

# 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

## 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 Mikwekenhe 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.



## Jubilee Year of Mercy “Merciful like the Father”

The Jubilee of Mercy logo depicts a ‘shared eye’ to emphasize that Jesus came to walk among us with a human perception and he now calls us to see with complete empathy and understanding. The logo also challenges us to view the world through the merciful and compassionate gaze of God. **Question: Become aware of a time when compassion and mercy drove you to reach out to others and creation. What happened next?**

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year C

### Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine

The great Saint Thomas Aquinas calls the Lord Jesus *Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine*. The legend says that if a pelican can no longer find food for its young in the desert it tears open its breast with its bill so that, even when it is going to die, it will still make its blood the food to keep its young alive. It is a mere legend, a mere tale.

But this is what our Lord does.

On the cross he let his side to be pierced and immediately flood and water flowed from it. He has given us the water of baptism and the blood of the Eucharist, to nourish us unceasingly to give us eternal life.

I hope that many things in this world are sacred and blessed to you, but what is most blessed to you, but what is most blessed is the loving and real presence of the Lord. **“The Word became flesh and made his home among us,”** says John. This is why we call the place where we keep the holy Gifts “tabernacle,” tent.

An initiative on the Family that has been constantly advertised on national television is called “Getting Back to the Table” - a simple solution where families can talk, listen and learn; discovering unconditional love, support and understanding. To comply with Jesus’ request, **“Do this in memory of me”**, Catholics will keep getting back to the table of the Eucharist, until Jesus returns. We get back to the table on weekdays and Sundays because we love Jesus and what he stood and died for. How could anyone say that the Eucharist means nothing to him or her?

Catholics can never do without the Mass. We do not want to do without the Eucharist. Without this communion and community of love with the Lord who gives himself, without the self-giving love for people in need, my life becomes meaningless. In fact estrangement of the Catholic faith usually begins with neglecting the Sunday Mass. For the Body and Blood of Christ is the wellspring from which flows all the power of love and the summit the Church tries to attain in all she does.

**Take and Eat: this is my body for you; take and drink: this is my blood for you**  
– Jesus the Christ

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.*

### Daily Readings: starting 30 May 2016

**Mon:** 2 Pet 1:2-7 Mk 12:1-12  
**Tues:** Zeph 3:1 Lk 1:39-56  
**Wed:** 2 Tim 1:1-3,6-12 Mk 12:18-27  
**Thur:** 2 Tim 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34  
**Fri:** Ezek 34:11-16 Lk 15:3-7  
Rom 5:5-11 Lk 2:41-51  
**Sat:** Is 61:9-11 Lk 2:41-51  
**Sun:** 1 Kg 17:17-24 Lk 7:11-17  
Gal 1:11-19 Lk 7:11-17

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

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

May the Lord grant them healing.

### Law Education, OLSH Parish

Did you know that your child is not your property? Are parents allowed to give corporal punishment to their children in Australia as a disciplinary measure? What constitutes child abuse in Australia? What is this thing about mandatory reporting? If you have just arrived in Australia from overseas and unsure of your parental responsibilities and child's rights, then here is your free workshop for all parents, caregivers or anyone interested. What is legal in your country might be illegal here in Australia! Please do not wait until the cookie breaks! It is an expensive exercise if you are caught. It will be held at the **JP2 Hall on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm.**

### 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

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

**Adult Faith & Culture Discussion**  
Mondays only from 6:30pm: 06 June start

### Proposal to Purchase a new 14 seater mini-bus for OLSH Parish



In the past few weeks our Parish Council and Finance Committee have been deliberating on a funding agreement proposal between Catholic Mission Australia and OLSH Parish to purchase a new 14 seater mini-bus for the parish. This is in line with our vision to provide the necessary infrastructure for all parish support groups working with and for the parish including the massive Mass pick-ups on Sundays and Catholic Mission's immersion programs in Central Australia. What's on the table is an *interest-free loan* from Catholic Mission as well as providing the means of loan repayment while OLSH Parish takes care of the running costs and of course look after the vehicle. Bishop Eugene is "very supportive of the proposal". And we also think the proposed funding agreement is a good deal for the parish in the long run. Please inform any Councillor or Finance Team if you think of a better alternative.

### Prison Fellowship

"When I was in prison you visited me", Jesus Christ. Over the past eight months the Visitor Centre at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre has become increasingly busy, particularly in the mornings. Where possible the Prison Fellowship ministry try and have two volunteers working together, however at present we are so short of volunteers that this is not taking place. We are in need for volunteers to assist in the Visitors Centre. Any free time would be considered, however our critical areas of need are on Sunday afternoons, between 11.30am and 4pm and all day on Saturday's. Saturday's can be split into morning and afternoon shifts to help this work for both the Visitors Centre and the volunteers' availability. Volunteers may be required to assist families or individuals visiting the prison to fill out the appropriate forms required for their visit. Volunteers may also be required to complete entry requirements to allow them to volunteer in the Visitors Centre. Please call Enid Harland on 8955 1202; mobile Ph: 0448 186 521; Email: [charland@bigpond.net.au](mailto:charland@bigpond.net.au)

### Vinnies Winter Appeal

The annual St Vincent De Paul Society NT will be conducting a Winter Appeal at all Masses on the **weekend of 4-5 June**. The focus of the appeal is support for women, often with children, facing homelessness in the NT. OLSH Vinnie's Conference members will be at the church doors at the end of Mass with our blue buckets. The OLSH Conference very much appreciates the generous support the Parish has provided in past years to Vinnies appeals - your donations help Vinnies to help those who are homeless and doing it rough, by providing shelter, security, essential items and other assistance. Also, **23 June is the Vinnies CEO Sleep-out at Traeger Park**. There is a Vinnies Alice Springs team, led by Beth Madden, sleeping out this year and we would love your support - you can donate at <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/>

### Telephone Tree Ministry

G'day all you lovely peoples

The Telephone Tree is suffering from lack of people contact. Don't be shy, pop in and see me for a friendly chat. The parish is anxious to provide access and inclusion to older person and those who believe their points of view are not considered or listened to. It maybe that only 5 minutes of your time is needed. Also, if you have the name and telephone number of any person you may know who is housebound or who have no means of transport please inform me so I can ring them to offer the hand of God. This ministry is much needed, so be bold and step up to the plate. **Thursday morning from 10:30 till 11:45am** would be great. If an earlier appointment is more accessible please leave your name and number at the presbytery on 89521049 and I will be in contact with you asap. God bless. *Michele.*

### 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.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

**Indigenous Theological Education  
Central Australia (ITECA)**

For your information, the Catholics, Uniting Church, Anglicans and Lutherans are about to finalise a Constitution of ITECA in Central Australia to empower and train Indigenous people in Central Australia for Christian leadership; to offer community development and leadership training to Indigenous people in Central Australia; to foster mutual Christian understanding and action among the various churches in Central Australia and to establish; maintain a college, known as *Ntyethe Learning Community* to fulfil the objects and to enter into a cooperative arrangement with Nungalinga College, Darwin by means of a Memorandum of Agreement. We have successfully taught two theological courses last year and another course on Certificate III in theology is coming up on 'God's Story' from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 40 south terrace**. The new Ntyethe "Spark" Learning Centre is also open to any financial help. Thank you.

**National Reconciliation Week Begins**

Each year National Reconciliation Week, held between **27 May and 3 June**, is dedicated to growing respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It kicked off yesterday on National Sorry day on the anniversary of a day that aimed to give Indigenous Australians greater equality, strives to grow the relationship between them and other Australians. One way of working towards it is simply to consider the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Reconciliation Australia says that acknowledging the history of Indigenous Australia, pre- and post-colonisation is **"essential to our reconciliation journey"**. Please make time to study the history, sit and listen to their stories and hopefully befriend them in a true spirit of reconciliation.

**Communion Minister's & Readers' Workshop**

As part of your on-going formation, OLSH parish is putting on another workshop for all new readers (compulsory) including experienced readers and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion. New readers are highly encouraged not to read from the pulpit on Sundays unless you have your name registered and gone through some training. This is also an opportunity for renewal for all readers and ministers.

**Wednesday, 1st June: for Readers or Lectors**  
**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm: for Communion Ministers**  
**Venue: St Francis**

**Parish Dinner**

Due to the business of pastoral activities, our parish dinner due for next week is now post-poned to a later date. Our humble apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused. We will keep you informed. If you are free please lend a hand to the Hospitality Team. Thank you.

**Cleaning:** 4 June 2016 **Group 7**  
 Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

**Counters:** 5 June 2016  
 Eric & Kath McGargill

**Last Week's Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,149.80 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 758.00(for the parish)  
 Planned Giving: \$1,166.70

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

**New OLSH Parish Adult Faith  
& Culture Discussion Group**

The Parish Pastoral Council has endorsed a weekly Monday Adult formation to discuss issues of faith and culture from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the JP2 Hall. First up is Pope Francis "Laudato Si" or **"Care for our Common Home"**.

THEME	DATE
<b>Venue: JP2 Hall</b>	
What is happening to our common Home?	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
The Gospel of Creation	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Integral Ecology	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Lines of Approach and Action	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Ecological Education and Spirituality	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 6:30 – 8:00pm
SJAG & PPC Workshop with Dr Jacqui Remond followed by dinner	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 4:30 – 6:00pm
Talk by Dr Jacqui Remond to all parishioners & ecumenical fellowship groups	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Sharing by Dr Jacqui Remond at Campfire in the Heart	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 7:00 – 9:00pm 6:00pm shared pot luck meal

Facilitators: Mr Chris Hawke, Fun First Change Consultant & Fr Raass. Dollar Coin admission.

A representative from the SJAG will be speaking this weekend to highlight the importance and these upcoming workshops. Do pass on the news to your neighbours and other churches. Laudato Si' is universal project not just for Catholics.

**Unit for Rent: 1/3 Benstead Street Alice Springs**

*2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double carport, partly furnished with fridge, washing machine, lounges, coffee and kitchen table, open plan tiled living areas, carpeted bedrooms, plenty of natural light and air-conditioned. Close to OLSH Traeger Campus and hospital. \$400p/w \$10 discount for OLSH parishioners.*

*Contact Melissa West from Elders Real Estate on 0407 821 572 or 8950 3200 to arrange an inspection.*

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Sr Anne Surtees Sr Mary Wicks	M Maddocks R Fernandes David Fernandes
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Mike Steller	Jo Molin P Rademaker	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller Ruth Sexton
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Bro Tony Caddy	Dilushi Fonseca Precy Taylor	Bro M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Jenny Dietrich David Genetti	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year C

28<sup>th</sup> –29<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### First Reading:

Gen 14:18-20

*Melchizedek brought bread and wine.*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 109:1-4

**R/** You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

### Second Reading:

Cor 11:23-26

*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 6:51-52

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

Lk 9:11-17

*They all ate and were filled.*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them all to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd they all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

### Communion Antiphon:

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## PASTORAL MINISTRIES

### 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 June, 21 Aug, 6th Oct, 27th Nov, Jan 15th 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 His Mission.*