



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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 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 Brayan Menezes SVD
 Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priests:
 Fr. Jim Knight SVD
 Fr. Alfonsus Nahak SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain
 Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

Liturgy Coordinator (Vacant)

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
 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, 12 months' notice required.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 30th - 31st January 2016

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations

The readings of today speak of our prophetic vocation. The calling of prophet Jeremiah is a very dramatic way of telling us the challenges we will have in this vocation. Jesus, in today's Gospel, bears the brunt of his own fellow villagers, when he exercises his prophetic role and tells how the prophets are not accepted in their own country. As the saying goes, 'familiarity breeds contempt,' Jesus had become so familiar to his own people that they failed to see the Messiah in him. They failed to realise the love he was pouring over them by embracing everyone. Jesus pours out the Love that St Paul speaks in today's second reading. It is an unconditional love (*Agape* in Greek) that bears everything and doesn't react to criticism. What is my role as a baptised person, baptised in the prophetic role of Jesus? Am I ready to love as Jesus loved?

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

Welcome back Fr Raass

Fr. Asaeli Raass, our Parish Priest, has returned after his Home Leave. We are sure Fr Raass, you had a wonderful holidays and time to catch up with your Mother and all your loved ones in Fiji and also some time to rest and recuperate for the wonderful year ahead. Welcome back Fr Raass, we missed you.

Lenten Groups

The Ash Wednesday this year is on February 10th. So the Lent is here and it is time for some reflection and prayer. We encourage parishioners to come together and form the Lenten Groups, which meet once a week during Lent. The books and CD's required for the reflection are in the office. Please contact Mel for more information.

Planned Giving for OLSH Parish 2016

A set of envelopes are ready to be collected by those generous parishioners who have committed themselves and their families for this planned giving programme. Please pick up your set of envelopes from the back of the Church. We also highly encourage parishioners, visitors and anyone to contribute via credit card or other account, it is safe, reduces (cash) risk and work. However, if you prefer to receive a set of envelopes, feel free to contact the parish office during work hours. We are appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to the pastoral works and maintenance of OLSH parish.

Altar Servers

We are looking forward to build up our Altar Server ministry in the Parish. All those who are interested and who are already serving at the Altar are invited to please fill up the "Expression of Interest in Serving at the Altar" form at the entrance of the Church and hand it over to the Parish Office by Monday, 8th February. Thank you dear parents for encouraging your children to take up this wonderful ministry.

Farewell to Sr Mary Bennett RSM

This weekend at the 9:30 am Mass we will have a farewell ceremony to Sr Mary Bennet, our Liturgy Co-Ordinator. Please join us for the morning tea after Mass to thank Sr Mary and wish her all the best for her future mission.

Roster for weekend of 06 - 07 February 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Saturday 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Leonie Smith Binu Katherine	Marian Maddocks Christine Grant Thelma Bowen
Sunday 7:30am	Jenny Montefiore	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Fred Twohig Kath McGargill John Lillecraap
Sunday 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Pauline Otieno Hilda Reeder	Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecraap Mark Bensted
Sunday 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Denise Simon Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

Daily Readings: starting 8 February 2016

Mon: 2 Sam 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20
Tues: Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-32
Wed: 2 Sam 24:2,9-17 Mk 6:1-6
Thur: 1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12 Mk 6:7-13
Fri: Sirach 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29
Sat: 1 Kings 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34
Sun: Is 6:1-8 Lk 5:1-11
1 Cor 15:1-11

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Georgina Gilbert, Eufelia Canta, Helena Rooney, Bernadette Dowd, May Lee Shah, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson, Veronica Edwards and Rose Brand.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Death

John Egar, 23rd January 2016

Death Anniversary

John Kings, 30th January 2008

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

OLSH Associates will meet at the Convent on Saturday 6 February at 2 p.m.

Cleaning: 06 February Group 5

Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counter: 07 February

Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:

First: \$1,355.80 Second: \$2,105.30

Thank you for your 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.

Christian Meditation Resumes this week

(Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday at 12:00 pm

Legion of Mary

Monday 6:15 pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesday 6:15—7:15 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 70:1-6,15,17

R/ I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading:

1Corinthians 13:4-13

There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous, love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.