



# 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  
 8:30am - 12:00 noon  
 Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Team

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
 Fr Prakash Bryan Menezes SVD  
 Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

**Resident Priest:**  
 Fr. Jim Knight SVD  
 Fr. Alfonsus Nahak SVD

**Syro-Malabar Chaplain**  
 Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

**Liturgy Coordinator**  
 Sr. Mary Bennett RSM

**RCIA Director**  
 Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

**Parish Secretary:**  
 Mel Buenviaje

**Parish Past. Council Chairman**  
 Mr Manfred Casseeram

**Parish Treasurer**  
 Mr Kevin Hickmott

**OLSH College Principal**  
 Br. Matthew Green, FMS

**St. Joseph Flexible Centre**  
 Mr. Ben Ebert

## 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.

## The Epiphany of the Lord. Year C 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016

### *We saw His star... have come to do Him homage*

Today we are celebrating the feast of our Lord's epiphany. Epiphany means 'revelation' or 'showing'. God shows God's Son to the world through the visit of these wise men from the east. We read this story, of the visit of wise men, in the gospel of Matthew, a gospel written to the Jewish Christians. These Christians had difficulty to accept a gentile conversion to Christianity as God's revelation is to the Jews and not to any 'outsider'. Matthew seems to answer this question by showing to his community (Jewish Christians) that God's revelation is not limited to any particular people, rather it is universal. He gives the example of these wise men, who are gentiles, visiting the Christ child and paying him homage. Through this action God shows that all are welcome to share in God's revelation.

We, as Catholics, are invited today to reflect on this aspect of God's revelation and appreciate every culture and belief since God has revealed Godself to all. The feast of Epiphany invites everyone to call God as 'our' Father. God is Father of us all and all of us are God's children. So we are brothers and sisters of all human race. May the Feast of Epiphany inspire this feeling within us.  
 - Fr Prakash Bryan Menezes SVD

### Hearty Welcome



**Fr Henry Adler, SVD**, the Provincial of the SVD Australia Province, is visiting, this week, the Divine Word Missionaries working in Central Australia. We extend a hearty welcome to Fr Henry to OLSH Parish Community and wish him a pleasant stay in Alice Springs.

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We extend a hearty welcome to **Fr Alfonsus Nahak, SVD**, a divine Word Missionary from Indonesia, who arrived in OLSH Parish on Tuesday last week. Fr Alfonsus will be in our Parish for the next two months and will help out in the Pastoral Ministry. We welcome Fr Alfonsus to OLSH Parish Community and wish him a pleasant stay in Alice Springs..

### RCIA Announcement

We welcome our Catechumens, Mika Kuriyama and Jayden Tha into the final stage of their preparations to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Due to leaving Alice Springs soon, Mika will receive her Sacraments of Initiation early February, and will have special preparatory rites at the 11am Saturday Masses on the January 16th, 23rd and 30th, as each week specially chosen appropriate gospels are to be used where we find JESUS offering strength and healing to ... the woman at the well who 'thirsts for Living Water' ... to the man born blind who 'who now sees' ... and to Lazarus with Jesus 'raising him to NEW LIFE'. As Jayden and Mika have journeyed together, Jayden will join Mika in these Saturday preparations. Jayden will join the Elect at 9.30am Mass on 10th Jan. and Mika at Vigil Mass on 9th Jan. Rosalie Nankivell will be received into the Catholic Church during the Vigil Mass on January 16th. The Liturgy for these various Rites is simple, and we are invited to join in prayer and to give a big welcome to Rosalie, Mika and Jayden who are each ready for these final stages of their Faith Journey into the Catholic Church.

- Sr Helen Kennedy, RCIA Coordinator

### **Roster for weekend of 09-10 January 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Alf Goody Sue Bain	Christine Grant Marian Maddocks
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>			John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Pauline Otieno	Dilushi Fonseka Hilda Reeder	Carmela Guthart Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>		Dave Genetti	Marieta Ives

**Daily Readings: starting 04 January 2016**

**Mon:** 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6 Mt 4:12-17,23-25

**Tues:** 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

**Wed:** 1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

**Thur:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22

**Fri:** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

**Sat:** 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30

**Sun:** Is 40:1-5,9-11 Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16,21-22

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



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

Eufelia Canta, Sr. Noelle Albert (OLSH Sister), Helena Rooney, Bernadette Dowd, May Lee Shah, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson and Rose Brand.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

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**Recently Deceased:** Dr Gary Sinclair.

**Death Anniversary:** Richard Comito.

*May they and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**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.

**Saint of the Week**

Elizabeth Ann Seton

(January 4)



**Cleaning: 09 January Group 1**

Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters: 10 January 2016**

Margaret –Ann McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**

First: \$ 872.55, Second: \$ 1753.00.

**Christmas Collections:** \$ 3912.90.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Devotional Practices:**

**Prayers of the Holy Rosary**

Monday to Thursday 5pm

**Saint Joseph Devotion**

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 6-7 pm in the Presbytery 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

**Legion of Mary and Weekly Bible Sharing (Suspended until further Notice)**

**Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 19:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

**R/** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are part of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to worship the King.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.