



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 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



“God loves the joy of his children”. This calls for a pedagogical process that involves renunciation. This conviction on the part of the Church has often been rejected as opposed to human happiness. Benedict XVI summed up this charge with great clarity: “Doesn’t the Church, with all her commandments and prohibitions, turn to bitterness the most precious thing in life? Doesn’t she blow the whistle just when the joy which is the Creator’s gift offers us a happiness which is itself a certain foretaste of the Divine?”. He responded that, although there have been exaggerations and deviant forms of asceticism in Christianity, the Church’s official teaching, in fidelity to the Scriptures, did not reject “eros as such, but rather declared war on a warped and destructive form of it, because this counterfeit divinization of eros... actually strips it of divine dignity and dehumanizes it”. (Pope Francis, Ch.4#147, Amoris Laetitia)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
28th - 29th July 2018

FEEDING THE HUNGRY MOB

Does the Church still continue to be the multiplier of bread for those that are hungry? In more precise terms, when we consider the problem of world hunger now, does she have an obligation over and above the duty of reminding Catholics their collective responsibilities?

We must remember that in today’s Gospel Jesus actually did satisfy the material hunger of the crowd, and that, in revealing the bread of life eternal, he did so in the context of material need. The bread he gives is more than the symbol of supernatural bread. That can only be revealed by genuine involvement in the great human tasks. The test of the quality of bread of charity is genuine love for the poor, and love of enemies of course. When we recognise the right of the poor to actual bread on your dining room table, we shall be fulfilling the deepest demands of charity. We shall be continuing the gesture he made, by a new multiplication of bread on a planetary scale.

Christianity is often criticized for its “pie-in-the-sky” attitude to life. The world we live in, the bodies we walk in, are somehow an embarrassment to our religious selves. Hence we are asked to leave our bodies at the door on entering church, and we pray as if “this world” were an enemy to our salvation.

We sometimes concentrate on the sacramental side of our Catholicism to the neglect of its social and “earthly” requirements. Today’s readings put us straight on this point. The Gospel in particular presents Christ as catering for all man’s needs, material and spiritual.

The Eucharist we receive on Sundays is therefore not to be taken or seen as a mere sacrament. It is Jesus the sacramental sign of the bigger reality we face in our modern world. The reality that the bread broken must be shared with others in the desert of life’s journey. When you receive the consecrated Bread today, be conscious of who you are receiving and what He did on the other side of the Sea of Tiberias (John 6:1-15).

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 30 July 2018
Mon: Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35
Tues: Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Jer 15:10,16-21 Mt 13:44-46
Thu: Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:54-58
Fri: Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Jer 26:11-16,24 Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Jn 6:24-35
 Eph 4:17,20-24
+ 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, 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 & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, 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



Assumption of Our Lady & 80 Years of OLSH College Celebrations



The college will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2018 on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Wednesday August 15th at the Marian Centre, 11:00am followed by luncheon. All ex-students, benefactors, families and friends are invited to this Anniversary Mass to thank God for OLSH COLLEGE.

Moreover, tickets now on sale for the 80 Year Anniversary Cocktail Party celebrations at the DoubleTree by Hilton from 5:30 pm to 8pm. Tickets cost \$25 per person. **There are a limited number of tickets available.** Tickets must be purchased by close of business Friday 10 August 2018. Hurry, don't miss out! Call +61 8 8950 6400.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE (EUTHANASIA)



Guess what? Some liberal members of the Federal Government are attempting to overturn the Euthanasia Laws Act 1997 which successfully prevented the practice of euthanasia which already been legalised in the NT (1995) and A.C.T. The campaign in 1996-97 which led to this prevention came from thousands of Catholics. **HELP STOP CANBERRA'S EUTHANASIA PUSH!** If passed it will give the green light to the ACT and NT to legalise assisted suicide and open floodgates throughout Australia. Did you know in September 2015, the British Parliament voted overwhelmingly against legalising assisted suicide? The Scottish, Welsh Parliaments, Kiwis, did likewise. **WHY? TOO DANGEROUS!** The Roman Catholic Church views euthanasia as a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person. It has always taught the absolute and unchanging value of the commandment "You shall not kill".

SUPPORTING YOU IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

The disciple of Christ is in continual need of revealed truth and life-giving grace. OLSH parishioners have a right and a duty to bring to maturity the seed of faith sown in them by God. This parish has been putting on many opportunities for adult formation such as retreats, Spirituality in the Pub, Social Justice Awareness activities, and Adult Formation workshops on Mondays by which we hope, you may consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer, and study. You don't have to attend everything, at least try your best to attend one retreat or formation per year. There is one final Parish Retreat coming up in November (date, theme and venue tba). Don't be tempted to think you're perfect!! Stay humble and keep learning

(Praising God' Charismatic retreat, St Francis)



(Empowering & believing in Family Life, St Francis)

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	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’
Exploring <i>Laudato Si</i> , Half-Day Recollection & Launch World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	Saturday Sept 1, 9:30-12:20pm, JP2 Hall & Courtyard followed by lunch	Social Justice Awareness Team
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat	November (to be confirmed) Venue: TBA	Retreat Director: TBA

Royal Commission Recommendations to the Catholic Church (continuation)

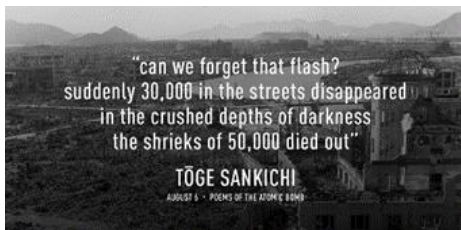
Recommendation **16.10** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should request the Holy See to amend canon law so that the pontifical secret does not apply to any aspect of allegations or canonical disciplinary processes relating to child sexual abuse.

Recommendation **16.11** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should request the Holy See to amend canon law to ensure that the ‘pastoral approach’ is not an essential precondition to the commencement of canonical action relating to child sexual abuse.

Recommendation **16.12** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should request the Holy See to amend canon law to remove the time limit (prescription) for commencement of canonical actions relating to child sexual abuse. This amendment should apply retrospectively.

Hiroshima Day

All parishioners are invited to gather, as we have done each year since 2015 in Alice Springs, in front of the Flynn Uniting Church in the space next to the Todd Mall from 0800 on Monday 06 August to observe a minute’s silence at 08:44 (the time the World's first nuclear weapons was used which killed 90, 000 – 146,000 people). Make, display or give away peace cranes inspired by the Sadako story from 0800. Express your hopes on an A4 page for our Alice Springs Hiroshima Day ReComitment Open Book. Share stories quietly with others while making cranes or relaxing together. The second Alice Springs invitation (attached as Hiroshima Nagasaki Remembrance Address & Dinner) is to enjoy our Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance dinner with speaker Karina Lester in the evening of Monday 06 August at Kungkas Can Cook. Remember to book and pay \$25 cash on the night. (Chris Hawke, Social Justice team)



Sacrament of Confirmation Rehearsal

Please be advised that all candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, sponsors and their teachers/catechists are expected to attend a rehearsal on Friday 10 August at 3:15pm in the main Church.



National Homelessness Week



Homelessness Week (August 6 - August 12) is an annual awareness-raising week to highlight the 116,000 Australians who are homeless on any given night. About 13727 people in the NT are homeless. Over half are female. How can you help?

- Volunteer your professional services - Your time will not be wasted.
- Respect the homeless as individuals - Give homeless people the same courtesy and respect you accord your friends, family or employer. Treat them as you would like to be treated if you needed help.
- Respond with kindness - We can make quite a difference in the lives of homeless people when we respond to them, rather than ignore or dismiss them. Try a kind word and a smile.

Christmas Carols Choir



Sam Harris at the Desert Life Church is coordinating the choir for the Combined Churches of Alice Springs Community Christmas carols. He is asking for more volunteers for the choir. He is doing a terrific job and is committed to uplifting and encouraging public worship at the Carols event on December 2nd at Anzac Oval. Sam says, “We are in need of MORE choir sign ups!”. Can we support Sam and the team and ask interested Catholics who may wish to join the choir? The Alice Springs Community Christmas Carols Choir Practice starts on **Monday August 6th at 7 pm at Desert Life Church** and every fortnight after that.

Roster for weekend of August 04 - 05, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Bill Rainnie	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br James Hodge
Sun 5:30pm	Br Dean Taberdo	Pat Monaghan Sneha Nair	Losana Hay Marieta Ives Goury Nair

Cleaning: August 4, 2018 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas
Counters: August 5, 2018
Darryl & Leonie Smith
Last Week’s Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,410.20 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,177.50 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$865.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading:

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over.' 'He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11,15-18

R/ The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: August 19, 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) Fridays, 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*