



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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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”

“How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church is called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them in mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care”- Pope Francis. Question: What corporal and spiritual works of mercy have we taken up in 2016 that are pleasing to God?

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
27th - 28th August 2016

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Message from the Holy Father Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our time, migration is growing worldwide. Refugees and people fleeing from their homes challenge individuals and communities, and their traditional ways of life; at times they upset the cultural and social horizons which they encounter. Increasingly, the victims of violence and poverty, leaving their homelands, are exploited by human traffickers during their journey towards the dream of a better future. If they survive the abuses and hardships of the journey, they then have to face latent suspicions and fear. In the end, they frequently encounter a lack of clear and practical policies regulating the acceptance of migrants and providing for short or long term programmes of integration respectful of the rights and duties of all.....

Today, more than in the past, the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences, prevents us from taking the suffering of others for granted, and points out way of responding which, grounded in the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, find practical expression in works of spiritual and corporal mercy.

In the light of these facts, I have chosen as the theme of the 2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: ***Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy.*** Migration movements are now a structural reality, and our primary issue must be to deal with the present emergency phase by providing programmes which address the causes of migration and the changes it entails, including its effect on the makeup of societies and peoples...

Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees! At the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance by others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person! Do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope and joy of life born of your experience of God's mercy, as manifested in the people you meet on your journey! I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of migrants and refugees, and to Saint Joseph, who experienced the bitterness of emigration to Egypt.

To their intercession I also commend those who invest so much energy, time and resources to the pastoral and social care of migrants. To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

*From the Vatican, September 12, 2015
Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary*

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.

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.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 29 August 2016

Mon: Jer 1:17-19 Mk 6:17-29
Tues: 1 Cor 2:10-16 Lk 4:31-37
Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44
Thur: 1 Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11
Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39
Sat: 1 Cor 4:6-15 Lk 6:1-5
Sun: Wis 9:13-18
 Philemon 9:10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan and Clare Lorkin.

May the Lord grant them healing.

1st Death Anniversary: Nicanor Pazcoguin
May he rest in eternal peace.

Prayer at Home

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

Seeking Information

Agnes Vallejo is seeking information on the whereabouts of Helena Rooney. Please contact the presbytery.

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Our Arrenrte Chaplain will take a month break from this coming Monday. Enjoy your holidays Fr Oli.

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

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am



OLSH Parish Multicultural Mass, Asylum Seeker and Refugee Sunday: Sun 28 August 9:30am

Alice Springs has a proud history of support for Refugees. In the late 70's and 80's the Alice Springs community opened its doors to Vietnamese refugees 'fleeing persecution' of the Vietnam War, by providing accommodation, personal support and employment.

There are still members of those original Vietnamese families living locally and contributing to the fabric of life in Alice. On this 102 Refugee and Asylum Seeker Sunday, let us deepen our awareness of those incarcerated children on Christmas and Manus islands.

OLSH Parish welcomes all cultures, peoples and languages on this special day. God's Spirit has gathered us from various continents to worship and minister together toward God's reign. Please gather at the Bath Street Hall for a parish lunch and cultural entertainment.

Rest in Peace, Sr Rita Hassett RSM



OLSH Parish sadly announces the sudden death of Sr Rita Hassett, RSM, who arrived in Alice Springs early this year to begin her ministry in Central Australia. She was a dedicated member of the Sisters of Mercy and worked hard for many years in PNG and Australia. Like Jesus she too has felt the cost of giving all – OLSH Parish and many others have been sustained and nurtured by God's revealing presence in her life. The funeral arrangements are still in progress. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Rest well Sr Rita.

Her Funeral Mass will be held this Monday at 5:30pm, 29th August, however her body will be taken to NSW towards her final resting place.

OLSH Parish continues to mourn the loss of Fay Hawkins, R.I.P., who died at the Old Timers Nursing Home last week. She was truly a valuable member of our parish and a committed Catholic. May you rest in peace Fay. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 30th August at 10:00am, OLSH Church.

L'Arche Community



Next Sunday Sept 4 a special visitor from L'Arche International will be here in Alice. L'Arche is dedicated to the creation and growth of programs and support networks where people who have intellectual disabilities and those without, live mutual relationships and share life, building community together. Eileen Glass(AM) was co-founder of the first community in Australia 30+ yrs ago, and for the last 3yrs has been on the International team as vice leader serving 146 communities in 35 countries. She will speak about the gift of L'Arche to the world, and encourage our Friends here in town. Come and listen to an engaging speaker and an inspiring Australian woman

We will gather at 68 Bradshaw Drive, GILLEN from 3-5pm. High (billy) tea will be served. More info contact carolmckc@hotmail.com 0425484821.

Baptism Saturday 27/08/2016

OLSH Parish welcomes HARPER WILLOW McGARGILL – daughter of Gavin McGargill and Belinda Slater.

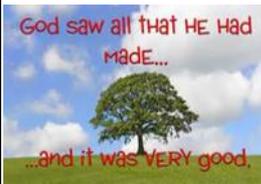
WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Indigenous Theologies Symposium

Around thirty people from local and inter-state participated at the recent Indigenous Theologies Symposium held at St Francis, Alice Springs, this week. The main speaker was Fr Roger Schroeder SVD, an expert on the subject. It was an opportunity to listen to indigenous theologies of Aboriginal Australians and from around the world. Topics discussed were around mythologies, concepts of the pre-Christian God, eco-spirituality, influence of western euro-centric theology, JP2 Speech in 1986, justice and integrity of creation. Many thanks to Fr Jim, Sr Rita, Fr Oli and all participants.

Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

- Workshop: **Music and Ministry. Saturday 3rd September, 1:30pm-3:30pm** for all parish choir leaders, musicians, singers and anyone interested to learn. By Sr Anne. Venue: Presbytery.
- **Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)** By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, *'I am going to lure them and lead them into the wilderness and speak to their hearts ' Hos. 2: 16.*
Venue: Whitegums, Lot 4012, Bulleen Rd, Alice Springs. Cost: \$85 per person. Contact Sr Anne or Ruth Sexton.



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 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. September 1 also opens the Season of Creation, which lasts till October 4 (Feast of St Francis). Both Masses on Sept 1st will have a special focus on Pope Francis' Intention.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA
Mr Luke Highfold has expressed his readiness for the next stage of the RCIA Journey. His Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is scheduled for the **7:30am Mass this Sunday, 28th August**. Please support him by your prayers and faith witness. Help all our RCIA candidates to feel welcome and appreciated.
Thanks to Sr Helen and her team for the ongoing work on formation.

Update Diocesan Website

The updated Diocesan Website is now live, so here is the link: <http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/>.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our next PPC meeting will fall on Thursday, 1st September at 5:00pm. Feel free to submit any item for consideration.



Preparatory Novena & Thanksgiving Canonisation Mass of Blessed Mother Teresa

A reminder that our Parish Thanksgiving Mass with the Missionaries of Charity falls next Sunday 4th 2016 at the 9:30am Mass followed by lunch and social for everyone at the Bath Street Hall. *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."* MT.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 11 September 2016

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday again falls at the end of the national Child Protection Week campaign, stressing the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia. The focus this year is: *'Stronger Communities, Safer Children'* So how do we, the Catholic Church, play our part in creating stronger communities?

The schedule of Novena as follows: Aug 26 Friday – 6:00 pm; Aug 27 Saturday – 11:30 am; Aug 28 Sunday – 6:30 pm; Aug 29 – Sept 2 Monday - Friday – 6:00 pm; Sept 3 – Saturday 11:30 am.
Venue: OLSH Church. ALL WELCOME.

Living the Word

In what ways does our community welcome those who are 'the least' in our society?

"We should no longer talk about people "living in sin." "It can no longer simply be said that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin" , Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia

Roster for weekend of 3 - 4 September 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Alf Goody Sue Bain	M Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30 am	Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Pushpa Vida	Rita Steller Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook Thanksgiving Canonisation Mass	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp Bro M Green
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	David Genetti Tinna Buenviaje	Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John Marieta Ives

Cleaning: 3 September 2016 **Group 4**
Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford
Counters: 4 September 2016
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught
Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,596.40 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,163.10 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 955.00
Special Collection –Apostleship of the Sea: \$ 277.10

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
27th – 28th August 2016

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. Ps 85:3,5

First Reading:

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord
Ps 67:4-7,10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers 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 (Mondays)
New theme & dates to be advised soon

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,
2016 and 15th Jan 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

Telephone Tree Ministry
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

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.*