



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



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

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church. Countless studies have been made of marriage and the family, their current problems and challenges. We do well to focus on concrete realities, since “the call and the demands of the Spirit resound in the events of history”, and through these “the Church can also be guided to a more profound understanding of the inexhaustible mystery of marriage and the family”.⁸ “. *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.2, #31. Question: Name a few lights and shadows facing marriage and the family today?

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

8th - 9th April 2017

FREE TO DIE, FREE TO LOVE

Today's liturgy leads in to one of the most solemn and rich weeks of the liturgical year. We are celebrating the most awesome mysteries of our faith—the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. We can ask ourselves a whole series of questions, for example, Do these events impinge in any way on my life? What might be some feelings we might have as we approach Holy Week, what do I discover? Dread? Confusion? Avoidance? Anticipation? Reverence? One thing cannot be denied. A crucifixion is not a pleasant affair.

Jesus became man out of love, in order that we might be free. He has a purpose which gives meaning to his actions and his choices. He freely chose death to win us His Father's love. Perhaps when we were young we took the time to consider our lives as a whole—career, lifestyle or partner. Too often, however, that's the end of it. Do I allow myself to be called to reflection? Is my life directed by an intentional goal, or do I just allow life to happen to me, reacting rather than acting?

Isaiah the prophet allows himself to listen to the message of Yahweh. He is going somewhere. He has a sense of ultimate direction and meaning. This, in turn gives meaning to the rejections, the disappointments, the sufferings of life. He resolves to follow his goal and “sets his face like flint.”

Parishioners, there is sorrow and difficulty along this road, as well as joy and peace. But we need, above all *to know what we are about*. At times, this may be crystal clear. At other times it may elude us in confusion and doubt. But with Isaiah and with Christ, we need to pray for the grace of insight, for the grace of courage, for the grace of perseverance. As we walk the way of the Passion with Christ this week, lets us try to appreciate the gifts and contours of our calling to love and liberate our brothers and sisters—nearby and across the globe.

I wish all parishioners a prayerful Holy Week.

Fr Raass

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene

& Mr Manfred Casseeram

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.

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +



Daily Readings: starting 10 April 2017

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: Ex12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri: Is 52:13-53:12; 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 Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Acts 10:34,37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

John Shafraz, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, 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

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 9th April

- Masses - Saturday 6:00pm.
- Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am (Procession from Bath St Campus), 11:00am (at 40 South Terrace) & 5:30pm.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 10TH April

- Normal Masses at 7:00am & 5:30pm
- 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7:00pm (Please be mindful that the Sacrament of Penance/Confession/Reconciliation is best celebrated *before* Holy Thursday).

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 12TH April

- Normal Masses at 7:00am & 5:30pm
- "A Service of Lament" (another Ecumenical initiative in the light of the Royal Commission & Sexual Assault Month), Uniting Church Lawn 5:00pm. All Invited.



THE PASCHAL
RIDUUM
 3 DAYS. 1 JOURNEY

HOLY THURSDAY 13th April

- **No Morning Mass**
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Presentation of the Oils & Washing of the Feet - 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 14th April (Day of Fast, Abstinence & Collection)

- **No Morning & Evening Mass**
- Stations of the Cross – 10:00am (at two places: in the main Church to be led by CYAS from OLSH Bath Street Hall & at 40 South Tee but begins further west at the Todd River opposite the Caravan Park. Your choice which Stations of the Cross you want to join)
- Veneration of the Cross & Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL 15th April

- **No Morning Mass**
- The Service of Light, Easter Proclamation, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Initiation & Liturgy of the Eucharist - 7:30pm

GLORIOUS EASTER SUNDAY 16th April

- Easter Masses -7:30am, 9:30am, & 5:30pm (NO 11:00am Mass at 40 south terrace)

Let's prepare well for a life-changing experience

PLEASE BRING YOUR CARITAS BOX, ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS THIS WEEK. FEEL FREE TO PRESENT THEM DURING THE HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES.

WELCOME!

To Charlotte Mae Baltonado daughter of Jerome and Cherrie Mae Baltonado and Raymond Malcolm Tumwesigy son of Joseph Tumwesigy and Rosemary Kemihegyeyo who will be baptised at the 9:30 am Mass.

OLSH Parish also 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.

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Monday Adult Formation

A brief overlook of the history in the Bible from Creation to the call of Abraham about 1800BC. Join the discussion and learn from each other. Venue: Patrick Monaghan's Home.



The Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Darwin, is looking for a self-motivated, experienced and dynamic professional and founding school principal for the new Catholic Primary School namely, **Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School**, Zuccoli, Darwin. Opening Year 2018. Interested applicants please contact the CEO, Darwin or email: marian.bhasin@nt.catholic.edu.au.



Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD. A Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa, Laurie Brink is an Associate Professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Brink investigates the ancient social, religious, and cultural world out of which early Christianity emerged. Having worked as a senior staff member for the Combined Caesarea Expedition in Israel, she seeks to integrate archaeological research and biblical exegesis. Brink is an associate editor of *The Bible Today*, and has recorded two lecture series (Acts of the Apostles and Philippians) for Now You Know Media. Her publications are numerous to count. She is also a member of American Schools of Oriental Research, Catholic Biblical Association, Chicago Society of Biblical Research, and Society of Biblical Literature. You really don't want to miss this one. 7th August from 5pm-9pm. Mark your diary. More details later.

HOLY THURSDAY

As is the usual practice the priests will wash the feet of twelve people from our community. Then the priest will invite few more from the congregation to come forward to have their feet washed and then stay to wash the feet of one other person. This is different from our usual practice and it affirms the call of Jesus to be servant for each other. So think about being part of this very beautiful and challenging ritual. We are often very happy to serve another person but we often find it hard to accept the service and care of another.

Cleaning: 15 April 2017 **Group 4**
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

Counters: 16 April 2017
Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,707.00 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 959.00 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 1,145.25

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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

OLSH PARISH UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



Singers, Musicians and Interested Parishioners

You are all invited to participate in a very practical and informative music workshop facilitated by Sr Helen Dyson. Sr Helen has been the Music Director and Pastoral Associate in the Maroochydore parish, on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, for the last 10 years. Working across the four church communities that make up the parish, Sr Helen has very hands on experience in the field of liturgy and music.

This workshop is for experienced musicians and singers and also for new or younger people. The young people from the youth group are especially invited. We hope that people from all groups and all ages will be able to participate in the workshop. All participants will be guaranteed an enjoyable, practical and informative day. We strongly urge anyone who is interested to come along and enjoy a day of sacred music.



Date 29th April
Time 9.30 to 3.30

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.



Sr Lorraine Victorsen, PhD. Sr Lorraine is a Good Samaritan Sister and comes with a wealth of international experience working in the context of inter-religious dialogue especially in the Iranian city of Qom, the largest centre for Shi'a scholarship in the world. Don't miss this one! *April 21st, 7:00pm – 8:30pm* at *St Francis Centre*. Subject: Inter-Religious & Inter-Church Dialogue.

Come and be affirmed and challenged in your Catholic faith to have greater reverence and respect for other religions.



Year of the Family "Raising Great Kids"

Please take note that due to our Holy Week preparations the 5th Workshop will resume on Saturday 22nd April. A massive thank you to the young families who have committed to learning more about raising great kids today.

A Service of Lament

(for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2017)

The combine Christian Churches of Alice Springs and the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) have initiated a **Service of Lament** to take place on Wednesday of Holy Week 29th March at 5:00pm at the Uniting Church lawn. All Catholics are invited to attend as we gather to acknowledge, grieve and offer a space for hope and healing.

Roster for weekend of 15 - 16 April 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 7:30pm	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sun 7:30am	TBA	TBA	John Lillecrapp Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30am	TBA	TBA	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30pm	TBA	TBA	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marietta Ives

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A
8th - 9th April 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

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

Six days before the 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! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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 from insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So too, I have 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:

Ps 19:8-11

Your words are spirit and life...

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.

Your words are spirit and life...

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

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 (Mondays)
TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 11th June, 2017, 30th July, 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.

*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*