



# 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



## Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family**

**"Equal consideration needs to be given to the growing danger represented by an extreme individualism which weakens family bonds and ends up considering each member of the family as an isolated unit, leading in some cases to the idea that one's personality is shaped by his or her desires, which are considered absolute". The tensions created by an overly individualistic culture, caught up with pos-sessions and pleasures, leads to intolerance and hostility in families". *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.2, #33.** Question: As a parent/grand-parent, what are some of your noble goals for your family? How are you working towards achieving them?

## Sunday of the Resurrection Year A

15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## It is not the life of the body but of the Spirit

Recently I read that researchers at Harvard University studied the same 600+ people for 75 years and learned a lot about what determines a long and happy life. These studies are some of the longest-running regarding a person's overall health and happiness. It turns out much of what determines that is **the quality of relationships in your life. People with good relationships simply live longer.**

Therefore, according to the research, if you'd like to live the longest and happiest life, then it pays to maintain a good and healthy relationship with people...if at all possible. Add doses of good sleep, drink plenty of clean water, avoid all refined sugars and processed foods, eat plenty of organic fruits and vegetables, no smoking and don't forget to exercise. Oh, and drink alcohol and kava only in moderation. So these and more are some strong pillars of good health.

I totally and hundred percent agree with all of the above even though I struggle with them from day to day. I have given up raw sugar years ago but then I drink alcohol and prefer chocolate to strawberries. I try to get a good sleep but the constant demands of parish life keeps me awake late at night. I try my best to relate well with all of you but it could be interpreted differently. So I question the quality of my relationship at times. But overall I am contented with who I am. I know I am not perfect and I need Jesus' love and forgiveness all the time.

Friends, you and I like to live a long and happy life. All human beings whether poor or rich, black or white want the same thing. It is written on our DNA – the desire to live on and on and that is why death is an abomination. It is feared by all.

But all of the above amounts to irrelevant *"if the Spirit of God does not dwell within us"*. St Paul writes to the Romans, *"Those who are in the flesh cannot please God...But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness"* (Rm 8:8-11).

The life God speaks of is not the life of the body, but of the Spirit of God. The life of the body is short. But the life of the spirit is everlasting and, being united to God, blissful. This life is really desirable. Is it? While we can enjoy good food, clean water, good company etc. we too can really enjoy life and be truly happy in this world (and the next) if we do things that are pleasing God.

Fr Raass SVD

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash 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

## Sunday School Catechists

Anilean and Mark Bensted

## Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

## 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 Aboriginal 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.

*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.*

**+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

**Daily Readings: starting 17 April 2017**

**Mon:** Acts 2:14,22-33      Mt 28:8-15  
**Tues:** Acts 2:36-41      Jn 20:11-18  
**Wed:** Acts 3:1-10      Lk 24:13-35  
**Thu:** Acts 3:11-26      Lk 24:35-48  
**Fri:** Acts 4:1-12      Jn 21:1-14  
**Sat:** Acts 4:13-21      Mk 16:9-15  
**Sun:** Acts 2:42-47  
1 Pet 1:3-9      Jn 20:19-31

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

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

Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, 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*

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

**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 Fridays from 6-7pm 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

**Weekly Bible Sharing**

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:30pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**EASTER TIME**



The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecostal Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as "one great Sunday". These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung. The Sundays of this time of the year are considered to be proper Sundays of Easter. May our hearts forever sing *Alleluia to the Son of Man and Son of God who gave his life for the world in total obedience to His Merciful Father. HE HAS RISEN. HE IS ALIVE AND WELL.*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter (23<sup>rd</sup> April), the Octave of Easter, observed by Roman Catholic as well as some Anglicans. It is originally based on our Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on this day but please ask for the strength to go to Confession before-hand. *"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.... but there must also be acts of mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it (Diary 742 & 1109).*

OLSH Parish will have an hour of Exposition of the Most Blessed Eucharist & Benediction including the full recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your whole family. Starts at 3:00pm.

**RELIGIOUS GET-TOGETHER**



All consecrated members of religious orders are invited to a time of social and catch-up at the Telegraph Station this Easter Monday from 10:30am onwards.

**Commissioning Mass For All Parish Support Groups/Volunteers**

*Where is God Calling You?*



A humble reminder that all parish volunteers and parish service groups will be commissioned at all Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday. Parish Volunteers cards will also be placed on the pew next Sunday. *Please discern where God is calling you to serve* and sign up. Drop your card into the Volunteer Box provided at the back of the Church or take it home and bring it back. Representative of some groups will be outside the church after every Mass if you wish to chat with them about what is involved. We are so blessed with many hard-working volunteers. **DO IT FOR GOD and HIS MISSION.**

**Sing ALLELUIA!** Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over;'. **GIRM39**

**WELCOME!**

To Theodore Robert Clifton son of Sam Clifton and Emma Clifton-Smith and Isaiah Byron Campbell son of Warren Campbell and Samarra Schwarzwho will be baptized on Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 9:30 am.

OLSH Parish also WELCOMES all new parishioners and their families. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to any of the priests or members of the Parish Council. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and contribute to the reign of God in Central Australia.



The Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Darwin, is looking for a self-motivated, experienced and dynamic professional and founding school principal for the new Catholic Primary School namely, **Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School**, Zuccoli, Darwin. Opening Year 2018. Interested applicants please contact the CEO, Darwin or email: [marian.bhasin@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marian.bhasin@nt.catholic.edu.au).



**Ngkarte Mikwekehne Catholic Community, 40 south terrace**

As informed, our Arrernte Catholic Community, or the *Ngkarte Mikwekehne* Catholic Community, worshipping at 40 south Terrace will now worship at the main OLSH Church starting from Divine Mercy Sunday. This is only a temporary arrangement for four consecutive Sundays. All parishioners are welcome to attend this 11:00am Mass. For your information, Bishop Eugene has given the green light for the Arrernte translation of the Mass to be a *working document*; it is still a full valid Mass. So there will be NO 11:00am MASS at 40 south terrace on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to pray for unity, healing, reconciliation and justice.

YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS			
FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Sr Helen Dyson OSU	Saturday April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 9-3pm	Liturgical Music Preparations & Celebrations for all musicians, choir members and anyone interested.	St Francis Centre
Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	

**Cleaning:** 22 April 2017 **Group 5**  
Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller  
**Counters:** 23 April 2017  
Eric & Kath McGargill

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,808.00 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 1,082.45 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$ 1,360.00

Total planned giving donations made direct to parish bank account for March 2017 quarter : \$3,784.00

*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

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

OLSH PARISH UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



**Singers, Musicians and Interested Parishioners**

You are all invited to participate in a very practical and informative music workshop facilitated by Sr Helen Dyson. Sr Helen has been the Music Director and Pastoral Associate in the Maroochydore parish, on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, for the last 10 years. Working across the four church communities that make up the parish, Sr Helen has very hands on experience in the field of liturgy and music.

This workshop is for experienced musicians and singers and also for new or younger people. The young people from the youth group are especially invited. We hope that people from all groups and all ages will be able to participate in the workshop. All participants will be guaranteed an enjoyable, practical and informative day. We strongly urge anyone who is interested to come along and enjoy a day of sacred music.



Date 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Time 9.30 to 3.30

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

**Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions**



On Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917, the children were pasturing their flock as usual at the Cova da Iria, which was about a mile from their homes. They were playing when suddenly a bright shaft of light pierced the air. The lady spoke to them and said: "Fear not! I will not harm you." "Where are you from?" the children asked. "I am from heaven" the beautiful lady replied, gently raising her hand towards the distant horizon. "What do you want of me?", Lucia asked. "I came to ask you to come here for six consecutive months, on the thirteenth day, at this same hour. I will tell you later who I am and what I want." Pope Francis will visit Portugal in 2017 and millions of pilgrims to mark the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions of Fatima. Our priests are in the process of requesting from the Confraternity of Christ the Priest the presence of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, originating in Fatima Portugal in 1949. Once confirmed, OLSH Parish will run a day of Spiritual Recollection and devotion to Our Lady and closing with a special Centenary Mass. Start: 8:30am – 3:00pm. Date to be announced soon.

**Roster for weekend of 22 - 23 April 2017**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 7:30pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	M Maddocks Rose Sabadin ThelmaBowen
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Fred Twohig	Jo Molin P Rademaker	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Matthew Green	Dilushi Fonseca Rowena Russell	Cristy Genetti Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Jenny Dietrich Debbie Cooke	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives

**Sunday of the Resurrection Year A**  
**15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Lk 24:34 cf, Apoc 1:6

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading:**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

**R/** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading:**

Colossians 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

1 Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

John 20: 1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

1 Cor 5:7-8

**Communion Antiphon:**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sundays: 11th June, 2017, 30th July, 2017

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**  
1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am  
at Desert Life Church

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps**  
Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:30pm

**Yuendumu Aboriginal Mission (5hrs drive)**  
2nd Wednesday of the month

**Children's Sunday School**  
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**  
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-  
7:00pm

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**  
Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Parish Council Meetings**  
1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**  
Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall

**Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry**  
3rd Friday of the month from 10:00am-11:00am

**Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs drive)**  
4th Friday of the month

**Finance Team Ministry**  
1st Saturday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

**CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)**  
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

**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 40  
South Terrace and the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above  
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and partici-  
pate in God's Mission.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom  
shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said,  
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*