



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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Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

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Mr Manfred Casseeram

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

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 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

“Let us once more take up the song of the Psalmist. In the home where husband and wife are seated at table, children appear at their side “like olive shoots” (Ps 128:3), that is, full of energy and vitality.

If the parents are in some sense the foundations of the home, the children are like the “living stones” of the family (cf.1 Peter 2:5). Significantly, the word which appears most frequently in the Old Testament after the name of God (YHWH, “the Lord), is “child” (*ben*, “son”), which is related to the verb “to build” (*banah*). (Amoris Laetitia, Ch.1, #14)

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
18th - 19th February 2017

BE PERFECT, LIKE YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

What Jesus asks of us in the passage in today's Gospel (Mathew 5:38-48) is downright shocking: “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

No founder of a religion has ever dared to ask from his followers something like this: not Confucius, not Buddha, not Mohammed. It is a word that comes straight from the lips and the heart of Jesus. No one else could say a thing like this.

Lets be honest. This lesson is very difficult for us to understand. Is it possible? Yes it is possible otherwise Jesus would not have said so.

The key word here is *telos* (Hebrew) which is often translated as 'perfect' but can equally well be translated "goal, end, or purpose." The *telos* of a thing is that point to which a thing yearns to be, the purpose for which a thing was built. It does not imply that perfection has been attained, but it is the trajectory or upward movement towards which the essence of a thing strives.

In the case of "Be perfect," it is completely legitimate to translate *telos* in the sense of "Be that which God has designed you to be." As Jude 24 implies, we are being made fit to stand in the presence of God - it is the end for which we are made. Jesus is exhorting us here to be that which God would have eventually be, but he is not necessarily demanding we are already there. Another way of translating Jesus demand is: You may never let evil tie your hands, for you must retain your inner freedom because of te goodness that is in you. The measure of what you do should not depend on what others do to you. Jesus himself is your measure.

Remember, God lets rain fall on the upright and the wicked alike and let the Sun rise on the bad as well as on the good. So keep loving even when it hurts and love for enemies is the peak of what Jesus can ask of his disciples. It is the real measure and standard of how Christian we are. In reality, evil people win when we repay evil with evil. God's way is different.

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 20 February 2017

Mon: Sirach 1:1-10 Mk 9:14-29
Tues: Sirach 2:1-11 Mk 9:30-37
Wed: 1 Pet 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19
Thu: Sirach 5:1-8 Mk 9:41-50
Fri: Sirach 17:1-15 Mk 10:1-12
Sat: Sirach 17:1-15 Mk 10:13-16
Sun: Is 49:14-15
1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, 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

Pray for the soul of dearly departed brother Servando Tuazon II

Prayer at Home

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful to me.*



Hi. It's Midge. This week I've been eating tinned-fish. Last week I had the same tinned stuff!! What's going on? I demand explanations!

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



If you know any adult man or woman in Central Australia who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the Catholic faith, please let them know about our RCIA in 2017. Please request their name and contact number otherwise they may call the presbytery or Sr Helen Kennedy FMM – our parish RCIA Director.

Sacramental Programme for Catholic Children in Government & Non-Catholic Schools



OLSH Catholic Parish will be commencing their Religious Education classes again in mid-March at the St Francis Centre on Adamson Ave. Any parents wanting their children to receive *1st Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation* can contact the Parish Centre for further details PH: 89521049 between 9am – 12pm. However there will be a separate programme for young adults and older baptised Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament Confirmation.



Lenten Programme Sharing Groups 2017

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday 1st of March. OLSH Parish will once again invite all parishioners to belong to a Lenten Programme Sharing Group to meet before each Sunday of Lent beginning the week of Ash Wednesday. Please raise your hand if you are willing to lead a group. So far we have three groups. Mums and dads are also welcome to form a Lenten group with your children. Resources will be available.

Year of the Family Prayer Card

The Year of the Family Prayer Cards are available at the back of the Church. Do take as many as you like and give them away to neighbours and friends. OLSH Parish will begin reciting this prayer, composed by Pope Francis, at all Sunday Masses beginning from next weekend.

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... "The Joy of Love" Pope Francis

Here, I would also include today's fast pace of life, stress and the organization of society and labour, since all of these are cultural factors which militate against permanent decisions. (33)



Project Compassion 2017

Project Compassion begins 1st March in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Boxes and envelopes have arrived and will be distributed to parishioners. Our theme this year is "Love Your Neighbour".

BAPTISM

OLSH Parish welcomes Keyon Oseghale Okoh son of Festus Osagie and Faith Amanosi Okoh on Sunday 19/02/2017.

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.

Celebrating the Year of the Family – YOUR Family & OLSH Parish Social Calendar

This year OLSH Parish is going to be celebrating The Year of the Family and it's going to be exciting. This focus is coming from Pope Francis' AMORIS LAETITIA (Love in the Family) and celebrated here in the Territory by Bishop Eugene but you may be asking yourself how does this affect me? How will this affect my family?

The Year of Mercy was personal to both the church but more importantly to you and your faith journey. The Year of the Family is about what and who ever makes up your family. Pope Francis sees how the modern family has changed but unfortunately also sees how society has not loved everyone in this change. God's love is for all and not for whom we think is worthy to walk through our front doors and embrace our heavenly father. The parish will work hard to listen to families of all types and fashion. Is there anything we can do for you?

Year of the Family

In 2017 we would like for you to participate in our many parish events but look to it with a new view, a new eye and with all your family members – welcome them back home to your heart and to OLSH parish.

Lent: New this year will be soup suppers after Stations of the Cross. Bring your family's favourite pot of soup to the JP2 Hall and join in on this simple meal of soup and bread with your parish family. All are welcome.

Mother's Day: ALL Masses will be followed by a fellowship hosted by the Fathers' of our Parish.

Multicultural Mass and Lunch: What is your Families Culture – share with your Parish

Parish Family Bike Ride this July to Simpson's Gap

Father's Day: ALL Masses will be followed by Pancakes!

Parish Feast Day celebration in October: This year we have combined the OLSH Feast Day, Parish Dinner with the Parish Picnic and it is going to be family fantastic! Look for details and plan to have fun in October.

Plus there is so much more on our calendar to celebrate this year and more family based activities on the horizon. How about inviting one (or all) of our priests to dinner with your family? How about inviting your neighbour? Do you even know their names? How wonderful to share both family and culture with them and ask for your home to be blessed! There is much in our Parish Family of Christ to celebrate this year so please: take home the bulletin, plan with your family the parish events and remember to invite all family members. Have a blessed and happy Year of the Family. -----Fr Raass

Cleaning: 25 February 2017 **Group 5**

Rita Steller, Bernie O'Loughlin

Counters: 26 February 2017

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,454.30 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 1,030.50 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$ 1,255.00

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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

Safeguarding Officers, Policies & Care

In the light of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Sex Abuse, our officers in-charge of Protecting Children and the Vulnerable Adults will speak at all Masses this weekend. Please give George, Pane and Manfred our full support.



200 Years of the Marist Brothers

On January 2nd, 2017, the Marist Institute celebrated the bicentenary of its foundation. Celebrations and thanksgiving initiatives have started in Australia and OLSH Parish gives thanks to God for all the positive influence of the teaching Brothers at OLSH College and Santa Teresa. May their on-going commitment to holistic Catholic education "make Jesus known and loved" especially those most in need. Please make time to learn more about Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers.

An important notice for all new volunteers in communion ministries

For new **communion ministers** there will be a practical formation session in the church on Wednesday, 22nd February after the 5.30 Mass. Again all new ministers are strongly invited to participate in this very important session before you begin your new ministry. Thank you for your generosity in becoming involved in these vital liturgical ministries.

Thank you from Sr Anne

Dates & Venues for Ecumenical Lenten Services 2017

Wednesday 8th March, Lenten service at OLSH Parish

Wednesday 15th March, Lenten service at the Lutheran Church

Wednesday 22nd March, Lenten service at the Uniting Church

Wednesday 29th March, Lenten service at OLSH Parish

Wednesday 5th April, Lenten service at the Anglican Church

All Lenten services start at 7:00pm. The Roman Catholic Church has been irrevocably committed to the modern ecumenical movement since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), but has always held the unity of the Church as one of its necessary characteristics. Ecumenism, from the Greek word "oikoumene," meaning "the whole inhabited world," (cf. Acts 17.6; Mt 24.14; Heb 2.5), is the promotion of cooperation and unity among Christians. OLSH Parish commitment to ecumenism is based on the conviction that a divided Christianity "openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature," (Unitatis Redintegratio, Vatican 2).

Roster for weekend of 25 - 26 February 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Alf Goody Sue Bain	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
un 7:30 am am	Kath McGargill	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	John Lillecrapp Ruth Sexton Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Cristy Gennetti Mark Bensted Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Tinna Buenviaje Pat Monaghan	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Thomas J John

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbor as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbor, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." '

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you not realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living in you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: If any one of you thinks of himself wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise, so there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. You have learnt how it was said: You will love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your brother, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Theme & dates - coming up soon.

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 5th March 2017, 23rd April 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

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. Need LR
Licence.

*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*

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