



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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Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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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 Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family



“Pope Benedict XVI, in his Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, returned to the topic of the truth of the love of man and woman, which is fully illuminated only in the love of the crucified Christ (cf. No. 2). He stressed that ‘marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people, and vice versa. God’s way of loving becomes the measure of human love’ (11). Moreover, in the Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, he highlighted the importance of love as a principle of life in society (cf. 44), a place where we learn the experience of the common good”. *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.3 #62. **Question: What Pope Francis is saying is that Scripture and Tradition give us access to a knowledge of the Trinity, which is revealed with the features of a family. How is your family reflecting the image of God, who is a communion of persons?**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
12th - 13th August 2017

STAY CALM

We live in the best of times and the worst of times. Peace groups are now demonstrating across the globe, while the many first world countries spend hundreds of billions of dollars on military hardware and building walls. The stand-off between the USA and North Korea is rising; medical personnel are finding ways to heal cancer and people of good will are praying to heal the deep wounds our children bear. Today drugs have crippled millions of adults and youth. Racism and migration are on the rise and amidst denial of the problem; countless followers of Christ are trying their best to meet their needs. And as the Catholic Bishops of Australia say “we now face a struggle for the very soul of marriage” in the fight to maintain the sanctity of marriage whilst upholding the dignity of those who experience same sex attraction. Indeed, these are best of times and the worst of time, times of confusion and crisis. Faced with the complexity of world and personal problems, we sometimes are overcome with a sense of powerlessness and despair. Others discover inner resources they didn’t know they had, resources of courage, determination and pioneering spirit.

In today’s first reading we hear of the prophet Elijah who lived in a time of political crisis. Pagan customs were rife and many prophets had already been killed in Israel. Discouraged, exhausted, Elijah prayed to God to let him die. God had other plans. God sent a messenger with food and drink to strengthen him on his journey to Mount Horeb. This was the place where Moses also encountered God. Here, Elijah encounters God and receives his mission.

At the death of Jesus the disciples faced a major crisis. They went back fishing. They had been alone that stormy night. Fierce winds whipped up waves and they feared for their lives. But in the midst of the storm Jesus came, telling them not to be afraid. “**Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.**” Even when Peter began to sink, Jesus’ hand was there to rescue him. That was the lesson the early Christians learnt from Jesus as they faced their own moment of crisis. The Lord was with them and Jesus asked for one thing only: faith – faith in HIS PRESENCE AND POWER TO SAVE.

Congratulations to all our young parishioners who will receive their Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation this Sunday. Let’s pray that the Holy Spirit will make them courageous Catholics to spread the Good News of humble service to all of God’s people especially the poor.

In the midst of your own crisis, STAY CALM, CALL OUT TO JESUS, ALLOW HIS HAND TO REACH OUT TO YOU and see what happens!

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 14 August 2017

Mon: Deut 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27
Tues: Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10; 1 Cor 15:20-26 Lk 1:39-56
Wed: Deut 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20
Thu: Joshua 3:7-11,13-17 Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri: Joshua 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Joshua 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15
Sun: Is 56:1,6-7
Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Nonie Rivera, 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 Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer.

May the Lord grant them healing

Death Anniversary

Nicanor Pazcoguin

May his soul rest in peace

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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



WELCOME BISHOP EUGENE HURLEY DD

OLSH Parish warmly welcomes our good Bishop Eugene Hurley this Sunday to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and 1st Communion to all children and young adults preparing for them. Let's join with them in thanking the triune God.



Feast of the Assumption, Aug 15th Tuesday

On 28 November 1996, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference made the following decree: *That 15 August (the solemnity of the Assumption) be a holy day of obligation in Australia, even when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday*". The other holy day of obligation is the Nativity of Our Lord. A holy day of obligation simply prescribes that we use this special day "in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbour." In practise the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body and of course attend the Holy Mass if at all possible. Happy Feast day to the Marist Brothers.

ASSUMPTION DAY MASSES

7:00am	Small Chapel, presbytery
9:00am	Main Church (OLSH College, Bath St Campus)
10:30am	Main Church (OLSH College, Trager Campus)
1:30am	Main Church (OLSH College, Sadadeen Campus)
5:30am	Main Church

Salvation Army Community Concert Fundraiser



The Salvation Army Community in Alice Springs invites OLSH Parish to a community fundraiser for a Cambodian School and featuring the Adelaide Congress Hall Brass Band. Food & drinks will be available. Adults \$10.00 and kids go free. Venue: Marian Centre. Date: Monday 14th August 2017. Start Time: 7:30pm. Let's go and support the good Salvos!

***Amoris Laetitia* Discussion continues...**



Are you going to vote 'Yes' or 'No' to same-sex marriage? As adult Catholics we encourage you to please do your homework and pray for a discerning heart. "We now face a struggle for the very soul of marriage", ACBC. Come on Mondays from 7:00pm - 9:00pm for an ongoing discussion on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia, the Joy of Love*.

Baptism

OLSH Parish welcomes ARIAH JAYDE and RYLEE PETA MOSTRAN children of Daniel Paul and Verity Lea Mostran to be baptised Sunday 13th August after the 9.30am Mass.

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.

Important Parish Dates, August & September

Confirmation by Bishop Eugene	Sun 13 th Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church
25 th Anniversary of Cross-Over Australia	Thurs 17 th Aug 5:30pm. OLSH Church
Annual Parish Spiritual Retreat 'Year of the Family'	Fri pm – Sun 18 th – 20 th Aug, St Francis
Migrant & Refugee Week	21 st – 27 th Aug, OLSH Church
1 st Communion, Bath Street & St Francis Candidates	Sun 27 th Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church
Father's Day	Sunday 3 rd September
Parish Feast Day, Nativity of Our Lady & Fundraising Dinner, Bath Street	Saturday 9 th September, 11:00am Holy Mass, Family Sport's Day and Fundraising Dinner
Child Protection Sunday	Sunday 10 th September
Social Justice Sunday	Sunday 24 th September



OLSH Parish Year of the Family Retreat

OLSH Parish retreat falls this coming weekend August 18-20 (Friday evening 6 – 8.30pm, Saturday 9am – 4pm, Sunday 9 am- 12 noon) at the St. Francis Centre. Unless you are desperate, the registration is now closed. Thirty-one parishioners have registered their attendance. Please pray for the retreatants.



25th Anniversary of Cross-Over Australia

For twenty-five years a group of Marian devotees from all over Australia have been coming to the Red Centre to advocate on the teachings of Our Lady of the Rosary against abortion, euthanasia and the conversion of hearts back to God. There will be a special 5:30pm Mass this coming Thursday 17th August followed by a *bbq* in the courtyard. All invited and feel free to bring a plate.



OLSH PARISH CHURCH LIFE PROFILE

The 2017 National Church Life survey results have arrived for OLSH Parish from our involvement in 2016. The Parish Pastoral Council will evaluate to see what they reveal and will share key insights with you and hopefully take steps of action into the future. Watch this space.

Cleaning: August 19, 2017 **Group 1**
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Counters: August 20, 2017
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,506.60 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$1,136.80 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$895.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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



ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER – Only few Tickets for sale NOW!

Please purchase a ticket for the fundraising dinner to benefit the proposed 50 Golden Jubilee maintenance projects of OLSH Church. Tickets @ \$50 for adults (18yrs and over), \$20 per young person (6yrs -17yrs) and kids (0 -5yrs) free – available at the back of the church. Ask Lo & Ruth. Very few tickets left.

Unity Magazine

We are looking for more people to advertise in Unity Magazine. Do you know anyone in our Parish who owns/runs a business that may like to advertise with us? If you know of someone, would it be possible for you to have a word with them and see if they would be interested. Maybe they haven't thought about it. Advertising rates are very reasonable, and they would be supporting the Diocese and also our local parish. The magazine is distributed widely to all schools and parishes within the NT, and by post, with over 7000 copies distributed quarterly. If you do have anyone interested, please ask them to contact us at the Diocesan Office – email unity@darwin.catholic.org.au – information can also be found on our website.

Roster for weekend of 19 - 20 August 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir Ruth Sexton
Sun 7:30am	Kath McGargill	Mike Steller Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Sherin Antony
Sun 9:30am	Jooby Mani	Pane Komene Dilushi Fonseka	Bruce Were Losana Hay Pauline Otieno
Sun 5:30pm	Debbie Cooke	Pat Monaghan Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Mel Buenviaje

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
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Entrance Antiphon:

cf, Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then the word of the Lord came to him saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord'. Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But Yahweh was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 84:9-14

R/ Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come,' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 147:12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
14,21,28 Aug, 4 Sep

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sunday: 17th September, 5th November 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 10:30am-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.

*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*