



# 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

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

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Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br Tony Caddy FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Genetti, Holroyd-Decosta, Knight

## Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene

& Mr Manfred Casseeram

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## Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

## 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

## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



"It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation... Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation." (LS n. 236)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C  
8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
WELCOME GOD INTO YOUR DAILY LIFE.**



The advent of God's coming and the promise of fulfillment that accompanies it, happens within world history. The first reading locates God's action of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The Gospel passage situates the ministry of John, the son of Zachariah, within a particular period of world history. It points us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. It shows us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation appear to have taken place within what was ordinary.

Our appreciation of the significance of history leads us to realize that advent is not merely a time to remember something that happened two thousand years ago. Nor is it simply a time for anticipating some future event, whether that be the anniversary of Christ's birth, or the mysterious time of his Second Coming. The adventing of God, the promise we are expecting, and the transformation it offers, happen within the affairs of human life, of our life, of the here and now. Ours is the acceptable time! Ours is the day of salvation!

What is being healed, forgiven and restored in you as you prepare Christ's way in your journey this Advent?

Have a great week.

Fr. Nick 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 10 December 2018**

**Mon:** Is 35:1-10                      Lk 5:17-26  
**Tues:** Is 40:1-11                     Mt 18:12-14  
**Wed:** Is 40:25-31                    Mt 11:28-30  
**Thu:** Is 41:13-20                     Mt 11:11-15  
**Fri:** Is 48:17-19                     Mt 11:16-19  
**Sat:** Sirach 48:1-4,9-11             Mt 17:10-13  
**Sun:** Zeph 3:14-18  
        Phil 4:4-7                             Lk 3:10-18  
**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



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

Kathy Golotta Kwerralya Quall, Virgie Gomugda Golfo, Tom Wyatt, Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, 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, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**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 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

**Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

The parish will hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (communal preparation & confession) this coming Tuesday, 11th December at 7:00pm and next Tuesday 18th December at 7:00pm. This is a beautiful and grace-filled way of staying focused as we prepare for Christmas.

If you have not been to Confession for a long time, please come forward. The priests are here to help you.

**Break Open the Word**

The parish copies of 'Break Open the Word' for year C are now available in the Sacristy.

Readers are encouraged to utilise this very valuable resource in preparation for the proclamation of the Word.

For those people who ordered their own copy, your named copies are also available in the sacristy. The cost is \$20. Please give payment to the parish secretary.

Thank you - Sr Anne

**Sign up sheets**

With the holidays beginning and many people on the move, we will not have our normal rosters for the Sunday liturgies. There will be sign up sheets at the back of the church for readers, commentators and Communion ministers. If you are going to be available for a particular Sunday please fill in your name for that mass.

Thank you.

**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank all the parishioners who helped make the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch a **BIG** success with your gifts, food and love. I would like to especially thank my team: Jenny, Precy, Helena, Greg, Mel and Pane – you all were outstanding! Also for all those who stepped forward and made us look good - Thank you SO MUCH.

Ruth Sexton, Hospitality

OLSH Parish wishes to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Ruth Sexton for her role as a co-ordinator of the Hospitality Ministry. She served for a number of years and she always contributes to the good works of the parish.

The recent Christmas Seniors' Luncheon was her last Parish activity as a co-ordinator.

To you, RUTH, our sincerest thanks. God bless you and your family.

- Fr Alex

**Visit the sick**

If anyone knows any sick person who wants to be visited by a priest, please do not hesitate to contact us through the parish on: **8952 1049**.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THE PLENARY 2020. BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOUR WISH TO BE IN AUSTRALIA.

**WELCOME!**



To **Alexander Samuel Gardiner**, son of Luke and Cassandra Gardiner, who will be baptised at the 9:30am Mass on 09 December.

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.

The Christmas novena begins on 17 December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth. *GNLYC 42*

This is the best time to hold carols services and to begin to sing Christmas carols in the liturgy.

**Planned Giving Campaign**

We thank those parishioners who have opted for the planned giving programme to help the parish and Diocese. There are more planned giving cards at the back of the church. Encourage others to renew their financial commitment too.

*“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”*, Jesus Christ.

**Exploring the Word**

The word of God that comes to John in the wilderness is not a word meant for him alone but is to be shared with all the people. John's proclamation of the word of God 'through the whole Jordan district' is a precursor to Jesus' instruction to his disciples 'that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations' (Luke 24:47).

The salvation brought by the Lord is not a personal and private matter but one that is destined for the whole of humankind. This salvation can only be achieved, however, if one is prepared to realign one's life—to repent of past sins and take a new path in life. John's call is a call to a new beginning.

- What new beginning are you being called to as you undertake your journey to baptism?
- What are the 'sins of the past' that you are called to repent of?
- What 'sins of the past' is all humanity being called upon to repent of in order to make a new beginning?

**Making Connections**

This week try not to get bound up in the 'Christmas cheer' that dominates all around us. Choose instead, this week, to concentrate on the waiting and the preparation for what is to come.

The Summit

**Cleaning:** December 15 **Group 7**  
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell

**Counters:** December 16, 2018  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,594.15 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,283.15 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,196.00  
November envelopes - \$209.60

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**Did you know?**

- Luke goes to great lengths to describe the geographical and political world into which Jesus is born. God enters into human history at a specific time and place. The coming of Jesus for the salvation of the world is not a vague notion but a concrete event in time.
- The prophets of the Hebrew tradition were specially chosen people who spoke the word of God to Israel. John the Baptist is sometimes referred to as the last of the great prophets.
- Scholars believe that Jesus may well have spent some time as a disciple of the Baptist before embarking on his own public ministry.
- The 'Herod' mentioned in this text is Herod Antipas—son of Herod the Great, who ruled at the time of Jesus' birth. After Herod the Great's death, his realm was divided between three of his sons. One son proved an inept ruler and was removed from power in Judaea by the Romans and replaced by a Roman governor.

**Prayer for Peace**

*Lao-Tse - 6th century Chinese philosopher BCE*

If there is to be peace in the world,  
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,  
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,  
There must be peace between neighbours.

If there is to be peace between neighbours,  
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,  
There must be peace in the heart.

**Hearing Assist**

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to remind parishioners that we have a hearing assist system for use in our church, thanks to the generosity of Michele Castagna. At the rear of the church 6 small receivers with either head phones or personal loop connections are available. If you are missing some of the spoken word, as I am, please avail yourselves of this aid. For any assistance, please contact Fred Twohig on 0437778819.

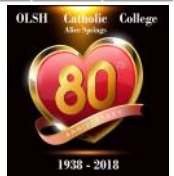
**Roster for weekend of December 15 - 16, 2018**

	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>	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Arrennte elder Jeremy Jones	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br James Hodge
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Precy Taylor Debbie Cooke	Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives





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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**First Reading:**

Baruch 5:1-9

*Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 125

**R/** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading:**

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception. so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Lk 3:4,6

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 3:1-6

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Bar 5:5;4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

(to continue in Feb 2019)

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: January 20, 2019

**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**

TBA

**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 dr)**

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)**

4th Friday of the month

**Finance Team Ministry**

1st Saturday from 8:00am-9:30am

**CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)**

Sundays from 3:30pm-4:30pm

**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.

**Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)**

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....

**Parish Soup Van Ministry**

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**

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