



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

"The ideal of marriage, marked by a commitment to exclusivity and stability, is swept aside whenever it proves inconvenient or tiresome. The fear of loneliness and the desire for stability and fidelity exist side by side with a growing fear of entrapment in a relationship that could hamper the achievement of one's person goals". *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.2, #34. Question: How strong are we to advocate the ideal of marriage in the face of moral and human failings?

2nd Sunday of Easter Year A
22nd - 23rd April 2017

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

Anileen 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

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.

DIVINE MERCY & MERCY TO EARTH SUNDAY

In Christianity, the starting point for faith involves a personal relationship with Jesus. Christianity is not an ideology, or system of propositions or psychology. At its core, it is simply about a person, and that person is Jesus Christ, the icon of Mercy. This is what makes Christianity different from all other major religions of the world.

As in all personal relationships, the presence of authentic love is a gift that cannot be forced. When dad fell in love with mum, he did not sit down and decide to fall in love with her. It was freely given and freely received. Love is gift. It is the same with faith. None of us decided we would believe. We all know persons who would like desperately to believe, but just can't see reality that way.

The gift is offered, and sadly, many are blind, deaf and dumb to the offer, some see the possibility of faith, but refuse to respond, while others respond with indifference or with enthusiasm. We all know the story of our growing into the faith and sowing the seed.

But the love and mercy of God for the followers of Christ is the cornerstone of faith. Everything about our faith is formed from this love of God which is in our hearts. It is God's love and mercy that make it possible to respond in faith, to come to church, to help someone in need, to teach and minister to the sick. And love makes everything possible and meaningful. It is no doubt that we have all been touched by the merciful love of Jesus during our faith journey. Trust it and see where it is taking you in your life today.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the universal Church also wants to put more emphasis on Divine Mercy in the 21st century. "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: 'My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified,' Jesus tells Sr. Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love.

Today may our joy be truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time ... Jesus told Sr Faustina: 'Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy' (Diary, p. 132)."

Let us open our hearts and minds today to the well-spring of God's merciful love and care for all Catholic families at OLSH Parish and all Territorians.

Fr Raass

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 24 April 2017

Mon: Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8
Tues: Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25 Jn 12:23-28
Wed: 1 Pet 5:5-14 Mk 16:15-20
Thu: Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 2:14,22-33
 1 Pet 1:17-21 Lk24:13-35

+ 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, Shirema 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 Lorkein, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin

May the Lord grant them healing

Saints of the Week

St Mark, evangelist - Wednesday, 26th April
St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
 - Saturday, 29th April

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

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

2nd Sunday of the month. Formation of parents falls on the 1st 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

1st and 3rd 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 (23rd 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 neighbours 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.



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 this Divine Mercy Sunday. Parish Volunteer cards are placed on the pew. *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. A table is available outside the church after every Mass if you wish to chat with a member of the Parish Council about what is involved and some of the exciting new ministries coming up. We are so blessed with many hard-working volunteers.

DO IT FOR GOD and HIS MISSION.



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. There will be NO 11:00am MASS at 40 south terrace on April 23rd, 30th, May 7th & 14th. Please continue to pray for unity, healing, reconciliation and justice.



ANZAC PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Anzac Day is the national solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who have fought and died for their country, and is marked annually on the anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign of the First World War. Mass times will be as usual on Tuesday 25th April. Let's all commemorate the triumph of the human spirit, the courage and resolve of those men and women who 100 years ago and ever since, and today put their lives on the line.

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

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 29th April Time: 9.00 to 3.00pm

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.



A coincidence of calendars this weekend, it is Mercy2Earth Weekend and Divine Mercy Sunday. During the two days (April 22-23), the international coalition of 300-plus eco-conscious Catholic organizations is inviting Catholics worldwide to use the weekend as a time to perform 500 acts of mercy for the Earth, be it cutting back on electricity use, calculating a carbon footprint or educating others on their faith connections to environmental stewardship. The effort also hopes to re-amplify the Pope's Sept. 1, 2016, message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, in which he proposed elevating "care for our common home" to both a spiritual and corporal work of mercy.

Our Social Justice Awareness Group will be meeting at 3:00pm this Sunday for further planning and action. All welcome to attend and be part of this global movement of caring for our common home. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and devotion at 3:00pm (main church) will also focus on MERCYTOEARTH as a theme.

 **Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

The Adoration and Benediction has resumed at 6:00 pm every Friday after the Mass. Come and make a commitment to spend an hour and thank Jesus for the gift of life. Happy are those who love him because they know him.

Position Vacant: CatholicCare NT
Alice Springs Site Co-ordinator, Short Term Contract.
Application close: Wednesday 26 April

Cleaning: 29 April 2017 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly
Counters: 30 April 2017
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$2,362.95 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,210.35 (for the parish)
Holy Thursday: \$730.10
Good Friday: \$1,066.75 (for Holy Land)
Caritas Project Compassion: \$1,716.30
Planned Giving: \$1,090.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!

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

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

All parishioners are invited to support the new members of OLSH Parish by your prayers and faith witness.

We welcome our newly baptised, **Gemma O'Brien, Sarah Nankivell, Luke Highfold and James Myers** who received the **Sacraments of Initiation**, and **Jeremy Jones** who was **received into the Catholic Church** at this Easter Vigil Mass and received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

After weekly Inquiry Gatherings, our new Candidates, **Karin Yeaman and Tanya Jones**, expressed their readiness for the next stage of their RCIA Journey. Each has a particular member of the OLSH community to be their Sponsor during these months of preparation. They have already commenced this Catechetical stage and so we will celebrate the **Rite of Welcoming of Candidates** for Reception into full communion of the Catholic Church for them at the **7.30am Mass on 30th April**.

Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at the light refreshments following this 7.30am Mass.

Church Carpet Cleaning

The carpet cleaners will be in church from 8:30pm – 12:30pm on Thursday 27th April. The church will be temporarily closed during this time. Thank you.

Roster for weekend of 29 - 30 April 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Ruth Sexton
Sun 9:30am	Jooby Mani	David Genetti Ivie Okoh	Cristy Genetti Losana Hay Bruce Were
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ocones	Denise Simon Virginia Loy	Mel Buenviaje Sammy Nobleza Pane Komene

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Entrance Antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Ps 117:2-4,13-15,22-24

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:

Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Jn 20:29

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 20: 19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but the are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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 10:30am-11:30am

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*

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