



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

9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team:

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priest:

Fr. John Quang SVD (until late February)

Resident Priest:

Fr. Vincent Mai SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Fred Twohig

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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.*

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

31st January - 1st February 2015

“Quiet! Come out of him!”

Today's spirit of the Gospel asks every adult Catholic few big questions, “**What it is that I need to be liberated from?**” and “**Do I really want to ask Jesus Christ to free me or do I still prefer to “sit in darkness”**” (Mathew 4:16). Because sometimes – no I don't want the cure...I'm miserable, but I want to stay miserable...!

You and I can be possessed by various ‘demons’ – uncontrollable urges to participate in addictions, activities or behavioral attitudes that shrink the life out of us into bitter, angry, frightened and anxious parishioners. Addictions to negativity, to drugs, to alcohol, to power, to materialism, to the terrorism of gossip, to vindictive behavior, to hoarding, to unresolved grudges and unforgiveness, all deny us the openness needed to be Christ's true disciples. This is the reason why St Paul says very hopefully, “**I would like you to be free from worries and not impose a restraint on yourself**” (1 Cor 7:32-35).

There are some burdens which you are not supposed to carry alone. Take courage. Jesus, who loves you, has lifelines available for everyone such as continual reception of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, Spiritual Direction, Retreats, Personal Contemplation and Prayer, Community Discernment and honest reflection on the Word of God. God has also given us gifted people who can help us attend to our burdens such as counsellors, psycho-therapists, psychologists and Crisis Support groups. They too can help us bring new creation out of dis-ease. Please stay on the line!

Jesus' ministry of rebuking Satan and all his subtle evil works are meant so that when we interact with people they encounter a person of peace, a person of hope, a person of inner authority and grace, a beloved daughter and son of God.

Moreover, if Jesus said, “**I have come to proclaim liberty to captives,**” then Catholics have the same obligation and authority to also speak out against anything that binds people unjustly as well as a voice of hope.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95).

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

Parish Priests' Movements

Fr Raass will be way in Sydney from 1st – 5th Feb to attend the SVD Provincial Council. Fr John will manage Santa Teresa parish from the 2nd – 16th Feb while Fr Jim will move into OLSH parish as resident priest for one year. He will reside at the parish house at Bath Street and will be conducting an Acculturation Orientation Programme for the newly arrived priests.

Daily Readings: starting 02 February

Mon: Mal 3:1-4
 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Tues: Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Mk 6:1-6

Thu: Heb 12:18-19,21-24 Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Job 7:1-4,6-7
 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Lorraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Daphne Dilleen, Colleen Matson, David Woods, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux. **May the Lord grant them healing.**

Recent Death: Mr. Ernesto Aspirito who died in the Philippines recently.
May his soul reset in peace.

Evangelii Gaudium

"We incarnate the duty of hearing the cry of the poor when we are deeply moved by the suffering of others. Let us listen to what God's word teaches us about mercy, and allow that word to resound in the life of the Church."

Par 193 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

Synod on Family Survey

Please send your survey ASAP to Darwin or via the presbytery. It closes next week. Thank you all for your generosity. Do offer a prayer for the success of the Synod on the Family in October.

Feast Day of the Week – St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs (Feb 6)



On February 6, the Catholic Church honours the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, a group of Japanese Catholics and foreign missionaries who suffered death for their faith in the year 1597.

Three of the best-known martyrs of Nagasaki are Sts Paul Miki, John of Goto, and James Kisai. Though none were priests, all were associated with the Jesuits: Miki was training for the priesthood, while Kisai was a lay brother and John of Goto was a catechist preparing to enter the order.

Paul Miki offered an especially strong witness to his faith during the group's month-long march to Nagasaki, as he joined one of the captive Franciscan priests in preaching to the crowds who came to mock the prisoners.

The son of a wealthy military leader, Miki was born in 1562 and entered the Church along with the rest of his family. He joined the Jesuits as a young man and helped many Buddhists to embrace Christianity. His last act of evangelism took place as he hung on his cross, preaching to the crowds:

"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ," he announced. "I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die.

"After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

St Paul Miki and his 25 companions were stabbed to death with lances on February 5, 1597, at the site that became known as Martyrs' Hill. Pope Pius IX canonised the Martyrs of Nagasaki in 1862.

Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place **under both kinds**. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father. GIRM 281

Free e-book for computer or e-reader:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

If you feel committed to spend some quality time with God's Word on your E-Book or E-Reader in 2015, than you have a good companion which may be downloaded free of charge. This e-book offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), together with some reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It carries the Imprimatur of Cardinal Anthony Fisher. You may access it on the following address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

WELCOME!

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

1st Parish Council Meeting

Our 1st Parish Council meeting will take place this coming Thursday, 5th Feb at 5:00pm at the presbytery. Just as Pope Francis, or Bishop Eugene, cannot personally attend to all the tasks that their office demands, so the Parish Priest, Parish Council, Finance Council and all other parish organizations must act collaboratively with all of you. Like Pope Francis please do not be hesitant to raise your voice, try out new things, and change things around while maintaining our Catholic ethos and practice.

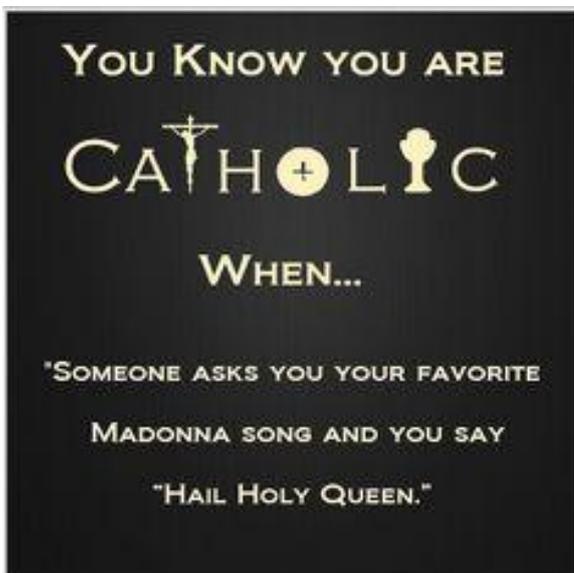
Where is God calling us?

Bishop Eugene's Installation of Fr Raass as Parish Priest

Fr Raass will be officially installed as Parish Priest of OLSH Parish on **Friday 20th February at the 5:30pm Mass by Most Reverend Bishop Eugene Hurley**. There will be no morning Mass on this day except the 6:45am morning prayer. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. Please mark this date on your diary. More information later.

Parish Support Groups

Fr Raass and his new team hope to meet with all the parish support groups beginning from early February. The intention is towards 'Lay Leadership and Participation' in this parish by reviving all preexisting support groups such as Hospitality Team, Prison Ministry Team, Indigenous Chaplaincy Support Team, Sacramental Preparation Team, Catholic Youth of Alice Springs, Vinnies, Liturgy Team, Adult Spiritual Formation, RCIA Team, Social Justice Group, Cleaners, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Choirs & Musicians, Altar Servers, Men's Group, Rosary Group and other Marian groups, St Joseph's Prayer Group, Counters including support for OLSH College and St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre, Associates and Special Needs Group of the parish. Please be reminded that a parish is not an outdated institution but a living community that breathes and moves and receives its being from the Founder, our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.



Special Collections 2015



Traditionally and historically, Catholics are known for sharing their blessings. Early Christian communities often solicited funds for their fellow Christians in other cities and nations. They understood that for a young missionary church to grow and thrive, they needed to help one another willingly. *"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's needs"* (Acts 2:44-45).

Special collections approved by Bishop Eugene for the Diocese of Darwin are: *Youth Ministry (April), Holy Places (April), Mass Media (May), Peter's Pence (Jun), NATSICC (Jun/July), Apostleship of the Sea (July), Immigration Sunday (Aug) and Illuminare Fund (Sept), Catholic Mission Appeal (October) and Caritas Appeal (Feb-Holy Week)*. Give what you can but give from the heart!



Roster for weekend of 07 / 08 February 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Patricia Litvensky Walter Litvensky	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Christine Grant
Sun 7:30 am	Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Jo Molin	Rita Steller Carmel Leonard Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Precy Taylor Bridget Knight	Carmela Guthard Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Andrzej Skrzypiec Denise Simon	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marietta Ives

Cleaning: 07 February **Group 1**
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Counters: 08 February 2015
Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,022.10 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,815.50 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

31st January - 01st February 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 105:47

Save us, Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thank to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading :

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth and he will tell them all I command .

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading :

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy .

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia!**

Gospel :

Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted. 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.