



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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8:30 am - 12 noon
Saturday and Sunday - Closed



Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

"We also know that, within marriage itself, sex can become a source of suffering and manipulation. Hence it must be clearly reaffirmed that "a conjugal act imposed on one's spouse without regard to his or her condition, or personal and reasonable wishes in the matter, is no true act of love, and therefore offends the moral order in its particular application to the intimate relationship of husband and wife". The acts proper to the sexual union of husband and wife correspond to the nature of sexuality as willed by God when they take place in "a manner which is truly human". Saint Paul insists: "Let no one transgress and wrong his brother or sister in this matter" (1 Th 4:6). Even though Paul was writing in the context of a patriarchal culture in which women were considered completely subordinate to men, he nonetheless taught that sex must involve communication between the spouses: he brings up the possibility of postponing sexual relations for a period, but "by agreement" (1 Cor 7:5). (Pope Francis, Ch.4#154, Amoris Laetitia)

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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 Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 1st - 2nd September 2018

THE MYSTERY THAT IS LIFE

"Now that the time has come, I have begun to process the meaning of retirement. This inevitably involves a lot of looking back, and presents the challenge of getting rid of "stuff" that is no longer useful- and perhaps was never all that useful anyway. I am confronted with the raw reality that everything on earth comes to an end, including my time as the Bishop of this Diocese, and indeed the whole role of being an active Bishop. Whilst this is true and significant, it is above all an opportunity to slow down a bit and allow a 'catch up' with our good God.

While contemplating these truths, I am reminded of an experience I had in Banff whilst on the way to the World Youth Day in Canada. As we travelled by bus from Vancouver to Toronto, we stopped at lake Louise near Banff- a beautiful spot. We were offered a choice of activities, one option being to climb the mountain leading to a massive glacier. I chose to join the group undertaking this challenge. I began the climb confidently, but the further we went the more I doubted the wisdom of my decision. The climb was very demanding. But what was most frustrating for me was the choices made by our guide. Each time we came to a divide in the track he chose, what to me, was the most difficult route. Such was my frustration, I had decided to bring this to his attention. But it was at this moment he called a halt, and suggested we rest awhile. He also suggested we look back down the track we had just travelled. I was so grateful that I had not pointed out the error of his choices. As I looked down I saw clearly that the easier route I would have chosen lead nowhere; that we would have to climb back and then follow the path our guide had taken. As we continued up the mountain, I no longer mentally challenged his choice of direction, but happily followed his lead with absolute confidence in his competence and care.

That particular experience has proven to be a metaphor for my journey with the Lord. And now one of the many wonderful aspects of this time in my life and the significant changes it is bringing, is the opportunity to 'look back down the mountain.' During my lifetime, firstly as a young man, then a student, a priest and a bishop, there have been many times when I've wanted to argue with the Lord and suggest a different and easier direction. I see do clearly now the hand of God, gently, lovingly and firmly pointing the way and walking with me. So often this wonderful 'shepherding' has come through the people in my life. I am so grateful to each and everyone who has shaped my life, prayed for me, corrected me, counselled me, been patient with me and loved me into life at every step of the way. I am particularly grateful to those who have stood with me at the crossroads of life, and shepherded me in the right direction.

The time has now come for me to warmly welcome Fr Charles Gauci, the Bishop-elect of our diocese. Fr Charles has an impeccable record as a compassionate pastor and a good friend. I am certain that the great people of this diocese and of the Territory will give him the same support and affection they have afforded me. Let us continue to pray for each other as I approach yet another fork along the road of life. I shall be for ever grateful for your support, prayers and love".

By Most Rev Bishop Eugene Hurley, 31/08/2018

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 3 September 2018

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5 Lk 4:16-30
Tues: 1 Cor 2:10-16 Lk 4:31-37
Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44
Thu: 1 Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11
Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39
Sat: Micah 5:1-4 Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Sun: Is 35:4-7
 James 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Tricia Wormald, Bruce Were, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominiquez, 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 Lorikin, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing***Recent Death** - Carmel Leonard (09/08/18)**First Death Anniversary** - Aldo Bonanni (03/09/18)*May their souls rest in peace***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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Parish Feast Day, Sept 8th

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. It is also our Parish Feast Day as well as the Foundation Day of the Divine Word Missionaries. There will be a special Mass at 11:00am.

Child Protection Sunday, Sept 9th

In 2018 the Australian Catholic Church marks Child Safeguarding Sunday on 9 September. That Sunday concludes National Child Protection Week. Uniquely this year Child Protection Sunday follows on the heels of the formal response of the Australian Catholic Church to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the release of the advice provided to Church Leaders by its Truth Justice and Healing Council. Let's continue to pray that whatever we do today may bring a further sense of how we, both as a Church and as a Nation have faced the terrible truth that we failed our children, but also as a church and as a nation we have now embarked on a new path.

Royal Commission Recommendations to the Catholic Church (continuation)**Recommendation 16.21**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia should establish a national protocol for screening candidates before and during seminary or religious formation, as well as before ordination or the profession of religious vows.

Recommendation 16.22

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia should establish a mechanism to ensure that diocesan bishops and religious superiors draw upon broad-ranging professional advice in their decision-making, including from staff from seminaries or houses of formation, psychologists, senior clergy and religious, and lay people, in relation to the admission of individuals to:

- seminaries and houses of religious formation
- ordination and/or profession of vows.

**PLENARY 2020: START NOW**

The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question, "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" and "What question do you have for the Catholic Church in Australia today?". Please submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team. If you are unable to access internet, please write your response(s) to the above question after some time of prayer and listening to your inner voice, place your response in the special box at the back of the church. The priests will email your response(s) directly to the top. This individual approach will be rolled out for a few weeks until we start working and consulting all parish service and pastoral groups. PLEASE GET INVOLVED & BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOU WISH FOR!

Feast Day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Missionaries of Charity in the Red Centre invites the parishioners to celebrate with them the Feast Day of their Foundress Saint Teresa of Calcutta on Tuesday, September 5 at the 5:30pm Mass followed by a light refreshment at the JP2 Hall. Novena has commenced and will conclude on Tuesday, September 4.

**WELCOME !**

To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

Season of Creation Monday Adult Formation	Monday 17th Sept 7:00pm – 8:30pm @ JP2 Hall	Chris Hawke & Caring for Creation Team. All invited.
International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	Sept 28 th -30 th Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses and Aborigi- nal communities	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat “Claiming Your Inner Voice”	November 10 th , Saturday, full day & Sun morning – midday Venue: St Francis Centre	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne

Season of Creation & World Day of Prayer, 1st September

Pope Francis recently declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as the Orthodox Church has done since 1989.

According to Pope Francis, “The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”. Vatican News, 30/08/18

September 1 also opens the Season of Creation, which lasts till October 4 (Feast of St Francis).

What can I do?

- Begin your day by praying with one of the prayers that Pope Francis composed for his Laudato Si’ encyclical: A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation or A Prayer for our Earth.
- Continue to pray throughout the day: could be a Guided Rosary on Caring for Creation, the Canticle of Creatures of St Francis, or any other creation care prayer.

What can we do?

- Alice Springs does not have a curb side recycling service. Rather the onus is on you to be responsible for managing your own waste and taking your recycling to the depots around town. There about 13 private business engaging in some form of recycling in Alice Springs. START TODAY.
- 17 September Monday Adult Formation evening 7-8.30 pm 'Making or renewing our Laudato Si Pledge' as part of our OLSH Adult Formation evening at John Paul Two Room behind Parish Office next to Church. Bring a plate to share and yarn from 6pm or arrive at 7pm for prayer and sharing with those who have taken or would like to make the Laudato Si pledge.
- 30 Sept Social Justice Sunday focusing on the Bishops Statement on Homelessness. Climate Change has a direct link with homelessness in many parts of the world. See website for details and for full statement usually released on the Thursday before (27Sept). You can support us to encourage involvement.
- 04 October Saint Francis Feast Day to end the 2018 Season of Creation. We are planning a special worship from 5.30 pm to include making and/or recommitting to the Laudato Si Pledge.

The Global Catholic Climate Movement is also encouraging us to form Laudato Si Circles wherever we are with whoever we are with at home, school, work, church etc. Wherever two or three are gathered in Gods name

How would you like to celebrate or explore during this 2018 Season of Creation? Let us know if you are doing something that you would like to share with us and others (Parish Social Justice Team).

Bishop-elect Charles’ Ordination, Wednesday 26th Sept St Mary’s Star of the Sea Cathedral, Darwin ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED. PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS . Parish Bus NOT AVAILABLE.	How many new parishioners do you know? Try introduce yourself to someone today		
	Roster for weekend of September 08 - 09, 2018		

Cleaning: September 08, 2018 Group 7 Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell Counters: September 09, 2018 Darryl & Leonie Smith Last Week’s Collections: 1 st Collection: \$1,664.55 (for the presbytery) 2 nd Collection: \$1,124.25 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$770.00 Thank you for your time and kind generosity!		Commentator	Readers	Communion
	Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Kate Kingston Leonie Smith	David Fernandes Rosalie Fernandes Anne Chivers
	Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	P Rademaker Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Greg Gilbert Sue Marshall
	Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Virginia Loy Mark Bensted Emil Tabbada
	Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Aileen Batimana Joel Tolentino	Thomas J John Cindy Decosta Debbie Cooke

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
1st - 2nd September 2018



Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice to the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws, they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 14:2-5

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading:

St James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so tightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless; the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: October 07, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir

Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal

every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-

7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, 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 from 8:00am-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.

Lectors' Preparation Hour: Tuesdays from 6:15pm – 6:45pm, main Church

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....next one around September 2018

Parish Soup Van (During Winter months)

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*