always looking for new people to put up their hand and become more involved in the celebration of the Eucharist, especially in the undertaking of roles as Eucharistic ministers, readers and commentators.

If you would like to enhance our parish life and take the next step in your own spiritual journey, we invite you to contact a PPC member or one of the priests for further discussion.

A big thank you to Marg McNaught for keeping the roster on track, and to all parishioners involved in these ministries. God Bless.

Roster for weekend of 22 - 23 October 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	B Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Mike Steller	John Lillecrapp Ruth Sexton Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Bro Matthew Green	Pauline Otieno Hilda Reeder	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Myke Ociones	Sue Bain Tinna Buenviaje	Thampi Joseph Sammy Nobleza Mel Buenviaje

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Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. cf. Ps 16:6, 8

First Reading:

Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord
Ps 120

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading:

Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." ' And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Theme & dates - refer to bulletin

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 9th Oct, 27th Nov, 2016 and
15th Jan 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

Telephone Tree Ministry TBA
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

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.*