



# 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 incarnation of the Word in a human family, in Nazareth, by its very newness changed the history of the world. We need to enter into the mystery of Jesus' birth, into that "yes" given by Mary to the message of the angel, when the Word was conceived in her womb, as well as the "yes" of Joseph, who gave a name to Jesus and watched over Mary. We need to contemplate the joy of the shepherds before the manger, the adoration of the Magi and the flight into Egypt, in which Jesus shares his people's experience of exile, persecution and humiliation." *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.3 #66. **Question: Is the covenant of your married love and fidelity giving shape to how you are living your Catholic life?**

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

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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

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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

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### God is our Security

We live in an atmosphere of great personal and global insecurity. The peril of nuclear holocaust which looms over our civilization is the most formidable symbol of the insecurity of modern existence.

"Where can I find my security?" many ask. Perhaps if I buy more insurance policies, I will feel safe. Maybe the answer to national security lies in a larger stockpile of weapons and more elaborate defense systems. Or shall we build ourselves strong bomb shelter for our families. Yet none of these measures really quiet the fearful heart.

According to the prophet Isaiah, faith in God is the most practical basis of security. It is the only reliable weapon, and without it, all other policies are barren. Such reliance on God's power requires trust in a deeper kind of wisdom. Paul tells the Romans that God's wisdom and knowledge are inscrutable and unsearchable. How God will bring safety is not clear to Paul; the source of his consolation is a deep faith in the ways of God. He knows God's ways of paradoxical, moving through suffering and death to resurrection from death.

In the Gospel of Mathew today, Peter expresses the same kind of faith. Jesus was not the kind of political Messiah hoped for by many in Israel and his path to security is not simple and self-evident; faith is required to recognise it. Such wisdom is given to Peter, and he expresses his faith in Jesus as Messiah. The power to rule belong to those who recognise the inscrutable wisdom of God as the only real basis for human security.

Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King have showed us that love is our strongest weapon for settling conflict, if it entails suffering and loss; Saint John Paul 2, who could visit and forgive the man who attempted to assassinate him. We need such leaders who, like Isaiah, will offer our age a gripping, stirring faith. Lets all create a climate for such leaders to merge when, in our personal lives, we make trust in God the center of our security.

Fr Raass SVD

*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.*

**+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

**Daily Readings: starting 28 August 2017**

<b>Mon:</b> 1 Thess 1:1-5,8-10	Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tues:</b> Jer 1:17-19	Mk 6:17-29
<b>Wed:</b> 1 Thess 2:9-13	Mt 23:27-32
<b>Thu:</b> 1 Thess 3:7-13	Mt 24:42-51
<b>Fri:</b> 1 Thess 4:1-8	Mt 25:1-13
<b>Sat:</b> 1 Thess 4:9-11	Mt 25:14-30
<b>Sun:</b> Jer 20:7-9	
Rom 12:1-2	Mt 16:21-27

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

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

Jolibie Pasion Boyles, Nonie Rivera, 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, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Eddie

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**R.I.P**

Clarita deVera Gomez

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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 -7:30pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

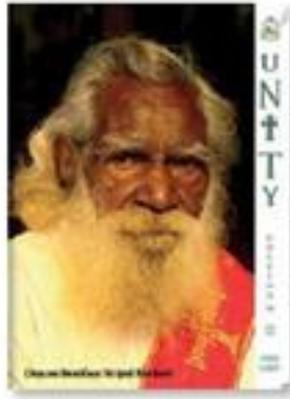
**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**GREAT NEWS**



“At the recent Australian Catholic Press Association Conference, held this week in New Zealand, Unity Magazine took out first prize for the Best Magazine Front Cover.

The criteria for this category called for “a real eye-catching seller” and the judges remarked - “An image in which the subject makes eye contact with the potential reader is a great advantage in magazine cover design. Mark

Crocombe’s soulful image of Deacon Boniface Nyipul Perdjert, Australia’s first permanent deacon, does this in a striking manner”.

**+Bishop Eugene Hurley**

**HIGHLIGHT: SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1!**



Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics to celebrate the Season of Creation begin this

September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. As Pope Francis noted, "*Jesus was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder.*" (Laudato Si', 97) We invite you to follow the example of Jesus and the example of St. Francis, who called creation “blessed be.” The SJAG will soon be inviting the whole parish body to some planned activities leading up to some form of Parish Commitment on the Feast of St Francis. There are ways Catholics you and your family can pray and take action for creation around the globe.

**103<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees – THIS WEEKEND**



Pope Francis has chosen the theme, “Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless”, for the 103<sup>rd</sup>

World Day of Migrants and Refugees, commemorated in Australia this weekend 2017,26/27<sup>th</sup> August. WE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT.

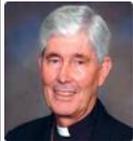
*“Migration today is a phenomenon not limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to live their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security”, (Pope Francis, Message 2017).*

**WELCOME!**

OLSH Parish WELCOMES all new parishioners and their families. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to any of the priests or members of the Parish Council. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and contribute to the reign of God in Central Australia.

## Important Parish Dates, August & September

103 <sup>rd</sup> World Day of Migrants	27 <sup>th</sup> Aug
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion, Bath Street & St Francis' Candidates	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church
Last Presentation of 'Don't Mess With Marriage'	28 <sup>st</sup> Aug 7:00pm,
Father's Day, <i>Pancakes For All Dads</i>	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Parish Feast Day, Nativity of Our Lady & Fundraising Dinner, Bath Street	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 11:00am Holy Mass, family sports and fundraising dinner
Child Protection Sunday	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Social Justice Sunday	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September



### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop's Installation

Just a reminder that this coming Tuesday, August 29, is the feast Day of The Beheading/Passion of St John the Baptist and marks the 10th anniversary of Bishop Eugene's Installation as Bishop of Darwin. Any ideas on how to thank this wonderful & caring Bishop Eugene?



### FATHER'S DAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

Calling all Dads to the JP2 Hall after every mass for Pancakes on Father's Day weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> September. In this Year of the Family, OLSH Parish wants to thank every dad for all you do for your family and our parish. Please join us and Happy Father's Day. Mom's come on down and help us celebrate the dads with serving and clean-up.



### ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER – Only few Tickets for sale NOW!

Please purchase a ticket for the fundraising dinner to benefit the proposed 50 Golden Jubilee maintenance projects of OLSH Church. Tickets @ \$50 for adults (18yrs and over), \$20 per young person (6yrs -17yrs) and kids (0 -5yrs) free – available at the back of the church. Ask Lo & Ruth. Very few tickets left.



### 'DON'T MESS WITH MARRIAGE', ACBC

Fr Raass will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Catholic Bishop's Conference Pastoral Letter this Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7:00pm-9:00pm at the JP2 Hall as part of the ongoing discussion on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*. Be informed, Be responsible. How do you view those family members who have same-sex attraction? What is your stance on the push towards 'same-sex marriage'? Come & Learn.



### Parish-Wide Children's Choir, new ministry for kids!

Our OLSH Parish aim is simply to provide an opportunity for all children to contribute to the Holy Mass through music and to develop children's skill development in choral singing. And of course, to teach our Catholic children to contribute to the church community; to be part of a team and work with others; to take responsibility for attending rehearsals and services and to take responsibility for learning the chosen music.

Dr Jennifer Delima has generously volunteered to be the Director of our Parish Children's Choir. Sr Anne and the Catechists will be in touch with the parents shortly. The parish encourages all mums and dads and grandparents to help create a supportive and joyful environment for our talented kids. The parish proposes that our Children's Choir sings at least once a month at the 9:30am Family Mass. Talk to Sr Anne or Mark/Analeen for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Photos NOW READY

Confirmation photographs and ordering details are here:-

1. Go to [www.patriciarademaker.com](http://www.patriciarademaker.com)
2. Click on the **Online Store**
3. Click on **2017 Parish Confirmation 2017**
4. Enter password

### Roster for weekend of 02 - 03 September 2017

<p><b>Cleaning:</b> September 02, 2017 <b>Group 3</b> Fred &amp; Lyn Twohig, Jim &amp; Clare Lorkin</p> <p><b>Counters:</b> September 03, 2017 Mel &amp; Tinna Buenviaje</p> <p><b>Last Week's Collections:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,241.45 (for the presbytery) 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$970.55 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$1,885.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your time and kind generosity!</i></p>		Commentator	Readers	Ministers
	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	M Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
	<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Anthony Hay William Rainnie	Sherin Anthony John Lillecrapp Losana Hay
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Pauline Otieno	David Genetti Dilushi Fonseka	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br M Green
	<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Emil Tabbada Jenny Dietrich	Losana Hay Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza

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

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 22:19-23

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulders.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 137:1-3.6.8

**R/Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Second Reading:**

Romans 11:33-36

*From him, through him, and in him are all things*

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 16:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 16:13-20

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God'. Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
28 Aug, 4 Sep

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sunday: 17th September, 5th November 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*