



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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Monday to Friday
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Sunday School Catechists

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Smart-Loving Ministry

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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 Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

"All this brings us to the sexual dimension of marriage. God himself created sexuality, which is a marvellous gift to his creatures. If this gift needs to be cultivated and directed, it is to prevent the "impoverishment of an authentic value". Saint John Paul II rejected the claim that the Church's teaching is "a negation of the value of human sexuality", or that the Church simply tolerates sexuality "because it is necessary for procreation". Sexual desire is not something to be looked down upon, and "and there can be no attempt whatsoever to call into question its necessity. To those who fear that the training of the passions and of sexuality detracts from the spontaneity of sexual love, Saint John Paul II replied that human persons are "called to full and mature spontaneity in their relationships", a maturity that "is the gradual fruit of a discernment of the impulses of one's own heart". This calls for discipline and self-mastery, since every human person "must learn, with perseverance and consistency, the meaning of his or her body". Sexuality is not a means of gratification or entertainment; it is an interpersonal language wherein the other is taken seriously, in his or her sacred and inviolable dignity. As such, "the human heart comes to participate, so to speak, in another kind of spontaneity". (Pope Francis, Ch.4#150-1, Amoris Laetitia)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
18th - 19th August 2018

WHOEVER EATS ME WILL DRAW LIFE FROM ME

To live is the magic word for us, but for us it is also an ambiguous word. For God too, to live is everything, but in Him there is no ambiguity. To God, to enjoy and to give is the same thing. To live is to "live for" and to "live from". To lay out the road for us. God came to live among us in the person of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the Living One. Christ accepted his own death for the life of others. On the day of Easter, it was his own flesh that rose from the dead; liberated from death, the flesh of Christ became spiritual; the flesh now shares in the freedom of the Spirit – the freedom to love.

On Easter, Christ becomes fully the "bread of life", so Christ can give himself totally, to all, unceasingly. And we can eat him. We have eaten him; we have drunk his blood. The Eucharist therefore is the necessary outcome of God's mysterious plan, in a movement that goes beyond the Book of Genesis to Christmas (Incarnation), the Cross on Calvary, the Resurrection – ALL FOR THE SAKE OF YOU.

We too are called to give ourselves totally and to go out of ourselves, to "live for" our neighbours. The Eucharist is not some magic power. We are about entering into, through Christ's Spirit, into that movement of God's plan. God wants to possess us through and through so that we ourselves be dispossessed by others. This is part of the wisdom of God.

On this Sunday, let's be attentive to the signs in our lives, to the warning signs when something might force us way from God's very life. E.g. endless entertainment, pornography, holding grudges, gossip, spiritual laziness etc. Let's also be alert to the signs of God's guidance, to the signs of caution, to the signs of God's grace. E.g. showing kindness to a stranger, being drawn to reflect on God's word, volunteering, enjoying creation etc. May we also be attentive to the signs of renewal so that we might become mature and live responsibly for God and people. Are you feeling exhausted? Take a spiritual time-out!

May we also be attentive to the greatest sign of all, Jesus' own body and blood in the appearance of unleavened bread and table wine. May we become what we eat and drink for the life of the world.

Fr Raass SVD
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*We acknowledge the original
custodians of this land and pay our
respects to the Elders both past,*

Daily Readings: starting 20 August 2018

Mon: Ezek 24:15-24	Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Ezek 28:1-10	Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Ezek 34:1-11	Mt 20:1-16
Thu: Ezek 36:23-28	Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Apoc 21:9-14	Jn 1:45-51
Sat: Ezek 43:1-7	Mt 23:1-12
Sun: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18	Jn 6:60-69
Eph 5:21-32	

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tricia Wormald, Bruce Were, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, 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 & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. 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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

THANK YOU

A very sincere thank you is extended to all who assisted in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and 1st Communion last Sunday. A special gratitude goes to the teachers and Catechists of the three teams namely, OLSH College, Denise, Br James and Karen; St Francis Team, Dean, Joyce & Jenny; and the Arrenrte Catholic Team, Fr Oli, Pane and the Missionaries of Charity. Our appreciation also goes to the Hospitality Team who assisted afterwards. It was a beautiful celebration of what the Holy Spirit can do when we work together for the sake of the young people entrusted to us.

80 YEARS OF QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, OLSH College students and joined many former graduates, OLSH Sisters, Marist Brothers and parents of OLSH College for their 80th Anniversary Mass. Initially established in 1938 as a convent school, has a proud history of being a strong Catholic community minded school and is a cornerstone of the Alice Springs community. It was a time of thanking God, sharing stories and catching up with many long-time friends and former teachers. Congratulations to the Principal Br Tony Caddy FMS, College Board Chairman Todd, RECs and all the students and staff for their fantastic work organising this celebration and for continuing to build upon such an already strong community school.

OLSH Family Bike Ride



Dear Parishioners, the annual OLSH Family Bike Ride this year will be held on the 29th of September. This is the first day of the school holidays and is also the AFL Grand Final. What a day to get out with the family in the morning and kick back to watch the G.F. in the afternoon. The ride will depart from Flynn's Grave at 0800 and proceed at your own pace along the picturesque Simpsons Gap Bike Path, where we will share good companionship and a cooked breakfast together. The distance is 16 klm. Assistance can be provided to return riders back to Flynn's Grave if required. This year all proceeds will go to the Australian Melenoma Institute, in memory of our good friend Marie Litvenski - Joachim. The cost will be \$20.00 per. adult, children free. Registration details will be provided next week. Get you chain oiled, your tires pumped up and stay tuned. Call Fred Twohig on 0437778819 for further information.

Christmas Carols Choir



Can we support our Ecumenical Christmas Carols Choir by joining them? Choir Practice has already started. Next rehearsal on Monday 20 at 7:00pm at Desert Life Church and every fortnight after that. Christmas Carols on 2nd December at the Anzac Oval. Contact Sam Harris on 8952 6196.

Bishop-Elect Charles' Ordination

OLSH Parishioners are all invited to attend and celebrate the episcopal ordination of Bishop-elect Charles Gauci on Wednesday 26th September, 7:00pm, at St Mary Star of the Sea Cathedral Darwin. Our parish mini bus might be used to take some parishioners to represent OLSH parish. More details later.



WELCOME !

To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	Sept 28 th -30 th Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses and Aboriginal communities	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) 'Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ'
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat "Claiming Your Inner Voice"	November 10 th , Saturday, full day & Sun morning – midday Venue: TBA	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne

Season of Creation

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world unite to pray and care for creation. From mountain villages in Peru to bustling downtown streets in the Philippines, Christians of all denominations are uniting to pray and act for our common home. The Season of Creation ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. There is an urgent need to find solutions to the crisis facing our common home. Our parish social justice team will run a half-day retreat on Saturday **September 1st from 9-12:30pm at Logos Spirituality Centre, 27 Sing Road.** All welcome.

Royal Commission Recommendations to the Catholic Church (continuation)

Recommendation 16.16
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should request the Holy See to introduce measures to ensure that Vatican Congregations and canonical appeal courts always publish decisions in disciplinary matters relating to child sexual abuse, and provide written reasons for their decisions. Publication should occur in a timely manner. In some cases it may be appropriate to suppress information that might lead to the identification of a victim.

Recommendation 16.17
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should request the Holy See to amend canon law to remove the requirement to destroy documents relating to canonical criminal cases in matters of morals, where the accused cleric has died or ten years have elapsed from the condemnatory sentence. In order to allow for delayed disclosure of abuse by victims and to take account of the limitation periods for civil actions for child sexual abuse, the minimum requirement for retention of records in the secret archives should be at least 45 years.

Recommendation 16.18
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should request the Holy See to consider introducing voluntary celibacy for diocesan clergy.

BE WATCHFUL THAT YOU
MAY KNOW THE WILL OF GOD
(Ephesians 5)

Cleaning: August 25, 2018 **Group 5**
Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counters: August 26, 2018
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$2,048.85 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,483.35 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,515.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

PLENARY 2020: START NOW



The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question, **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"**. This is one step to making sure your voice is heard. Please submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team. All submissions will be read and discerned with other responses from all over Australia. If you are unable to access internet, please write your response(s) to the above question after some time of prayer and listening to your inner voice, place your response in the special box at the back of the church. The priests will email your response(s) directly to the top. This individual approach will be rolled out for a few weeks until we start working and consulting all parish service and pastoral groups. PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

Youth Benefit Concert



This benefit concert is to help the youth of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, and Yulara. Music will be provided by talented local musicians, many of whom are youth themselves. Hosted by the Anglican Church, Sunday 19 August, 3:30pm @ 18 Bath Street. Admission by donation.

First Communion, Bath Street Campus

Congratulations to our young ones who will be receiving their 1st Holy Communion next Sunday 26th August at the 9:30am Mass. While a child's first Communion is indeed a cause for celebration and should be beautiful and memorable, the true focus of that holy and special day must remain the Sacrament itself as the little ones are welcomed to the table of the Lord. Do the children really understand the significance of the sacrament they are about to receive? "It's hard to say but then don't be surprised". Sometimes we have to leave it up to the Holy Spirit if the parents are struggling to pass on the faith. It's a journey for them. They're not going to get it all now. We're just planting the seed and giving them the tools, information and experience to help it grow. Let's make it special next Sunday.

Roster for weekend of August 25 - 26, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta Losana Hay	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Jenny Montefiore	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Jooby Mani	Mary McPhee Elfy Joobi	Cristy Genetti Sammy Nobleza Emil Tabbada
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Br Dean Taberdo Jenny Dietrich	Thomas J John Goury Nair Pauline Otieno

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O Lord, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading:

Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33:2-3,10-15

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: October 07, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir

Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal

every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-

7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, 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 from 8:00am-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.

Lectors' Preparation Hour: Tuesdays from 6:15pm – 6:45pm, main Church

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....next one around September 2018

Parish Soup Van (During Winter months)

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +