



# 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 - 12:00 noon  
Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD  
Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene &  
Mr Manfred Casseeram

## 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**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month  
- 11am *Aboriginally Community Mass at South Terrace.*  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.



**Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation**

## AMORIS LAETITIA: ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY

We can appreciate the suffering created by unemployment and the lack of steady work. Sadly, these realities are present in many countries today, where the lack of employment opportunities takes its toll on the serenity of family life. (*Amoris Laetitia*, 25)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### Blessed are you...

From this Sunday, until Lent, we will be hearing what is known as "The Sermon on the Mount" in the Gospel of Matthew. Today we hear the introduction to this long discourse, which runs almost three chapters of the Gospel. Dear friends, we are invited to reflect upon the Beatitudes today and respond to God's call to build relationships with each other in our community and the society at large. The Beatitudes work as the foundation to create and build this relationship.

We all know the ten commandments and how they show us the way to live a virtuous life. Let us also be aware, that, by following the ten commandments, we can be sure of doing the will of God and leading a holy life. The Beatitudes, on the other hand, invite us to extend our vision of following the ten commandments further and explore the necessity of building quality relationship with our neighbour, and it is a major challenge. We can be quite content following ten commandments, for we can abstain ourselves from all those things that go against these commandments. But living a beatific life can be harder, for, it bases itself on our relationship. It looks at the way we deal with one another and leads us to build stronger relationships based on the values of the reign of God. And this way of looking at the ten commandments made Jesus to bear the wrath of the religious leaders of his time. Jesus built relationship with everyone and beatitudes were the foundation of his teaching.

As the followers of Christ, we too are invited to challenge ourselves today and extend our horizon of discipleship and move towards apostleship and build lasting relationships with our neighbour.

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

### Welcome to the New School Year

A hearty welcome back to all the students and teachers who begin the school year from this week. A special welcome to the OLSH College and St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre staff and students. May this year be a fruitful one and be filled with God's blessings.

### Please Note

We will begin all the ministries and the usual prayer groups from this week. Please take a look at the "Devotional Practices" column on the next page for details. Prison Ministry is on every Tuesday from 6:00pm onwards. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 8952 1049 for further details. Sunday Children's liturgy begins from next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> February) at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Room.

### Roster for weekend of 04 - 05 February 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Margaret McNaught Ruth Sexton	Helena Casseeram Darryl Smith Bryan Weir
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Mike Steller	John Lillecrapp Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Bro Matthew Green	David Gennetti Anthony Hay	Cristy Gennetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Sue Bain Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Mel Buenviaje

*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.*

**Daily Readings: starting 30 January 2017**  
**Mon:** Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20  
**Tues:** Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43  
**Wed:** Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Mk 6:1-6  
**Thu:** Malachi 3:1-4 Lk 2:22-40  
**Fri:** Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29  
**Sat:** Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Mk 6:30-34  
**Sun:** Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16  
**Pray & read your Bible every day +**

 **Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick**  
 Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin.  
*May the Lord grant them healing.*  
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**Death Anniversary**  
 John King (January 30<sup>th</sup>)  
*May his soul rest in peace*

**Healing Mass is on this Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, at 11:00 am followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**Feast of the Week**  
 The Presentation of the Lord - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.  
 In the **Liturgy of the Hours**, Christ accomplishes 'the work of redeeming humankind and giving perfect glory to God' in the Holy Spirit through the Church... (GILH 13)

**Cleaning:** 04 February 2017 **Group 2**  
 Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas  
**Counters:** 05 February 2017  
 Eric & Kath McGargill  
**Last Week's Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,645.95 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 1,179.00 (for the parish)  
 Planned Giving: \$ 1,864.20  
*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

**Devotional Practices:**  
**Prayers of the Holy Rosary**  
 Monday to Thursday 5:00 pm  
**Prayers of Devotion to Saint Joseph**  
 First Wednesday of the month 9:00 am  
 Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991  
**Weekly Bible Sharing**  
 Wednesday 6:15pm - 7:15pm  
**Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)**  
 Thursday 12:00pm - 12:30pm  
**Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship**  
 Sunday 7:00pm - 8:30pm (Home Based)  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Every Friday from 6-7pm in the Presbytery and every second Saturday of the month from 3-pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.  
**Mothers Praying for Your Children**  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night from 5:30-6pm  
**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**  
 Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 105:47  
 Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.  
**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.  
 The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:7-10  
**R/** Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.  
 The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mt 5:12  
**Alleluia, alleluia!** Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12  
*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage; Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted; Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied; Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them; Happy the pure of heart: they shall see God; Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God; Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'  
 The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer  
**Communion Antiphon:** Mt 5:3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.  
 Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.