



# 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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Sr Helen Kennedy FMM

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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

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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



“Every form of sexual submission must be clearly rejected. This includes all improper interpretations of the passage in the Letter to the Ephesians where Paul tells women to “be subject to your husbands” (Eph 5:22). This passage mirrors the cultural categories of the time, but our concern is not with its cultural matrix but with the revealed message that it conveys. As Saint John Paul II wisely observed: “Love excludes every kind of subjection whereby the wife might become a servant or a slave of the husband... The community or unity which they should establish through marriage is constituted by a reciprocal donation of self, which is also a mutual subjection”. Hence Paul goes on to say that “husbands should love their wives as their own bodies” (Eph 5:28). Sexuality is inseparably at the service of this conjugal friendship, for it is meant to aid the fulfilment of the other. *Pope Francis, Ch.4#156, Amoris Laetitia*)

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Australian Catholic Bishops Conference releases report in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Friday 31 August 2018

Catholic leaders have today announced they accept 98 per cent of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and have vowed that the Church's shameful history will never be repeated.

Josephite Sister Monica Cavanagh, the president of Catholic Religious Australia, and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge have today released a joint response, expressing their deep sorrow that vulnerable children were abused, weren't believed and weren't supported when seeking justice. Sr Monica said the Royal Commission 'was an important and necessary period for the Australian community' and expressed gratitude to the survivors 'whose courage in coming forward and telling their stories will mean that the Church and society will be safer in the future'. 'The process is already under way to reform the Church's practices to ensure that safeguarding is integral in all that we do as part of our ministry and outreach in the community,' Sr Monica said. 'Making the Church a safer place for our children and vulnerable persons is at the heart of our commitment to mission.'

Archbishop Coleridge said many changes had been made since the horrific reality of child sexual abuse became known, but they were sometimes too slow and too timid. 'Too many priests, brothers, sisters and lay people in Australia failed in their duty to protect and honour the dignity of all, including, and especially, the most vulnerable – our children and our young people,' Archbishop Coleridge said. 'Many bishops failed to listen, failed to believe, and failed to act. Those failures allowed some abusers to offend again and again, with tragic and sometimes fatal consequences. The bishops and leaders of religious orders pledge today: Never again.'

'There will be no cover-up. There will be no transferring of people accused of abuse. There will be no placing the reputation of the Church above the safety of children.' Sr Monica said the Church has already begun to change a number of practices, including in the screening and formation of those training to be priests or religious sisters and brothers, and more is being done to ensure the ongoing formation of priests and religious men and women. 'Today is not about us saying 'we will do the bare minimum' in responding to the Royal Commission's important recommendations,' she said. 'Today is about telling parents and telling the community that the Church has learnt, it is changing and it will continue to change. Changing the culture of our Church to be answerable and open is part of the action that needs to occur.'

Archbishop Coleridge said the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission's recommendations is 'a plan of action; it is our pledge to the Australian people; it is our promise of transparency and accountability'.

(Australia Catholic News, 31/8/2018)

*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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 10 September 2018**

**Mon:** 1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11  
**Tues:** 1 Cor 6:1-11 Lk 6:12-19  
**Wed:** 1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26  
**Thu:** 1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13 Lk 6:27-38  
**Fri:** Num 21:4-9 Jn 3:13-17  
**Sat:** Heb 5:7-9 Jn 19:25-27  
**Sun:** Is 50:5-9 Mk 8:27-35  
James 2:14-18  
**+ 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 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, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

*When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.*

**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



**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. Lets 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.

*Lord,*

*You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is such as these that the Reign of God belongs.*

*You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith.*

*Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child.*

*We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood.*

*Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen.*

**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!**



**Monday Adult Formation Resumes**

As part of this Season of Creation, our Social Justice Group in the parish is inviting all parishioners to another Monday Adult Formation on **17th Sept from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at the JP2 Hall**. Theme will be on Climate Change, Pledge for Creation & Ecospirituality.

On 1 September this year, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, released a joint statement on the The Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Day of Prayer for the Care of the Creation was instituted by Pope Francis in 2015. The Orthodox Church has commemorated the Day since 1989. Think & Pray of what **YOU & YOUR FAMILY** can do for Creation.

**WELCOME!**

To HERENEI PASIKALIA FOU, daughter of Fiavaai Fou and Maryanne Leota who will be baptised on Saturday 08 Sept at 11:00am Mass. JACOB JEROME BALTONADO, son of Jerome and Cherrie Mae Baltonado who will be baptised on Sunday 09 Sept at 9:30am Mass.



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**

Spirituality in the Pub "Plight of Youth in Alice & Domestic Violence. What can we do?"	Friday 14th Sept Todd Tavern 6:30pm for 7:00pm start.	Hon Minister Dale Wakefield Minister for NT Families
Laudato Si Pledge & a Conversation on Eco-Spirituality	Monday Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm-8:30pm JP2 Hall	Parish Social Justice Team
International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	28th-30th Sept Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses and Aboriginal communities	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat “Claiming Your Inner Voice”	Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> , November, full day to Sun morning – midday Venue: St Francis Centre. Suggested Donation to cover costs—\$25-\$30	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES, 6/09/2018**

- Parish Church **50 Years** Celebrations & **90 years** of Catholic Church presence will fall on the weekend leading up to the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady from Friday **6th, 7th & 8th September 2019**. Now asking for a team to steer the planning and celebrations. C’mon, raise your hand!
- Official Golden Jubilee and Nonagenarian (90!) Logo in progress.
- The renovation of the flat behind the Marist House (Former Uniform Shop) @ 10 Hartley Street will commence this Monday. The parish hopes to turn it into an income generating project.
- Revarnishing pews will be done by the Correction Services....at two pews per fortnight.
- Tiling to be repaired at front doors of church. Have tiles, just need tiler.
- Disability Ramp, outside quote is \$10k approx; - Inside sanctuary ramp still waiting for 4 quotes to get the best deal.
- Arrernte Aboriginal dot-painting of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart submitted to PPC. . ‘IT IS BEAUTIFUL, GENTLE AND SACRED. IT’S ARRERNTÉ CATHOLIC ART AT ITS FINEST’, Fr Raass. Wait till you hear the moving story behind the symbols from painter Mrs Wallace and we’ll go from there.
- *Laudato Si* and Home Carers renewal of pledges on the last Sunday of this month, 29/30th Sept. All parishioners invited to also begin a pledge for Creation.
- PPC Workshop on 2nd Action Plan from Parish Assembly on Sat 15th Sept, 12:30pm—3:00pm. All invited.

**Parish Soup Van and Vinnies – Call for New Volunteers**

The Parish Soup Van is up and running, feeding the hungry people of Alice Springs each Thursday evening. We are calling for more volunteers in the following areas:

- Soup preparation
- Soup delivery
- Drivers (LR licence required)

Vinnies is also in need of people over the age of 14 to volunteer at their shop at Railway Terrace. Please take the time to consider and fill in the survey in this week’s newsletter. Contact Peta Baillie on 0429021564, or email [peta.steller@gmail.com](mailto:peta.steller@gmail.com) or speak to Fr Raass if you have any questions.

*“The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members...”*

**Cleaning:** September 15, 2018 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** September 16, 2018

Eric & Kath McGargill

**Last Week’s Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,348.90 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$949.40 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$997.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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



**Meet our New Parish Soup Van Coordinator**

Peta Baillie (& daughter Ioana Claire) will be coordinating our Parish Soup Van Volunteers, their safety and needs and also will be assisting St Vincent de Paul to recruit more volunteers. Thank you.

**Spirituality in the Pub**



OLSH Parish Spirituality in the Pub is glad to host Minister for Territory Families **Dale Wakefield** as our next speaker this coming **Friday 14 Sept at 6:30pm for 7:00pm** start. **Venue: Todd Tavern**. Please call the Todd Tavern to order your food before Thursday. The Hon Minister will speak on **"The plight of youth & domestic violence in Alice Springs and how we can help"**. She will speak freely on the topic with Q & A after.

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

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Kath McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Mike Steller Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Kevin Hickmott	Tony Hay Emil Tabbada	Cristy Genetti Sammy Nobleza M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Debbie Cooke	Pane Komene Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Mel Buenviaje



**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**



**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to the faint-hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame will leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wastelands, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 145:7-10

**R/** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading:**

St James 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest. Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

Season of Creation - Monday Sept. 17, 2018

**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**

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 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.

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

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

**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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