



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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Wednesday 5 p.m.
Parish Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team:

Parish Priest:
Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priest:
Fr. John Quang SVD (until late
February)
Resident Priest:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
Syro-Malabar Chaplain
Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST
Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje
Parish Past. Council Chairman
Fred Twohig
OLSH College Principal
Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:
Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Baptism: By appointment: one
month's notice required.
Marriage:
By appointment only, 6 months'
notice required.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
17^h—18th January 2015

“What do you want?”

“**What do you want?**” If Jesus were to address this question to you, how would you answer? How would we as OLSH parish respond? At first we might take it at its most obvious face value, “How can I help you?” “What can I do for you?” But maybe there is more to it? In response to this question, the two disciples blurt out their own question: “**Teacher, where do you live?**” This is a puzzling response to a personal and difficult question.

What do you seek? This is a question that you and I might try to avoid or lack the courage, fearing that our personal answer is that what, in our heart of hearts we seek is not available - and we will discover a despairing void, or be sucked into a black hole of insane meaninglessness?

If this question leaves you confused, unsettled and decentered, and you truly find it difficult to tell Jesus what you seek, then hold on in there and do not panic. John’s Gospel teases us and asks us to consider the possibilities.

Jesus, the Beloved of God invites us to “**Come and See**”. You and I are to hear the invitation to come and see. In other words there are no ready-made answers in 2015 ; just an invitation to explore, to investigate, to discover and to contemplate. It’s follow, spend time with me, allow me to love you, ask questions, attempt to savor my kind of food, just enjoy my presence, daydream with me, free to listen to my worldview and try out my commandments and see where they lead you, and you may just find out what it is you are looking for – even if you are not quite sure what you are looking for.

Do we dare to seek? Or do we avoid the question through our constant busyness? Do we dare to seek, or do we just get born, struggle to pay the mortgage, decline in health and die? Do we dare to answer the primary questions of life, or do we settle easily for the secondary answers that the Holy Mother Church gives us.

Brothers and Sisters, I suggest that one of the things you and I can do together this year is to respond positively to Jesus invitation “Come and See”. By that I mean we need as a parish to enter more deeply into the journey of ever-deepening our faith and spirituality. So that at the end of the day – “What we seek?” becomes “**Who do we seek?**”

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

Parish Priest’s Movements

Fr Raass will be away in Darwin from 20th Jan – 22nd Jan for the Catholic Education Office, Principals’ and New Staff Orientation. For your information, Fr Raass still holds the Head of Mission and Spirituality Adult Formation at the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Darwin.

Daily Readings: starting 19 January

Mon: Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
Tues: Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28
Wed: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6
Thu: Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12
Fri: Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19
Sat: Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Mk 3:20-21
Sun: Jonah 3:1-5,10
 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Lorraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon,
Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa,
Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney,
Edna Madden, Mary Hessling,
Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani,
Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille,
Fay Hawkins, Daphne Dilleen,
Colleen Matson and Collen Langcake.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Calling for New Lectors (Readers)

“When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be read and listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 29). To all current lectors, please continue to prepare yourself spiritually before you read in church. All new lectors will have to go through a special formation programme before he or she is instituted to PROCLAIM from the Sacred Scriptures. Please inform the parish team if you are serious about this ministry.

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month
at Missionaries of Charity Convent
12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary



The OLSH Parish congratulates the FMM on their 40th Year of dedicated Eucharistic presence in Central Australia on Tuesday 25th January. At the invitation of Bishop Mgr. John O’Loughlin and Fr Adrian Meany then Parish Priest, the three Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Sr Dympna Kilbride, Sr Susanne Smith and Sr. Christine Bartlett were welcomed to OLSH parish on 25th January 1975. As followers of St Francis of Assisi, the sister’s aim was ‘to form an apostolic team to work with the less privileged people of the area’ and this would include religious education and social welfare work. Today we join with the sisters in thanking God for the privilege of ministering in the OLSH Parish and for the parishioners of OLSH who from the beginning until today have received and supported the sisters with overwhelming generosity. To Srs Helen Kennedy FMM, Sr Marie Jeanne Bunga Mbenza FMM, Sr Connie Dandy FMM, and all other sisters who have ministered in the heart of this nation – a massive THANK YOU for who you are and BEST WISHES for the next forty years!

Recent Deaths in the Community

Bella (Isobel) Lavery (R.I.P)

Isobel was born on 17th December 1920 in Coleraine, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. She was the mother of Patricia Litvensky and Gerald Joseph Lavery. She was well known in her tireless work with Vinnies and a faithful member of the OLSH . She was called to rest on 8th January 2015 at the Old Timers Nursing Village, Alice Springs at the age of 94. Her requiem thanksgiving Mass was celebrated by Frs Raass & Jan at OLSH Church last Friday. Our sincere condolences to the family and may she rest well in the arms of her God.

Earl Richard Palmer (R.I.P)

Earl was born in 1956 in Darwin and the eldest son of John and Jessie Palmer (nee Rogers) from the Yamba outstation, Harry Creek (Artkerre). He worked tirelessly for the return of Aboriginal lands and rights to land at the Ingkerreke Outstations Resource Service. His support for Aboriginal elder’s leadership resulted in the MOU regarding community development in the bush between the NT Government and the Commonwealth Government. Earl’s Funeral Rite was conducted by Fr Raass at OLSH Church on Thursday and buried at his country at Artkerre. May he rest in peace.

Father Leon de Souza (R.I.P)

Father LEON DE SOUZA died last Saturday, aged 74, at the Tiwi Aged Care Residential Centre here in Darwin. Father Leon de Souza was ordained for the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore. In March 1981 he came to Darwin where many of his family had already settled, under an arrangement with Bishop John O’Loughlin MSC. In 1995 he was appointed Parish Priest of Tennant Creek, assisted at Holy Spirit Parish until he returned to India in late 1991. He suffered a stroke while over there, on Easter Sunday of 1999 and subsequently his family brought him back to Darwin to care for him. We commend Father Leon de Souza’s gentle soul to God and extend our condolences to all members of the de Souza family. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for him by Bishop Eugene Hurley at Holy Spirit Church next Tuesday, January 20, at 10 am.

WELCOME!

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

Parish Diary

Sunday 18 January
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Monday 19 January
Tuesday 20 January
 • Prison Ministry 5:45 - 7:30pm
Wednesday 21 January
Thursday 22 January
Friday 23 January
Saturday 24 January
Sunday 25 January
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE)

If you are seeking to enrich your voluntary work through offering pastoral care or in preparation for undertaking vocational, pastoral or leadership work, then this programme of CPE is a window of opportunity. This ecumenical programme is being offered at Alice Springs Hospital in 2015 and anyone is welcome to apply. C.P.E uses adult educational methods and it emphasises learning from the 'Human Document' and therefore carried out in the context of working with persons, relationship with peer group, families, faith communities, work and relational communities and institutions. You will learn to sharpen your interpersonal and pastoral skills and competence. It demands energy and 400 hours of your time consisting of pastoral work, verbatim reports, peer group and individual supervision, readings and reflection. It costs \$950.00. If you are interested please email: John.Hewitson@health.wa.gov.au

DID YOU READ?

“Pope Francis’ Image Positive in Much of World” Results of recent research carried out by the Pew Research Center in the US has found that Pope Francis enjoys broad support across much of the world. A median of 60 per cent across 43 nations have a favorable view of the pontiff. The Pope was most favorable in Poland (92% of the population were favorable towards the Pope), Italy and Argentina (both 91%), France and the Philippines (both 88%), and South Korea (86%). Australia was not included in the survey.

To read further, go to: www.pewglobal.org/2014/12/11/pope-francisisimage-positive-in-much-of-world/



"It's very inflamed. Why don't you take a vow of silence for a few days?"

Synod on the Family, Vatican, Pope Francis request

In preparation for Extraordinary Synod on the Family to be held in October in Rome (second phase), Bishop Eugene will undertake a consultation with the people of our diocese. It is highly encouraged that we all participate as fully as possible. There will be two parts to this consultation process:

- The immediate consultation with a tight deadline will begin this Sunday 18 January. Everyone will be given a survey questionnaires consisting of six broad statement. All questions do not need to be answered. Feel free to respond to as many of few questions as you wish. No personal information is required. Please take your survey home and returned to the parish office or mail to Administration, GPO Box 476, Darwin, NT 0801 not later than 1st February 2015. Alternatively, you could request the survey form via email from admin@darwin.catholic.org.au and return via same email.
- The second part of the consultation will be much more comprehensive and unhurried. Bishop Eugene will send the documents soon and other instructions. Please start praying for the Spirit's guidance.

 "We would like to thank everyone who stood by us when we lost all our possessions in a house fire on Christmas morning. Yes we lost everything but we are alive and unharmed. We will always remember with gratitude the support from OLSH parishioners especially the \$1721.80 collected by the church. Thank you sincerely" - *Jessy Thomas and George Mathew*

Roster for weekend of 24 / 25 January 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Sue Bain	Marian Maddocks Christine Grant
Sun 7:30 am		Margaret McNaught	
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Gesheila Cottez	Margaret Lillecrapp Helena Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm		Alecia Schell	Marietta Ives

Cleaning: 24 January **Group 7**
 Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller
Counters: 25 January 2015
 Margaret-Ann McNaught
Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1034.50 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$1417.60 (for the parish)
 Apology for incorrect amount appeared on the bulletin last week . Donation to George & Jessie: \$1,721.70
Thank you for your generosity!

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

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name O Most High.

First Reading:

Samuel 3:3-10.19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ Then he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli said, ‘I did not call. Go back and lie down.’ So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ He replied, ‘I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.’ Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’ Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 39:2.4.7-10

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 1:14,17

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi, - which means Teacher - ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.