



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

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.

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.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”

Year of Mercy

“The Mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality with which he reveals his love as of that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child” – Pope Francis.

Question: When was the last time you identified yourself with the hungry, thirsty, stranger and imprisoned?

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KEEP SEEKING WHAT WAS LOST

In *Misericordie Vultus* (Pope Francis bull proclaiming the Jubilee Year of Mercy), he writes, “With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity” (8). The mission Jesus received from the Father is none other than revealing the very love that gives itself to every person without excluding anyone: “Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion” (8). This wonderful saying can serve as a wonderful introduction for the reflections of today’s Parables of Mercy. Delving into the parables helps us understand Jesus’ teaching in them, but above all it helps us recognise ourselves in the stories.

Pope Francis also invites us to perceive the overall message contained in the parables when he states, “Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy”.

We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons or commonly known as the parable of the prodigal son. I prefer the title the parable of the Compassionate Father (Lk 15:1-32).

In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when God pardons, the God who is ever busy searching, and the God who would go the distance to break every religious and cultural laws in order to seek out the lost. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through healing and pardon.

Jesus does not speak about mercy in the abstract. Rather than defining it, he talks about it through parables. These parables are linked to real life and depict it. It would be a mistake to think that after having read one of the parables, we need to interpret it. The very opposite is true: the parables interpret our lives and challenge us!

Friends, let us not deceive ourselves. The truth is that the human heart is a deep abyss and mercy us a serious issue. It is easy to talk about mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, but difficult to live it!

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.

Daily Readings: starting 12 September 2016

Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33 Lk 7:1-10
Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31 Lk 7:11-17
Wed: Num 21:4-9 Jn 3:13-17
Thur: Heb 5:7-9 Jn 19:25-27
Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Lk 8:4-15
Sun: Amos 8:4-7
1 Tim 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Anne Courtney, Lloyd Taylor, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan Clare Lorkin and Rose Almanza.

May the Lord grant them healing.

5th Death Anniversary: John Costa, 15 Sept.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Making Connections: Make an effort this week to seek out someone who may be feeling a little lost or alone. Help them to experience the love of God in the kindness you offer.

An invitation for people to help out with the cleaning on a Wednesday morning for the next few weeks while some of the regular cleaners are away. Come anytime between 8:30 and 10:00, morning tea provided. There are also opportunities for people to join a cleaning group on a Saturday morning. Please contact the parish office.

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

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

2nd Round of Parish Vision Consultation

The Parish Pastoral Council will once again prepare the 2nd round of parish-wide consultation on the draft parish Vision Statement next Sunday 18th September. Only 44 responses were received from the 400+ parishioners! So this is a 2nd call for more input from those who did not participate. This is the amended (draft) Vision Statement:

Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia, is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' Dream to bring justice, compassion and love to all of creation.

OR

Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia, is a family of God, actively engaging in Jesus' love and to bring justice, compassion and charity to all of creation.

Catholic Mission Immersion Group

Catholic Mission Australian will once again send a group of Catholic teachers to OLSH parish for their Immersion programme from the 19th Sept – 26th Sept. Welcome.

St Martin de Porres Pilgrimage

St Martin de Porres Aboriginal Community in Darwin will be visiting OLSH Parish from the 22nd Sept – 26th Sept. They will be visiting the camps, Santa Teresa and Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Catholic community.

Welcome.

Movements of Parish Priest

For three months, our Parish Priest Fr Raass has been the Acting Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word whilst his superior is on home leave in Germany. Hence he will be travelling a lot at the expense of the Order. In the meantime there will always be one or two priests in the parish for the celebration of the Sacraments. Thank you for your understanding.

Unity Magazine

The new September edition of the Diocesan Unity Magazine is at the back of the church. Please take one and gift your neighbour with another copy.

Update Diocesan Website

The updated Diocesan Website is now live, so here is the link: <http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/>.

The Joy of Love

“Divorced and remarried couples should be made to feel part of the church. They are not excommunicated and should not be treated as such, since they remain part of the church (243). We should no longer talk about people ‘living in sin.’ ‘It can no longer simply be said that all those living in any ‘irregular situation’ are living in a state of mortal sin” (301) When it comes to these people, indeed everyone, the church need to stop applying moral laws, as if they were, in the pope’s vivid phrase, ‘stones to throw’ at a person’s life” (305).
- Pope Francis

WELCOME!

To IVY BUNDLE, daughter of Alexander Bindle and Katie Miles, who will be baptised this Sunday, 11 September.

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.

Canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa

Mr Manfred, Chairperson of the Parish Council and all Councillors wish to thank all who participated at the Thanksgiving Mass of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. A special word of thanks goes to the Missionaries of Charity, Melanie and her hard-working Hospitality Team, the Indian Catholic Community, CYAS and the all the youngsters of the parish, the Hay and Naufahu family, Sr Anne and the Liturgy Committee, Choirs and musicians, dancers and those who brought a plate to share. We are at our best when we gather before the Eucharist. Remember, all cultures and peoples and languages belong to the one family of God.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY
11 September 2016

The Royal Commission’s work on child safe institutions is underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was ratified by Australia in 1990. Consistent with Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, all institutions that directly engage with or provide services to children should act with the best interests of the child as a primary consideration. Institutions need to ensure that this principle, is widely known and understood by all staff and volunteers, appropriately integrated, and consistently applied across all parish activities and pastoral works.

Today I am officially appointing **Mr Manfred Casseeram, Ms Pane Komene and Mr George Tetteh** to be our OLSH Parish Safeguarding Officers. They will ensure the safeguarding of children and vulnerable Adults in the parish and complying with the Diocesan Policy. Lets give them our support and co-operation – *Fr Raass*.

Social Justice Sunday, 25th September

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated on 25 September. The title of this year's Social Justice Statement is *A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society*.

In his foreword to the Statement, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Chairman of the ACSJC, reflects on the journey into old age that presents both challenges and opportunities. 'Retirement, changing health and altered living conditions can be confronting for individuals and their families'.

The parish has ordered the Social Justice Sunday Statement and will be available soon.

Feast of the Week - September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Cleaning: 17 September 2016 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 18 September 2016
Margaret McNaught

Last Week’s Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,915.05 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,596.30 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 1,205.00

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

Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

- **Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy** **Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)** By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, *‘I am going to lure them and lead them into the wilderness and speak to their hearts ‘ Hos. 2: 16.*

Venue: Whitegums, Lot 4012, Bulleen Rd, Alice Springs.
Cost: \$85 per person. Contact Sr Anne or Ruth Sexton.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax collectors were regarded as outcasts because they were employed by the Romans to collect taxes from the people. They also had the reputation for skimming a profit for themselves off the top.
- Pharisees were very concerned with ritual purity. Eating with sinners could lead one to becoming ‘unclean’ and thus defiled and unable to observe the Law and participate in the ritual life of Israel.
- These parables are about God’s search for us, rather than our search for God.

**FORGIVENESS, HEALING
AND MERCY ARE
POSSIBLE!**

An Invitation:

In our parish we are very privileged to have a variety of singers and musicians who generously share their talents with us in our liturgies. Would you like to join one of the groups? If you can sing or play a musical instrument we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you know someone who is musical, would you think of asking them to consider becoming involved in the music ministry. It would not have to make a weekly commitment as that may be too difficult but we would still love to hear from you.

Please leave your name and contact details at the parish office.

Roster for weekend of 17 –18 September 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Brendan Heenan	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	David Fernandes R Fernandes H Casseeraam
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Br M Green	Precy Taylor Bridget Knight	Cristy Genetti Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Tinna Buenviaje	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Thomas John

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Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel. Ecclus 36:18

First Reading:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" 'The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage forever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R/ I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading:

Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-10 (Short Form)

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
New theme & dates to be advised soon

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,
2016 and 15th Jan 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

Telephone Tree Ministry
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

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 10:00am-11:00am

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)
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm
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 40
South Terrace and 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.*