



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



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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

3rd Sunday of every month

Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family



“To be open to a genuine encounter with others, “a kind look” is essential. This is incompatible with a negative attitude that readily points out other people’s shortcomings while overlooking one’s own. A kind look helps us to see beyond our own limitations, to be patient and to cooperate with others, despite our differences. Loving kindness builds bonds, cultivates relation-ships, creates new networks of integration and knits a firm social fabric. In this way, it grows ever stronger, for without a sense of belonging we cannot sustain a commitment to others; we end up seeking our convenience alone and life in common becomes impossible. Antisocial persons think that others exist only for the satisfaction of their own needs. Consequently, there is no room for the gentleness of love and its expression. Those who love are capable of speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation, and encouragement. **Pope Francis, Ch.4#100, Amoris Laetitia.**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
11th - 12th November 2017

LIVE FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE

The parable of the wise and the foolish bridesmaids used to be one of the most cherished parables in the liturgy. However, for our critical generation this parable presents some difficulties because we are not familiar with practises customary at Jewish weddings. Yet the core and essence of the story has always been clearly understandable, and it has the same meaning for us as for the first Christians. The three triple message:

- The Lord makes people wait for him, but it is absolutely certain that Jesus will come back and his coming will be unexpected.
- The Kingdom of God is not simply thrown into your lap while you sleep: you have to stand ready for it.
- If you do not stand ready at the moment of his coming, it is too late, without any appeal.

The time that followed the event of the resurrection was tense with the expectation of the return of the Lord. St Paul writes to the Thessalonians in today’s second reading, 1 Thess 4:4:15-17: “*Those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise and only after that shall we who remain alive be taken up to meet the Lord*”.

Paul also warns in his second letter to the Thessalonians not to be disturbed by those who say “*the day of the Lord has already arrived*” (2 Thess 2:2) and he also warns those “*who refuse to work*” not to stay idle but to go on quietly working and earning the food they eat (2 Thess 3:10-12). Later on, many Christians got tired of waiting: “*The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep*”. The oil in their lamps gave out, their faith waned, their love slackened and their love waned What they were concerned about was their everyday life with its cares.

Then, unexpectedly “*in the middle of the night*” the cry resounded: “*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*”. Then it’s too late to make any other preparations or appeal. The God of the Living and the Dead is now at your door-step. So, stand ready and be vigilant.

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 13 November 2017

Mon: Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6
Tues: Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19
Thu: Wis 7:22-8:1 Lk 17:20-25
Fri: Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37
Sat: Wis 18:14-16,19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8
Sun: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thess 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Eric Robinson, Elisa Yared, 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 Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lenie & Will Arthur

May the Lord grant them healing

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required. 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 -7:00pm

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



Parish Pastoral Council Nov Minutes

- Launch of Year of Youth, Sunday 19th Nov at all Masses
- End of Year of Family on Feast of Christ the King and Renewal of Married & Religious Vows at the 9:30am & 5:30pm Mass only.
- Ecumenical Christmas Carols team need Catholic volunteers, 3rd Dec @ 7:00pm, ANZAC Oval
- Parish Tenants (3 families and 3 singles) earning parish approx.\$1000 per week
- Review of Parish Assembly ongoing and action plans are now underway
- Catholic Youth of Alice Springs trip to NSW, Youth Festival, 12 confirmed
- *Laudato Si* Pledge, 70 parishioners formally pledged to help Pope Francis reach 1,000,000 Catholics before the end of 2017.
- *New Marriage Ministry/Encounter* to begin in 2018
- Golden Jubilee fund sitting @\$26k
- Bringing the spirit of *Laudato Si* into the heart of everything we do.



Seniors Pre-Christmas Lunch

WHEN: Saturday, 2 December

WHERE: OLSH College, Bath St. Hall

You (SENIORS) are cordially invited to have lunch, sing Christmas songs, see Father Christmas and visit with friends at our annual Christmas gathering. Please plan to join us starting at 12 noon. Please sign up at the entrance of our church for volunteers and also inviting Christmas gifts for seniors. Thank you, *OLSH Parish, PPC and the Hospitality Team*



Youth Assembly, NSW

Our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs (CYAS) will be represented at the Youth Festival in Sydney from 6th-10th Dec. CYAS will be selling all kinds of flavoured cakes after the Mass to assist in their travel expenses to Sydney. Cake Stalls will be set up in-front of the church at all Masses on Sunday 19th Nov & 26th Nov. CYAS is also looking for willing sponsors to help them with their registration at \$220 per youth. So far about 17000 Catholic Youth have registered all over Australia. Please help.

SYRO MALABAR EPARCHY OF ST THOMAS, REXBAND



The world famous Catholic Rock Band will open the Year of Youth in Darwin next week, Tuesday 14th November with a big-bang concert. This will be their 500th concert across 21 countries for over 14 years and will also appear at the Youth Festival in Sydney. Book your tickets now.

Parish Assembly 2017

The parish assembly last weekend was an amazing success. Over 65 parishioners provided critical inputs which will be used to develop a parish action plan. The excitement and energy on the day was contagious. Thanks to everyone who attended, we appreciate your valued inputs and especially for our facilitators Sr Anne & Mr Ives.

There are some record of our Parish Assembly deliberations situated at the back of the church. Feel free to browse and see what God might be telling you. The PPC will analyse, plan and work on what has been tabled and discerned at the Assembly. We will need your help.

Important Parish Dates: November & December

Cake Stalls for Catholic Youth trip to Syd	Sunday 19 th Nov after all Masses
Workshop for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Tuesday 21 st Nov 6:30pm start
Parish Advent Spiritual Retreat (for Women ONLY): \$20 per retreatant; Retreat Director: Sr Anne	Saturday 25 th Nov "Waiting with Mary", St Francis.
Cake Stalls for Catholic Youth trip to Syd &	Sunday 26 th Nov after all Masses
Feast of Christ the King & Renewal of Married Vows, Parish-Wide Children's Choir will lead	Sunday 26 th at the 9:30am & 5:30pm Masses for renewals
1 st Sunday of Advent Adult Reflection at the JP2 Hall	Monday 27 th , 7-8pm
Parish Seniors Pre-Christmas Lunch	2 nd December, Sat at Bath Street Hall, 12:00 noon



End of Year of Family & Renewal of Married Vows

Are there any married couples out there who love to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary at OLSH Church by renewing their married vows? Consecrated religious are also welcome to renew their vows at the end of the Year of Family. Your children can also come along and pledge themselves anew to love and respect your parents who gave you life and faith. The priests of the parish would love to hear from you and help support you. So far about 10 couples have expressed their interest to renew their vows on the Feast of Christ at the 9:30am and 5:30pm Masses only. The priests highly encourage their children to also renew their respect for their parents.



Australian Church Women's World Community Day for 2017

ACW is a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries, promoting peace, understanding and unity, through faith and love in the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our next service is to be held at the Lutheran Church Alice Springs, on Friday Evening 17th November at 7pm and all are welcome to join in pray. The service is divided between the churches and Rita Steller is looking for help to perform our part. Please contact Rita for further details, wk 89595397 or hm 89520868. Thank you.

Break Open the Word

It is that time of the year again. I am about to order new copies of Break Open the Word for 2018. It is a very good resource for readers in preparation for their ministry. If anyone would like to order their own copy please contact Sr Anne before Nov 11 (surteesa@iinet.net.au or 0407 776 851)



Calling for New Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion

If God is calling you to assist in this ministry please see Sr Anne or any of the priests and come to a workshop on Tuesday 21st November at 6:30pm, JP2 Hall.

Parish Advent Retreat (for Women Only) *Feeling agitated, tired and worn out?* In the fever and agitation of modern life in Alice Springs, a spiritual retreat may be just the way to refresh and revitalize your spirit. Sr Anne will facilitate this one-day retreat at St Francis under the theme: Waiting With Mary, Sat 25th November from 9-4pm at St Francis. Please RSVP the parish Office or Sr Anne directly.

**ALREADY CONTEMPLATING CHRISTMAS?
DO NOT RUSH INTO IT. WAIT!
THE PARISH WILL RUN THREE 1-hour OF
SPIRITUAL PREPARATION DURING THE HOLY
SEASON OF ADVENT, A SPIRITUAL RETREAT
FOR WOMEN ONLY & ONE 2ND RITE OF
RECONCILIATION.**

25th Nov— 1-Day Retreat "Waiting with Mary";
27th, 11th, 18th Dec—1-Hour Advent Recollection, 7-8pm;
19th Dec—2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Cleaning: November 18, 2017 **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell

Counters: November 19, 2017
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,251.95 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$852.05 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,505.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

Roster for weekend of 18 - 19 November 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr J Farrell Leonie Smith	D Fernandes R Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	W Rainnie P Rademaker	Mike Steller K McGargill J Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	P Otieno Debbie Cooke	Virginia Loy Br M Green Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Joel Tolentino T Buenviaje	Marieta Ives S Nobleza Thomas J John

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 62

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God .

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out". But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves". They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you". So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Advent Reflections, 27th, 11th & 18th Dec,
7pm at JP2 Hall

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this
Sunday: December 17, 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*

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