



# 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  
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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

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Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

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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**  
3rd Sunday of every month

## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



“When a loving person can do good for others, or sees that others are happy, they themselves live happily and in this way give glory to God, for “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). Our Lord especially appreciates those who find joy in the happiness of others. If we fail to learn how to rejoice in the well-being of others, and focus primarily on our own needs, we condemn our-selves to a joyless existence, for, as Jesus said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). The family must always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them.”

Pope Francis, Ch.4#110, *Amoris Laetitia*.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts”, Psalm 94. The Psalmist invites OLSH Parish back to its origins. We are all invited back to God’s invitation to lead us away from consumer attractions and the hostilities of evil.

Just like a game of fishing, the fish is tricked to bite the soft plastic fishing lures. Today the industry is experimenting on all kinds of lures to give that barramundi maximum appeal. “Casualty,” Christians too can find themselves swimming towards the lure of warm-lit places away from neighbours, materialism and individualism. This does not seem to be what we are, as Church, are called to. We should hear instead the call to prophetic life to help fashion God’s Kingdom.

The prophetic call came to Moses to be a divine mouthpiece. The divine call also came to Jesus, the good news of God, the one who called to conversion of mentality so that he might establish God’s reign through a brutal death on a cross. The prophetic call also came to Jesus disciples so that God’s Church might be a “sign and example” (St Augustine), and at the end of the day avoid all things that are obstacles to growth in the Spirit.

The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy chapter 18 indicates that the call engages people so that the divine truth may be conveyed. This occurs less through abstract truth and more through the silent and public witness of prophets to be interceding on behalf of the community.

The Church needs to be prophetic. Why? So that God can turn every single follower of Christ to be mirrors of God’s truth and turn all evil possessed human beings into identities to be known and loved (Mark 1:21-28). Moreover, the Church should continue to shut up the loud unclean shrieking creatures of the deep with gentleness and love like Jesus did at Capernaum.

Jesus showed gentleness and compassion for the sick. He did not do it in an overpowering, arrogant conquering attitude and approach we see in many so called prophets today.

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 29 January 2018**

**Mon:** 2 Sam 15:13-14,30,16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20  
**Tues:** 2 Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3Mk 5:21-43  
**Wed:** 2 Sam 24:2,9-17 Mk 6:1-6  
**Thu:** 1 Kg 2:1-4,10-12 Mk 6:7-13  
**Fri:** Malachi 3:1-4 Lk 2:22-40  
**Sat:** 1 Kg 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34  
**Sun:** Job 7:1-4,6-7 Mk 1:29-39  
1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

**Lenten Programme Sharing Groups 2018**



Lent will begin early on Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. OLSH Parish will once again invite all parishioners to belong to a Lenten Sharing Group to meet before each Sunday of Lent. Please see the Parish Priest if you are willing to facilitate a group. You can meet at home, presbytery, under a gum tree, school or anywhere you feel comfortable. All materials will be supplied to you at the courtesy of the Diocese of Wollongong. How about trying it out with your family in 2018? Add something of God into your company by reading God's word and strive for a better reality called hope, love & surrender!



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

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, Lenie & Will Arthur

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Death Anniversary**

John King (January 30, 2018)

*May his soul rest in peace*



**Ministries**

**PARISH PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

OLSH Parish will resume all pastoral ministries including devotional prayer groups this 4<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time. Please PRAY and DISCERN where God might be calling you to serve in this parish. Contact the Parish Office or talk to any of the Parish Councillors.

**1<sup>st</sup> Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 2018**



Parish Councils are one of the structures which were strongly recommended by the Bishops of the Second Vatican Council. The purpose of the councils was seen as furthering the work of the Church by fostering spiritual growth of parishioners and leading them to respond actively to their universal call to mission. OLSH Parish is truly blessed with the considerable numbers of parishioners who have worked tirelessly as Councillors over the years.

The first PPC meeting will take place on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6:15pm at the JP2 Hall. Parishioners are always welcome to submit ideas, suggestions, recommendations in order to improve the life of God's Church.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month's notice required. 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.

**St Vincent de Paul, Alice Springs, "An Invitation to Past & Present Members"**



The Society of St Vincent de Paul in the Northern Territory invites Vincentians to take an active part in a process of reconciliation in line with the Rule of the Society. It provides for all parties when differences occur between council and/or conferences to seek reconciliation through a process. (Article 27 of The Rule)

An opportunity is being offered to meet and speak with two Vincentians on 17th -19th February, 2018 in Alice Springs as part of a process for reconciliation of Vincentians, following the OLSH conference being placed in recess in 2016. This opportunity to speak to Gladys Demissie from Perth and Meredith Evans from Adelaide is hoped will begin rebuilding positive relationships of Vincentians and supporters in Alice Springs and throughout the Territory.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please email Donna Scheerlinck who works in the office of the National Council of SVDP, Canberra. Her email address is donna@svdp.org.au or phone on 02) 62021213. Please be aware of the time difference in Canberra.

**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 -7:00pm

**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

**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. A hearty welcome back to all students and teachers of OLSH College and St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.



## ITECA (Indigenous Theological Education in Central Australia)

The four mainstream churches (Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans and Uniting Church) in central Australia are running another week of studies for all indigenous Christians. The subject is "Sacraments" under Helen Richmond's direction. All Arrernte Catholics with adequate theological literacy are invited to participate from the 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 at the Campfire in the Heart. Those who have Certificate III level English literacy now, and have previously expressed the goal of pursuing accredited training for ministry, are invited to commence this Certificate III journey in February.

Transport will be available. Please see the Parish Priest.

### Campfire in the Heart Retreat



On the weekend of the 23rd - 25th February, the Campfire in the Heart, is planning a gathering to discover pathways and opportunities. The theme is *Lhere Artepe*. Some might know this name as the Todd River. It is literally the 'backbone river'. Figuratively it is like seeing the spine of the river, the body of water and all that other stuff hidden or not so hidden under the sand.

The river is a great symbol of life here in Alice Springs as we seek to understand the way our lives play out in this amperre (country). We are offering an invitation to enter into our space of struggle and nourishment. What is our hope? Please let us know your availability and interest.

*David, Sue and Celia*

### **Did You Know?**

- In the ancient world many forms of mental illness were attributed to being possessed by 'evil spirits'.
- In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often presented in confrontational situations with evil spirits, with the Jewish authorities and even with his own disciples when they fail to understand who he is and what his mission entails.
- This text shows that where absolute good is, evil cannot remain.

Use today's Entrance Antiphon as your prayer this week:

*Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you*

**Cleaning:** February 03, 2018 **Group 4**  
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

**Counters:** February 04, 2018  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$3,161.20 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$847.00 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,225.00

Total donations made direct to parish bank account for December, 2017 quarter: \$7,179.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

## OLSH COLLEGE



It is not too late to enrol your children at OLSH College, Alice Springs. It is relatively well equipped and yes, staffed by well-qualified, committed Catholic teachers and strong leadership provided by the Marist Brothers. OLSH College strives to be Christ-centred on Mercy, Love and Justice and has developed many fundamental characteristics of a great Catholic school. These are crucial in affecting change in church and civil society. FYI, Catholic schools participate in the evangelizing mission of the Church, integrating religious education as the core subject within their curriculum. OLSH College is also celebrating 80 Years of Catholic education in the Red Centre this year. A massive congratulation to all who have contributed since its inception in 1938 by the OLSH Sisters.  
*Fr Raass*

### 50th Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage



A humble reminder to all parishioners about the upcoming parish 50th Golden Jubilee Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy land and Rome on 1st Oct 2018 to be led by our Parish Priest. No matter where our journey started, the aim remains the same: set out in search of change for new beginnings, a chance to start over and experience life elsewhere. Whatever your reason might be for embarking on this pilgrimage, more often than not, the journey is life-changing. It could alter your perspective, fuel your purpose or simply offer a level of deeper understanding. At the very least, it is the perfect opportunity to strap on your pack and march into the unknown. More details at the back of the church.

### **PASTORAL NOTES on LENT:**

- Lent begins on February 14, Ash Wednesday.
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (eg. marriage) must take account of the spiritual penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.

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### **Roster for weekend of 3-4 February 2018**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sr. Mary Wicks Sr. Anne Surtees	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Kath Mcgargill Bill Rainnie	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Bryan Weir
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Deepthi James	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Mel Buenviaje
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Pane Komene Debbie Cooke	Losana Hay Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 105:47

Save us, Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thank to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading :**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth and he will tell them all I command .*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 94:1-2. 6- 9

**R/** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading :**

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy .*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 4:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!** A people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel :**

Mark 1:21-28

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted. 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sundays: 4th February, 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

**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*