



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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Smart-Loving Ministry

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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



“ In family life, we need to cultivate that strength of love which can help us fight every evil threatening it. Love does not yield to resentment, scorn for others or the desire to hurt or to gain some advantage. The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up. I am sometimes amazed to see men or women who have had to separate from their spouse for their own protection, yet, because of their enduring conjugal love, still try to help them, even by enlisting others, in their moments of illness, suffering or trial. Here too we see a love that never gives up.
Pope Francis, Ch.4#119, Amoris Laetitia

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B 24th - 25th March 2018

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

‘Neighbour Day’

24th/25th March

Masses - Saturday 6:00pm.

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm.

HOLY MONDAY

26th March

Service of Lament (Post-Royal Commission)

7:00pm, Presbytery Courtyard

HOLY WEDNESDAY

28th March

2nd Rite of Reconciliation/Confession

7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY

29th March

The Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet - 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

30th March

Stations of the Cross -10:00am (main Church)

Stations of the Cross – 10:00am (Todd River, along South Terrace Rd, nearer to the Gap)

Veneration of the Cross - 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)

31st March

Fire Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Initiation Ceremonies & Liturgy of the Eucharist
(The Easter Vigil) - 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

1st April


Masses -7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

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 26 March 2018

Mon: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
Tues: Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9 Mt 26:14-25
Thu: Ex 12:1-8,11-14
 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri: Is 552:13-53:12
 Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19;42
Sat: Gen 1:1-2:2 Ex 14:15-15:1 Ezek 36:16-28
 Rom 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7
Sun: Acts 10:34,37-43
 Col 3:1-4 Mk 14:1-15,47
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, 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, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lennie, Will Arthur, Zak V.

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.

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

Mothers Praying for Your Children

Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am



A SPECIAL SERVICE OF LAMENT AT OLSH PARISH

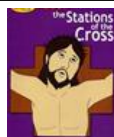
On Monday evening in Holy week, the 26th March at 7.00 pm, we as a faith community, are gathering in the courtyard in quiet prayerful lament to acknowledge the pain and grief as revealed through the Royal Commission into Child Sexual of Children, to listen to each other and to pray for healing for those who have been abused, those were in positions of authority who failed to care and for all who have been affected by the sin of the abuse. All are welcome. – *Fr Raass, PP.*

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

OLSH Parish will again provide the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on **Wednesday 28th @ 7:00pm** during Holy week. Don't miss it!



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 30th March will be conducted at two spots namely, in the main Church and alongside the Todd River on south Terrace Rd past Walker street towards the Gap.

Theme:

Main Church – *On the Path of Ecological Conversion*

Todd River – *Walking Compassionately Alongside Indigenous Australians.*

Feel free to choose.

Pope Francis Approves 2020 Aussie Plenary

Pope Francis has approved plans for a national plenary council of the Catholic Church in Australia in 2020. It will be the country's first in more than 80 years and the first to include lay men and women and religious in its preparation, celebration, and implementation processes.



The 2020 Plenary Council will be the highest possible formal gathering of the Church in Australia, with the power to make changes to its legislation and governance. The council will be officially launched at Pentecost on May 20, 2018, and all Catholics are invited to participate in the dialogue process that will set the agenda for the first session in 2020.


HOLY WEEK embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated *before* Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Let the Paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts. SC 110

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection. GNLV 18, 19



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

 The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS



Our Elect, **Douglas Baillie and Peter Martin** will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church this coming Easter Vigil. We wish both of them our best wishes, prayers and support. OLSH Parish thanks Sr Helen FMM (RCIA Directress) and sponsors of the Elect for their kind presence and spiritual accompaniment.

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Directress

YEAR OF YOUTH

OLSH PARISH has re-launched the Year of Youth last Sunday. We are gradually forming a Year of Youth Action Team. Our next meeting will fall on Saturday 7th April at 9:30am. Interested parishioners especially young people are invited to attend.

A SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE THREE PARISH LENTEN GROUPS FOR FACILITATING THE WEEKLY SESSIONS ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL. I HOPE THE PERSONAL SHARING HAS DEEPENED YOUR FAITH TOWARDS AN APPRECIATION OF EASTER.

Readers (Lectors) Preparation



As a way of offering support and ongoing formation for our readers, we will be trialling a weekly process of reading preparation.

Readers for the coming weekend are invited to come for reflection on the readings at 6.15pm on Tuesdays in the church. It is anticipated that sessions will be around 30 mins. We will be using the parish copies of Break Open the Word as our resource. So, if you are reading on the coming weekend we would welcome your participation in these sessions.

Did you know?

- Golgotha is a Semitic word which means 'skull'. The name Calvary comes from the Latin translation of 'skull'. It is likely that the name comes from the habitual use of the site for executions.
- Passion or Palm Sunday is the beginning of what is known as Holy Week, a period of intense preparation for the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.
- The Passion of Christ refers to his arrest, trial and death.
- Jesus is in Jerusalem at this time to celebrate the Festival of Passover.

Cleaning: March 31, 2018 Group 5

Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counters: April 01, 2018

John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,429.85 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$738.95 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,050.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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



Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. Neighbour Day falls on Palm Sunday 25th March. The principal aim of Neighbour Day is to build better relationships with the people who live around us, especially the elderly and vulnerable. This year's theme is *the importance of supportive neighbourhood for children and young people* (<http://www.neighbourday.org>).

Spirituality in the Pub #4



OLSH Parish is constantly aware of the emphasis placed by Pope Francis on the importance of dialogue and conversation with others - not only with members of our own faith tradition but with those who are 'church shy'; or see themselves on the fringe of conventional religious experience; with those from other Christian churches and other faith traditions; with those of no particular religious affiliations at all; with some who do not believe in God... We firmly believe that we have much to learn from each other.



Our Parish Social Justice Awareness Group invites you to our fourth Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) to take place at the Todd Tavern on Friday 6th April. Theme: **Different Religions: Enemy or Friend?** Main Speaker: Fr Nick de Groot SVD, Director of Janssen Spirituality Centre for Interreligious & Intercultural Dialogue, Melbourne. To-Book 8952 1255 for meal & drinks from

6pm

TALK TO JESUS EVERYDAY THIS WEEK HOW IT WAS LIKE FOR HIM TO DUTIFULLY FOLLOW THE WAY OF SUFFERING AND DEATH

GOLDEN JUBILEE PARISH SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE 21-Days

The doors are still open to parishioners wanting to join this spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy this October 2018. Booking forms are available in the Parish Office. \$1000 booking deposit is needed to secure booking. Don't miss this genuine experience and an opportunity for renewal.

Roster for weekend of 31 March – 01 April 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Jenny Montefiore	Kath McGargill Bill Rainnie	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Deepthi James	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Mel Buenviaje
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Lennie Sumang Hilda Reeder	Goury Nair Marieta Ives Losana Hay

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B
24th - 25th March 2018

Procession Gospel:

Mark 11:1-10

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly.'" 'They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they have cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord

Jn 12:1,12-13; Ps 23:9-10

Entrance Antiphon:

Six days before the solemn Passover when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!.

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-15:47)

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (to begin after Easter 2018)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this Sunday: 25th March 2018

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

Parish Children's Choir

Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

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 drive)

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

(Re-structuring)

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry

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

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)

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.

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

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