



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

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Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

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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, f the Ross Highway.*

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.

Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis'



Amoris Laetitia
On Love in the Family

"This Exhortation represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity, and patience. It seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy", Pope Francis, #5, Prologue, *Amoris Laetitia*

The Nativity of Our Lord Year A

24th - 25th December 2016



*"May this sacred day be for you and yours
a Blessed and Joy-filled "Emmanuel,"
a 'God is with us' experience.
May the God who is with us fill your hearts
and through you the Heart of Central Australia
with his presence".*

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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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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First Reading:

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn her salvation like a torch. The nations will then see your integrity, all kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God. No longer are you to be named "Forsaken", nor your land "Abandoned"; but you will be called "My Delight" and your land "The Wedded"; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Acts 13:16-17.22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: 'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out. Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, 'I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose.' To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, 'I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.'

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us". When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home and though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Roster for weekend of 31 Dec 16 - 1 Jan 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers	
Sat 6:00 pm	Sr Kathleen Leahy	Alf Goody	Marian Maddocks 2 x Volunteers	<p>Cleaning: 31 December 2016 Group 5 Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller,</p> <p>Counters: 1 January 2017 Margaret –Ann McNaught</p> <p>Last Week's Collections: 1st Collection: \$ 1,083.40 (for the presbytery) 2nd Collection: \$ 655.30 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$ 1,085.00 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - \$ 401.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your time and generosity!</i></p> <p>Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.</p>
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Jo Molin M McNaught	Ruth Sexton Fred Twohig	
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Hilda Reeder Lillian Labastida	Virginia Loy 2 x Volunteer s	
Sun 5:30 pm	Volunteer	Richelle Tabbada A Skrzypiec	Marieta Ives 2 x Volunteers	



Christmas Midnight Mass 12:00mn



First Reading:

Isaiah 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across its shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: 'Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace'. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 95:1-3

R/ Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Second Reading:

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that we have to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census, the first, took place while Quirinius and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turn to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.



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Christmas Day Mass 9:30am

First Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 97:1-6

R/ All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and by various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place at the right hand of the divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I shall be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men; a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received, yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.