



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 Prakash Menezes SVD
Resident Priests:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
Fr. Jim Knight SVD
Syro-Malabar Chaplain
Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST
Liturgy Coordinator (New Role)
Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
Hospital Chaplain
Sr. Magdalena Leutterova SSpS
Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje
Parish Past. Council Chairman
Mr Fred Twohig
Parish Treasurer
Mr Kevin Hickmott
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.
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, 6 months' notice required.

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B 7th - 8th March 2015

'ZEAL FOR GOD'S HOUSE WILL DEVOUR ME'

Lent is the appropriate time to check the way we worship God. Our prayers, our going to Mass, all our observances and religious actions, are they done out of self-interest, to get favours from God, to make God do our will, or are they our way to love and thank God? From Jesus we should have learned to let the whole of our life and actions be praise and thanks to our loving God.

Is our sign of the cross still a gesture that expresses that we recognize Christ as our Saviour? Is our genuflection still recognition of God's greatness?

Every liturgical gesture, every liturgical rite and form has a deep meaning, but all too often we honour God only with our lips, while our heart dwells far away from him.

Today's Gospel (John 2:13-25) Jesus was reacting against a kind of worship without a soul, against a religion motivated mainly by the pursuit of gain. He rejects a worship of purely material offerings and replaces it with a religion in spirit and in truth.

In Jesus perfect worship is given to God and through him total reconciliation with the Father. We do not find God in the inflexible forms of worship without the Spirit. WE SERVE GOD WITH A LOVING HEART.

During this 3rd Week of Lent let us try not to let our community worship degenerate into a set of soulless rigidity of stone temples. May we also learn to turn our hearts of pride and greed into homes of love and goodness where you and others can feel at home. Our OLSH Parish worship has to involve our whole person and to turn into a dialogue with God. Remember we can encounter the spirit of the Risen Christ anywhere outside the confines of a church/temple and He will be the foundation of the new People of God.

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Parish Priest's Movement

Fr Raass will be away in Melbourne from 10th - 14th March for the SVD Provincial Council Meeting and to attend a Final Vows Ceremony for five SVD confreres.

Saint of the Week – St Dominic Savio (March 10)

Evangelii Gaudium

“The poor person, when loved, ‘is esteemed as of great value,’ and this is what makes the authentic option for the poor differ from any other ideology, from any attempt to exploit the poor for one's own personal or political interest.

”Par 199 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 09 March

Mon: 2 Kg 5:1-15 Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dan 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Deut 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thur: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hosea 14:2-10 Mk12:28-34
Sat: Hosea 5:15-6:6 Lk 18:9-14
Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23
Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tony Rilocapro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Tiffany Doughty, Loraine 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, Colleen Matson, David Woods, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Death Anniversary: Merli Ros

May her soul rest in eternal Peace.

Ecumenical Lenten Wednesday Services

March 11 th	Uniting Church, 52 Todd Mall
March 18 th	Catholic Church
March 25 th	To be announced

ALL SERVICES START AT 7:00PM

Devotional Practices:

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 (Home Based)

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month

at Missionaries of Charity Convent

12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Sacrament of Penance: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

OLSH Parish will celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation twice during Lent. The first falls this coming Monday **9th March at 6:30pm** and on Monday **30th March** (Holy Week) **at 6:30pm**. Four priests will be available to hear your confessions. Remember - *“If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness....”* (1 John 1:8-9). Catholics should go to Confession because everyone needs forgiveness for their sins, and to help them back on the path of following Jesus. Please do not be afraid or hesitate to attend this beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Ecumenism in the Parish

“May they be one as we are one” (John 17:21). *“Given the seriousness of the counter-witness of division among Christians, particularly in Asia and Africa, the search for paths to unity becomes all the more urgent,”* Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*. All OLSH parishioners are highly encouraged to take John 17:21 seriously and attend to any of the Ecumenical services scheduled below. Don't force yourself however as a parish we will foster healthy ecumenism in Central Australia as an opportunity for growth and grace.

**Stations of the Cross this Friday 13th March @ 7:30pm
“Revelations of Divine Love”**

The Stations of the Cross this coming Friday will be taken from the Sacred Scriptures and Meditations from the writing of **Julian of Norwich**. Julian of Norwich (c. 8 November 1342 – c. 1416) was an English anchoress who is regarded as one of the most important Catholic mystics. She is venerated in the Anglican and Lutheran churches, but has never been canonized or beatified. Julian was an English woman who was suddenly struck down by a serious illness, which in three days appeared to be fatal. When the priest came to her bedside he showed her a crucifix which not only immediately restored her health but also gave her the 17 visions which she wrote down in her work, **“Revelations of Divine Love”**. In 2010 Pope Emeritus Benedict said that her work **‘Revelations of Divine Love as an optimistic message based on the certainty that we are loved by God and protected by His Providence’**.

Recent Death in the Diocese

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Deacon John Baptist Kelantumama at Wurrumiyange, Bathurst Island. Bishop Eugene will celebrate the Requiem Mass next Friday, March 13th at 11:00am. He was one of the four Aboriginal Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Darwin.

May he Rest in Peace.

HELP WANTED

The Building and Finance Committee would like to repair the broken terrazzo on the Smith Street side of the church verandah. If any parishioner has any expertise in this area, or knows of anyone, could they please contact Fred Twohig on 89523162, email – ftwohig@bigpond.net.au Thank you.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish community **Ashley Skye Norton**, son of David Norton and Rebecca Morgan, and **Angus Breen**, son of Joseph Breen and Lynette Ross, who will be baptised this Sunday, 8 March.

Spiritual Direction Available at OLSH Parish

OLSH Parish is fortunate to have three trained **Spiritual Directors** to cater for your religious experience and discernment. Arise and call a Spiritual Director if this is what you and God want for your life. Remember – LIFELINES are available if you need further professional assistance.

Fr A Raass SVD	89521049
Br Tony Caddy FMS	0407301474
Mr David Woods (Campfire in the Heart Ministry)	0416641521

A Well-Trained Tongue:

Formation in the Ministry of Reader (Lectors)

OLSH Parish is looking for new lectors (readers) to assist at the **6:00pm** and **5:30pm Weekend Masses**. ALL new lectors MUST receive some training or formation provided by the parish team. If you are a regular worshipper at these times please do not hesitate to volunteer and be part of this sacred ministry of proclaiming God's word. Please contact any of the priests directly or Sr Mary so we could arrange a suitable time for training.

Renovation of Old OLSH Church Building



Please be informed that the Old OLSH Church Building at 6 Hartley Street is currently undergoing an internal renovation due to the following reasons: 1) white ants have destroyed 70 – 80% of the internal timber structure; 2) entrance brick structure is dangerous and needs strengthening; 3) unsafe electrical cables, power-points and wiring could cause fire and electrocution; 4) timber roofing rafters and beams are insecure; 5) the entire corrugated iron roofing needs replacing. CatholicCare has found employment contracts to bring the old church to its former glory but with strict guidelines under the Heritage Act.

Cleaning: 14 March Group 6

Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 15 March 2015

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,564.50 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,372.90 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

JOIN A LENTEN GROUP OR START ONE YOURSELF

OLSH Parish Lenten Sharing Groups have already started. It is not too late to call any of the facilitators at various locations. Otherwise you are free to start a group yourself around your family members and acquaintances. Contact the parish office for a copy of the Arise programme and CDs.

Lenten Group Facilitator	Where to Meet	When to Meet	Phone Numbers
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD	4 Hartley Street (Presbytery)	Saturdays from 2:30pm	8952 1049
Sr Mary Bennett RSM	58 Memorial Ave (St Francis Centre)	Mondays from 2:00pm	8953 8726
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	58 Memorial Ave (St Francis Centre)	Mondays from 7:00pm	8952 4151
Sue Marshall/ Berni 'O Grady	38 Railway Tce (Vinnies Centre)	Sundays from 1:00pm	8952 1974
Ruth Sexton	Bath St Campus (for teachers but anyone is welcome)	Thursday from 3:30pm	89508617

OLSH PARISH INTER-CULTURAL FORMATION WORKSHOP, "Intercultural and Interpersonal Relations"

Multiculturalism (ethnic and cultural diversity) is a distinguishing feature and an essential part of our OLSH parish. We have come from every nation, people, language and culture and living on Aboriginal Arernte land. This is a living symbol of the unity and diversity of the Church. Hearing and seeing at our liturgical celebrations the contributions from the Indians, Filipinos, Africans, Vietnamese, Pacific Islanders, Aussies, Americans etc was a powerful experience of inter-culturality and catholicity. However, consciously or unconsciously, tensions and conflicts inevitably arise amongst ourselves due to racism, generational gaps, ethnocentrism, personal differences and stereotyping. OLSH Parish will not be tempted to live in mutual indifference or avoid enriching intercultural and interpersonal experiences. Hence we are fortunate to invite **Fr Tim Norton SVD, former Provincial Superior of the Divine Word Missionaries and Director of NEMI Renewal Programmes, Rome, Italy**, to run a **WORKSHOP on INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE** that includes skills for interpersonal communication, conflict management and fraternal correction on **Saturday 18th April from 9:00am – 4:00pm**. Representatives from various cultural and language groups, members of the Parish/Finance Council and leaders of various parish support groups are highly encouraged to attend. Otherwise all parishioners are invited to participate. RSVP Mel at the office 89521049 by 10th April. Donations only at the door to cover lunch and biscuits.

Roster for weekend of 14/15 March 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	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 Cooke	Precy Taylor Bridget Knight	Carmela Guthart Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Andrzej Skrzypiec Denise Simon	Thomas J. John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

07th - 08th March 2015

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

The law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for he Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for he Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The Word of the Lord

Ps 18:8-11

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel:

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the faithful Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon. The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house for ever singing your praise.