



# 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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Wednesday 5:00 pm

**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

Mr. Ben Ebert

## 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 Aboriginally 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'



Bishop Eugene is inviting all families, newly married couples, expectant mothers, young people in love, in-laws, priests, teachers and for those engaged in the family apostolate to read, pray and ponder on the latest post-synodal document, The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia. "It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for families are not a problem; they are the first and foremost an opportunity", Pope Francis. Copies are available at the presbytery.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017



Today (January 15), the Divine Word Missionaries and the Holy Spirit Sisters celebrate the **Feast Day of their Founder St Arnold Janssen**. St Arnold Janssen was born in Goch, Rhineland, Germany, in 1837. He had a great zeal for missions and wanted to send missionaries to work in far off mission places. Since Germany did not have a missionary congregation, he, by the support of the Bishop of Hong Kong, founded the Society of the Divine Word (also known as the Divine word Missionaries), Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit and Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration. Let us remember and thank God for this great soul and his great contribution to God's mission worldwide.

## Peace Sunday 15 January 2017.

Pope Francis urged us all to 'make active nonviolence our way of life' in his 50<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace message on 01 Jan 2017, on the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Family is his central focus.

"If violence has its source in the human heart, then it is fundamental that non-violence be practised before all else within families. This is part of that joy of love which I described last March in my Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in the wake of two years of reflection by the Church on marriage and the family." The rest of his paragraph 5 includes his plea 'for disarmament and for the prohibition and abolition of nuclear weapons...' and '...for an end to domestic violence and to the abuse of women and children'.

We encourage us all to prayerfully consider Pope Francis's message, videos & lots more prayer resources at <http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/>  
Then continue to take action in your own life. Contact your parish councillor or parish office if you wish to explore further with others.

## Kimberly Catholic Volunteer Service URGENTLY NEEDED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently seeking a couple to manage the Warmun Retreat Centre in February. There are several other roles also available including a couple in Balgo to assist the priest in the running of the parish. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months.

### For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 0415 526 142

**Email:** volunteers@broomedioocese.org

**Web:** www.broomedioocese.org

**Mail:** P O Box 76, Broome WA 6725

## Roster for weekend of 21-22 January 2017

|             | Commentator    | Readers                              | Communion Ministers                   |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat 6:00 pm | Volunteer      | Margaret McNaught<br>Ruth Sexton     | Helena Casseeram<br>Volunteer (x2)    |
| Sun 7:30 am | Volunteer      | Joe Molin<br>Dave Genetti            | Volunteer (x3)                        |
| Sun 9:30 am | Pauline Otieno | Lillian Labastida<br>Dilushi Fonseca | Margaret Lillecraap<br>Volunteer (x2) |
| Sun 5:30 pm | Mel Buenviaje  | Tinna Buenviaje<br>Aileen Batimana   | Sammy Nobleza<br>Volunteer (x2)       |

*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 16 January 2017**  
**Mon:** Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22  
**Tues:** Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28  
**Wed:** Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6  
**Thu:** Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12  
**Fri:** Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19  
**Sat:** Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Mk 3:20-21  
**Sun:** Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt4:12-23

**Pray & read your Bible every day +**

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

Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, 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.*

**Volunteers for the Month of January**  
 Volunteers required to be the Commentators, readers and Communion Misters for the weekends of January. Please fill in your names in the sign up sheet at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Did you know?**

- Now that the Christmas cycle is completed the Church enters what is known as ‘Ordinary Time’ for a period. (This will be interrupted for the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.)
- Ordinary Time does not mean commonplace or unremarkable. The name derives from the word ‘ordinal’ which means counted and sequential.

**Cleaning:** 21 January **Group 8**  
 Margaret Lillecraap, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivel

**Counters:** 22 January 2017  
 Margaret McNaught

**Last Week’s Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1220.40 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 920.20 (for the parish)  
 Planned Giving: \$ 700.00

*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

**Devotional Practices:**

**Prayers of the Holy Rosary**  
 Monday to Thursday 5:00 pm

**Saint Joseph Devotion**  
 First Wednesday of the month 9:00 am  
 Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

**Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship**  
 Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Every Fridays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Presbytery and every second Saturday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

**Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**  
 Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 65:4  
 All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: ‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 39:2,4, 7-10  
**R/** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 1:14, 12  
**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34  
*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 22:5  
 You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Pastoral Letter from Bishop Eugene on the Year of Family**

Please take a copy of the Pastoral Letter from our Bishop Eugene Hurley concerning the Darwin Diocesan ‘Year of Family’. It is an invitation for all of us to make special effort to look into our own families and at the same time, encourage other families to explore and experience the love that is present among us. Please take extra copies and distribute among your friends and neighbours. Thank you.