



# 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



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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**

“Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that “it is more proper to charity to desire to love than to desire to be loved”; indeed, “mothers, who are those who love the most, seek to love more than to be loved”. Consequently, love can transcend and overflow the demands of justice, “expecting nothing in return” (Lk 6:35), and the greatest of loves can lead to “laying down one’s life” for another (cf. Jn 15:13). Can such generosity, which enables us to give freely and fully, really be possible? Yes, because it is demanded by the Gospel: “You received without pay, give without pay” (Mt 10:8). “Pope Francis, Ch.4#102, Amoris Laetitia.

**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE Year A**  
25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## CRITERION FOR JUDGMENT

How does it sit with you if I say that the criterion for judgment at the end of the day is not the Law, not sin, not perfection or lack of it, but compassion? Would this understanding set you free?

Instead of checking out my spiritual health by seeing how well I was keeping the Law and avoiding sin, going to daily Mass, how about having a new checklist: was I feeding the hungry, welcoming the lonely, visiting the sick, attending the grieving, etc?

The Gospel of Mathew 25 is about the business of compassion and fixing my eyes not on my own salvation. It is the call to harness my personal energy and compassion into the corporate world for the “least” among us.

The God revealed by Ezekiel portrays an image of God as shepherd, the God who gears his saving action precisely to our need. When we are injured he binds up, when we are sick he heals, when we have lost direction he looks for us. When I am frightened and burdened, he reassures me.

This is a prophetic challenge which has become part of our job description as Catholics. Yes Jesus is Lord and King of the Universe. But it is not enough to simply know and believe it. The same Lord and God challenges us to create a new world-order where all people are fed, clothed, sheltered and cared for by the followers of Christ.

If at the end of the day Jesus the Christ finds you at home with “the least” in this world, he could easily welcome you with the least in the new nation. We call it the Kingdom of God.

*“In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”, Mathew 25*

Fr Raass SVD

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

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Mr Fred Twohig

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

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Anileen and Mark Bensted

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Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

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## Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm;

Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm;

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm;

## Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Aboriginal Community Mass

## Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

3rd Sunday of every month

*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 27 November 2017**

**Mon:** Dan 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4  
**Tues:** Dan 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11  
**Wed:** Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Lk 21:12-19  
**Thu:** Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22  
**Fri:** Dan 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33  
**Sat:** Dan 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36  
**Sun:** Is 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8  
1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

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

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

Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Elisa Yared, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lenie & Will Arthur

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Recent death - Murray Gilbert**

**Death Anniversary- Patricia Wyatt**

*May their souls rest in peace*

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month's notice required. 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 -7:00pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

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

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am



**End of Year of Family & Renewal of Married Vows**

Congratulations to all married couples who will renew their love and commitment on this Solemnity of Christ the King. May your wedding anniversary be filled with joyous memories and new adventures. OLSH Parish wishes you love, laughter and happiness in your lives and thank you for your ongoing witness to the joy of married love. Happy anniversary.



**Seniors Pre-Christmas Lunch: NEXT WEEK**

WHEN: Saturday, 2 December

WHERE: OLSH College, Bath St. Hall

You (SENIORS) are cordially invited to have lunch, sing Christmas songs, see Father Christmas and visit with friends at our annual Christmas gathering. Please plan to join us starting at 12 noon. Please sign up at the entrance of our church for volunteers and also inviting Christmas gifts for seniors. Thank you, from *OLSH Parish, PPC and the Hospitality Team*

**BON VOYAGE CLASS OF 2017**



Twelve years of schooling is finally over for all our Year 12's at OLSH College and other schools in Central Australia. We are all proud of your achievement as you venture into the wide world as an adult. Choose wisely, pray constantly and say safe. Congratulations on this momentous occasion.



**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Church Collection Counters**

The priests are after few more married couples to help count the church collections on weekends. Please approach Fr Raass. So far we have only four couples who have consistently and faithfully maintained this ministry for many years. Any volunteers for 2018?

**Retreat Day, Campfire in the Heart**

**2017 - Looking forward, Looking back**

9 am - 5 pm or any time through the day

Bring your own lunch

Tea and Coffee on tap.

Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd

Contact David Woods 0416 641 521



**Youth Assembly, NSW**

Our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs (CYAS) will have special buckets after each Mass to assist in their travel expenses to Sydney. Please help.




**ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Preparations are underway for the annual Ecumenical Christmas Carols in Alice Springs on Sunday 3rd December, 7 pm at the Anzac Oval. OLSH Parish is participating and there will be one massive choir of all Christians in Central Australia. Singers and musicians from all churches are invited to rehearse at the Desert Life Church on Thursday, November 30 from 7:00pm.

## Important Parish Dates: November & December

Cake Stalls for Catholic Youth trip to Syd &	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov after all Masses
Feast of Christ the King & Renewal of Married Vows, Parish-Wide Children's Choir will lead	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am & 5:30pm Masses for renewals
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Adult Reflection at the JP2 Hall	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> , 7-8pm
Parish Seniors Pre-Christmas Lunch	2 <sup>nd</sup> December, Saturday at Bath Street Hall, 12:00 noon
Commissioning of CYAS trip to Sydney & special Collection for the Youth	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December at the 9:30am Mass
Ecumenical Christmas Carols, ANZAC Oval	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 7:00pm, Donation only at the gate, bring everyone
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Adult Reflection, JP2 Hall	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7:00pm-8:00pm
Final Prison Sunday Prison Ministry for 2017	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 1:00pm -3:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Adult Reflection, JP2 Hall	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Advent 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:00pm – 8:00pm



**Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to Holy Land & Italy, October 2018**

This is a once in a life-time pilgrimage to increase your awareness of where it all started: the Holy Land before proceeding to Italy including Assisi. Fr Raass will lead the pilgrimage departing 1st Oct 2018. So far nine parishioners have booked a seat. Please see notice board for more information.


**Manus Island**

“PNG Authorities have entered the Manus Camp and are violently forcing the men there to move into unfinished dangerous new detention centres. Peter Dutton is spreading misinformation through the media, ignoring experts and people on the ground. We must demand the refugees and people seeking asylum are immediately evacuated from Manus, and brought to safety in Australia. This weekend, we're gathering in iconic locations across the country calling on our Government to evacuate Manus now. Like the men of Manus, we will sit together in solidarity, arms clasped in the air in peaceful protest – in a demonstration that cannot be hidden or denied by Dutton”, [www.dassan.org](http://www.dassan.org)

**Cleaning:** December 02, 2017      **Group 2**  
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas  
**Counters:** December 03, 2017  
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje  
**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,106.00 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$690.70 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,355.00  
CYAS Cake stall and donations: \$1,363.75


*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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



**“Waiting With Mary” Women’s Retreat**

Less than twenty women parishioners attended the spiritual retreat on ‘Waiting With Mary’ in preparation for the Holy Season of Advent. We thank most sincerely Sr Anne for organising and facilitating this spiritual time-out for the women of the parish.



**The Holy Season of Advent**

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of spiritual preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin advenio, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. It's root word in Greek is "parousia" - a theological concept meaning "coming" or "presence. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time. The First Sunday of Advent (3rd December) also marks the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Church.

Roster for weekend of 02 - 03 December 2017			
	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr A Surtees	Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen M Maddocks
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	K McGargill Jo Molin	Mike Steller Rita Steller J Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br M Green
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	A Batimana L Sumang	Marieta Ives Debbie Cooke S Nobleza

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and straight and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading:**

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 22:1-3,5-6

**R/** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mark 11:9.10

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 25:31-46

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, ' I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
Advent Reflections, 27th, 11th & 18th Dec,  
7pm at JP2 Hall

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this  
Sunday: December 17, 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)**

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

**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 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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