



# 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



## Jubilee Year of Mercy

**“Merciful like the Father”**

**“In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God’s mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle”** Pope Francis, *The Face of Mercy* #13. Question:

1) Why aren’t you reading God’s word; 2) Do you allow the Word to touch and affect your lifestyle? 3) Is spending time in silence an issue for you and why?

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

## Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

## 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

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace*. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Formation of parents falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

## Marriage:

By appointment only, 12 months’ notice required.

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## Voice for the voiceless: A statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia on the Election

Australia’s Catholic bishops have called for the voices of the thrown-away people to be heard in the long federal election campaign. The bishops today issued a statement on the 2016 Federal Election, addressed to Catholics and all people of goodwill.

“During the long election campaign there will be much talk about the economy and the need for good economic management at a time of some uncertainty”, the Bishops said. “Both sides of politics will state their economic credentials in a bid to win power.

“The economy of course is important and there does need to be sound management. But, as Pope Francis has pointed out, there is also a danger that the economy can become a kind of false god to which even human beings have to be sacrificed.

“This leads to what the Pope has called the throwaway culture - a culture of over-consumption where all kinds of things are thrown away, wasted, even human beings.

“That is why we bishops want to speak a word as part of this campaign - not in order to push an ideological line or simply to defend the Church’s interests but to give a voice to the voiceless and make their faces seen, however briefly in a statement such as this.

“But it is not just individual people who are thrown away. The same can happen to the environment, both social and natural. At the heart of a healthy social environment there is marriage and the family.

“The fact is that economic decisions have been less and less favourable to families in recent years; and it may be that political decisions in the future will undermine further the dignity and uniqueness of marriage as a lifelong union of man and woman. Support for marriage and the family does not look like a big vote-winner, so that even the most basic human institution, upon which the health of a society depends, can become part of the throwaway culture or at best an optional extra.

“Pope Francis has said that the earth too cries out for justice at this time. The natural environment - the land we live on, the air we breathe, the water we drink - even this can become voiceless, so that the earth’s cry for justice can go unheard. Now is the time to act, so that the natural environment is able to meet human needs rather than be sacrificed to the god of the economy.”

You can find the full statement, including the bishops’ list of some of the people discarded in our throwaway culture, at [www.catholic.org.au/election](http://www.catholic.org.au/election). (from ACBC, Canberra). The SJAG has some copies at the back of the Church.

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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 13 June 2016**

**Mon:** 1 Kg 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42  
**Tues:** 1 Kg 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48  
**Wed:** 2 Kg 2:1,6-14 Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
**Thur:** Sirach 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15  
**Fri:** 2 Kg 11:1-4,9-18,20 Mt 6:19-23  
**Sat:** 2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34  
**Sun:** Zech 12:10-11,13:1  
Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24  
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, and Helena Monaghan

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Recent & Upcoming Funerals**

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am, Centre Funeral Parlour, **Olive Kathleen Gardner, R.I.P**
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am, OLSH Church, **Collen Ann Matson, R.I.P**
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6:15pm, OLSH Church, **Angela Margaret Ward, R.I.P**
- **CECILIA ANH-THI HGUYEN R.I.P.** Funeral date tba.

*May they and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**Devotional Practices:**

**Prayers of the Holy Rosary**  
Monday to Thursday 5pm

**Saint Joseph's 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

**Weekly Bible Sharing**  
Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:30pm

**Mothers' Praying for Your Children**  
Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

**Children's Sunday School Liturgy of the Word**  
Every Sunday from 9:20am

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



**Falling in Love & Staying in Love**

On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, OLSH Parish will celebrate the Nuptial Mass for *Peta Therese Steller and Douglas Murdoch Baillie*. We wish them well and may God's love be proclaimed through the living and concrete expressions of their conjugal love.

**Muslim Ramadan Begins**

We wish all Muslims every blessing during the month of Ramadan and assure them of our spiritual solidarity. We pray for all Muslim sisters and brothers during Ramadan; by the physical discipline of their fasting and the spiritual devotion of their hearts, may they find grace and favour in God's eyes.

**"I love you all"**

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all that you did to make my jubilee week a memorable one. I was overwhelmed with it all. I knew the people of Alice Springs were generous but you have exceeded all my expectations. I love you all and hope to be around for my 70th. **God bless each and every one of you. Sr Margaret Reiss FDNCS**

**Blessed Mother Teresa's Canonisation**

Pope Francis finally announced Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, would be canonised on the **4th of September 2016**. - Mother Teresa was widely known as a living saint as she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the world. Although some people criticized her for not also challenging the injustices that kept so many people so poor and abandoned, her simple service touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths. The date chosen for her canonization is the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death and the date previously established at the Vatican for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy pilgrimage of people like her who are engaged in works of mercy. OLSH Parish will celebrate this day with the Missionaries of Charity at the 9:30am Mass on 4/9/16 followed by a parish lunch, cultural entertainment & fun at the Bath Street Hall. Mark this date.

**Priests' Movements**

Fr Raass will be away with twenty Catholic Teachers on a spiritual pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey '**Following in the Footsteps of St Paul or Pathways of St Paul**' from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. This is organised by the Catholic Education Office of the Diocese of Darwin. Fr Prakash will be the Acting Parish Priest in his absence. Please pray for a safe and enriching pilgrimage.

**Prayer at Home**

***Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.***

**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.

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

It has begun last Monday with more twenty parishioners who deliberated on Pope Francis' Laudato Si' and its implications for Central Australia. At post-Communion this weekend, few slides will be shown as points for reflection taken from the Laudato Si Group Reading guide being used on Monday evenings. This coming week we are looking at **Chapter Two - The Gospel of Creation**. C'mon & be part of the change you desire! Mondays at 6:30pm start.

**Farewell & Safe Journey**

OLSH Parish says farewell and thank you to Sr Maria Vincilla, Missionary of Charity, who has been transferred to Wagga Wagga, NSW, after three years of ministry in Central Australia especially with our Arrernte Catholics.

We wish her every blessings in her future ministry.

**Catholic Bishop's Conference Post-Election Statement**

We are providing it to you for its content but also because the Sydney Morning Herald, the ABC and possibly other media outlets few days ago has focused only one issue and presenting the statement as a warning to the politicians about protecting marriage and being against same-sex marriage. This is false. There is no mention of same-sex marriage in the statement. It does very helpfully list many people who are 'discarded in this thruway culture' that we live in and forgetting the vulnerable earth. Obviously, the people in the media who have made these unfair statements have not even read the statement.

**MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL WORKSHOP**

The Darwin/Adelaide Marriage Tribunal representatives will be here again in August from **Monday 1st—Saturday 6th**. Trish Tranter will run two workshops and a Q&A for priests and laity during the week as well as focusing on the recent Pope Francis' post-synodal document "The Joy of Love" in the family. More details later.

**Did you know?**

Pharisees were holy men of Israel who were strict in their observance of ritual purity and Sabbath laws. The act of anointing had several meanings in Jesus' time. It could signify the consecration of someone for a holy purpose or signify divine sanction or approval.

**Cleaning:** 18 June 2016 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje  
**Counters:** 19 June 2016  
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje  
**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,593.90 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,039.85 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,260.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

**Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation**

**Workshops: Exploring the Six Chapters of Laudato Si', Venue: JP2 Hall**

**Mondays only starting 6<sup>th</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> July from 6:30pm-8:00pm.** Mr Chris Hawke & Fr Raass as Facilitators. Topics to be covered: What is happening to our common Home? The Gospel of Creation; The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis; Integral Ecology; Lines of Approach and Action; Ecological Education and Spirituality. This is an initiative of our Social Justice Awareness Group.

**Theological Course:** Ntyethe "Sparks" Learning Community (Indigenous Theological Education) at 40 South Terrace for indigenous Australians only. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> for Certificate III in Theology. Lecturer: Dr Jude Long, Nungalinya College. This is an ecumenical initiative amongst Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans and Uniting Churches.

**Workshop: Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 4:30pm – 6:15pm** (for Parish Council and Finance Team only), Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earthcare Australia.

**Contemplative Input: Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 7:00pm – 8:15pm** (for all parishioners & other churches) Venue: OLSH Church. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earth-Care Australia

**Workshop: What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm** . By Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (Donations only).

**Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)**By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of Center Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane. Venue and Costs: TBA

**Roster for weekend of 18 - 19 June 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Leonie Smith Sr Jennifer Farrell	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Fred Twohig	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	Ruth Sexton Kath McGargill John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Jooby Mani	Jenny Dietrich Elfy Jooby	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Denise Simon Tinna Buenviaje	Sammy Nobleza Mel Buenviaje Thampi Joseph

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

11th –12th June 2016

### Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Ps 26:7,9

### First Reading:

Sam 12:7-10,13

*The Lord God forgave your sin; you will not die.*

Nathan said to David, 'The Lord the God of Israel says this, "I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your master's house to you, his wives into your arms, I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife." David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, 'The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin, you are not to die.'

The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 31:1-2,5,7,11

R/ Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

### Second Reading:

Gal 2:16, 19-21

*I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.*

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith; faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift: if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.'

The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

1 Jn 4:10

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. **Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

Luke 7:36-8:3

*Her many sins were forgiven her, because she has shown great love.*

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair, then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who that woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.' Then Jesus took him up and said, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Speak, Master' was the reply. 'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?' 'The one who was pardoned more, I suppose' answered Simon. Jesus said, 'You are right.' Then he turned to the woman. 'Simon,' he said 'you see this woman? I came into your house, and you poured no water over my feet, but she has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has been covering my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love,' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves, 'Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?' But he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.' Now after this he made his way through towns and villages, preaching, and proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God. With him went the Twelve, as well as certain women who had been cured of evil spirits and ailments: Mary surnamed the Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and several others who provided for them out of their own resources.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer

### Communion Antiphon:

Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

## PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

### Adult Faith & Culture Formation

Mondays from 6:30pm-8:00pm  
(to begin on 6th June 2016 on *Laudato Si'*)

### Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &  
on these Sundays: 3rd July, 21st Aug, 6th 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

### Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)

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

### Telephone Tree Ministry

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

### CAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)

2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

### Social Justice Awareness Group

Last Sunday  
of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

*Is God calling you to any of the above  
ministries and more? Call the presbytery  
and participate in God's Mission.*

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