



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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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”

“We incarnate the duty of hearing the cry of the poor when we are deeply moved by the suffering of others. Let us listen to what God’s words teaches us about mercy, and allow that word to resound in the life of the Church”, Pope Francis. Question: When was the last time you consciously judged others? Remember, the lengthening of your tranquillity depends on you practising righteousness.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
30th - 31st July 2016

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:

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Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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.

St Paul’s Pilgrimage

Part 2

St Paul was introducing a new God by the name of Jesus Christ who spoke to him (Acts 9:1-19) and called him “apostle to the Gentiles”. It must have been very difficult for Paul to speak amidst the devotees of many pagan gods and goddesses especially at the Acropolis built around 3200/3000 BC. The Acropolis is a massive fortified rock on top of ancient Athens where the aristocratic class and kings settled and built sanctuaries and public utilities. It became an exclusive sacred space with the construction of the Parthenon, the Ionic temple of Athena Victory, and later became the Erechtheion which still stands today. The place has so much history of Persian & Roman influence and destruction.

We saw ruins after ruins of many other marble buildings that are being repaired and monuments that had been destroyed and now part of history. It was also here where Roman Emperors ruled such as Augustus (27 BC-14 AD) and Nero (54-68 AD). You can find biblical references of this emperor in Luke 2:3; Acts 25:11; 27:24, and about the time Paul arrived in Athens. No doubt when he arrived there were still many ancient monuments in the city.

It was moving experience to stand at the ancient Areopagus (a rocky mound west of the Acropolis) where St Paul delivered his famous sermon about identity of the ‘unknown God’ (Acts 17:15-34). According to our Greek Tour Guide, this was the spot where the ancient Supreme Court of ancient Athens, established in the 7th century BC, held its meetings on the artificially flattened hilltop. I could understand why Paul was not afraid of proclaiming to the idolatrous people of ancient Athens these words;

“Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you...” (Acts 17:22-23)

...to be continued. Fr Raass

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 01 August 2016

Mon: Jer 28:1-17 Mt 14:13-21
Tues: Jer 30:12,12-15,18-22 Mt 14:22-36
Wed: Jer 30:1-7 Mt 15:21-28
Thur: Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23
Fri: Nahum 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7 Mt 16:24-28
Sat: Dan 7:9-10,13-14 Lk 9:28-36
Sun: Wis 18:6-9
 Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 12:32-48

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

John Gaces, Fay Hawkins, Gerald Laverty, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan and Clare Lorkin.

May the Lord grant them healing.

World Youth Day, Poland 2016

A Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, says Polish church officials estimated that upward of 500,000 young people from around the globe joined in a pep rally led by Pope Francis in a Krakow meadow, in southern Poland. Lombardi told reporters Thursday evening in Krakow that clearly the "situation is one of enthusiasm" for the Argentine-born pontiff during his first-ever trip to Poland for this week's Catholic World Youth Day. Two young members of our CYAS are in Poland and enjoying the time of their lives. Please pray for them and our CYAS.

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

AMORIS LAETITIA WORKSHOPS



Mrs Trish Tranter from the Marriage Regional Tribunal of SA & NT to visit us from **Monday 1st August – Sunday 7th August 2016**. She will be running three sessions on the document as well as attending to individuals who are contemplating a marriage annulment in the Catholic Church. Please call the presbytery for an appointment with Trish.

Workshop with Trish on the Joy of Love & Marriage Tribunal Issues

Tuesday 2nd August from 9:30am – 12:30pm: FOR PRIESTS only.

Wednesday 3rd August from 7pm-8:30pm: FOR ALL PARISHIONERS @ the presbytery courtyard.

Thursday 4th August from 6:00pm – 7:30pm: FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILLORS only.

Important Parish Celebrations to Remember

- ◇ Sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday 14th August at the 9:30am & 1st Holy Communion (only for those who are receiving both Sacraments on this day)
- ◇ 1st Holy Communion, Sunday 21st August at the 9:30am Mass (for OLSH College Year 3 & others who are not receiving Confirmation on this day).
- ◇ Multicultural Mass for all languages and cultures, Sunday 28th August at the 9:30am Mass
- ◇ Canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa & four other Saints, Sunday 4th September at the 9:30am Mass
- ◇ Golden Jubilee Celebration of Fr Jim's call to priesthood, Saturday 10th September at the 11:00am Mass

Make time & space to Breathe

St Paul says "Pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). What we think about prayer has a lot to say about what we think about God. For some, prayer is mainly an exercise in bringing our "list" before God, cluing Him into our needs (as if He somehow was not in tune with them in the first place). What if prayer were more like breathing? Just as breathing is pretty essential to our physical well-being, so is prayer to our soul. What if prayer were like that? I think this is essentially what Paul is getting at when he tells the followers of Jesus in Thessalonica to "pray continually." I doubt that he was telling them to walk around continually with their heads bowed and eyes closed. Rather, I think he was inviting them to see prayer as a connection, as a way of living and breathing, a way of being connected to and communing with the Creator.

OLSH Parish provides ample opportunities for you to really 'breathe' deeply & continually through the availability of St Joseph's devotions, Bible Sharing, Meditation, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Divine Office, Mother's praying for their children, Syro- Malayalam Prayer Group and of course the Holy Mass. Take a few minutes today to breathe, really breathe. Allow yourself to inhale and exhale, to pray to God your Creator.

BAPTISM

OLSH Parish welcomes WILLOW GWEN KING and ADDYSON ELIZABETH KING children of Samuel King and Toni Kirkpatrick in the 9:30 am Mass this Sunday.

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.

Saying Sorry Isn't Always Easy

A Christian community like OLSH Parish comprises of human beings who are prone to fail many times. And why is it so hard to say the words we so desperately want to hear? In the area of interpersonal head-aches, please don't use the word 'sorry' to guilt others, or withhold it to hurt.

1. The best way to apologize is quick and intense. The longer you prolong a conflict, the worse it gets for both.
2. Don't say you're sorry if you don't mean it. They have to be from the heart and the person being apologized to has to feel like the person apologizing gets it. Avoid rationalising your actions.
3. It can help to show genuine interest in why your partner/colleague/neighbour/friend is hurt; try asking some questions about why they feel the way they feel and what would make them feel better.
4. Take full responsibility for hurting his/her feelings, and explain what you might do differently to avoid doing the same thing in the future.
5. Sometimes, sorry isn't enough. Work on trying to change any hurtful patterns. Walk humbly by asking for help and dial a life-line e.g. counselling, spiritual direction, psychological assessment, retreats, talk to a friend.

You really only need two words **"I'm sorry."** In this Year of Mercy take this as an opportunity to turn your life, into something beautiful, true and good for everyone you have hurt.

"Forgive as I have forgiven you", Jesus Christ

Parish Retreat

Retreats give you time to rest, to restore your energies and the opportunity to let go of deadlines and busyness. You can learn to nurture yourself, restore a sense of balance and well-being, and open up to nature. Our annual parish spiritual retreat is now open to all parishioners from the 7th Oct-9th Oct at the Campfire in the Heart. Please call the presbytery or Sr Anne or Ruth Sexton for more details.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal 2016

Once again the national Catholic Mission Appeal (Propagation of the Faith) will take place next weekend, 6 - 7th August, at all the Masses. The theme is **"Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me"** (Mathew 25:40). Please take a pamphlet/envelope at the back of the church and give generously for the least of these children.

Saints of the Week

St Alphonsus Ligouri (1st August), St Dominic (3rd August),
St John Vianny (4th August)

Feast of Transfiguration this Saturday, 6th August.

Cleaning: 6 August 2016 Group 8

Margaret Lillecraap, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

Counters: 7 August 2016

Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,772.80 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 1,328.10 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$ 1,233.30

Special Collection Peter's Pence: \$ 560.60

Thank you for your generosity!

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

• Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

- Input, Q & A: **Amoris Laetitia & Marriage Annulment Issues:** Tuesday 2nd August from 9:30am – 12:30pm: FOR PRIESTS only; Wednesday 3rd August from 7pm-8:30pm; FOR ALL PARISHIONERS @ the JP2 Hall; Thursday 4th August from 6:00pm – 7:30pm: FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILLORS only. By Mrs Trish Tranter
- Talk, Lunch, Q&A: **Amoris Laetitia & Synod on the Families:** Sunday 14th August, 12:30pm – 2:30pm (for all leaders/ coordinators of all parish support groups & their families, Parish Pastoral Council and their families. Other parishioners invited too. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Venue: Parish Courtyard. By **Bishop Eugene Hurley DD, Bishop of Darwin (Please RSVP presbytery).**
- Workshop: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm .** By **Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD**, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (Donations only).
- **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, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team. Venue: Campfire in the Heart, Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd, Alice Springs.

Vision Statement Responses

There were 44 responses received from an attempt to consult with the parish body. There were 25 responses in the affirmative and agreeing with the PPC draft Vision Statement. Other 19 are suggestions, recommendations and objections. The PPC will work with all responses until we bring it back to you. Please be patient with your Councillors and priests as God is very patient with you. Thank you very much for the honesty and we hope to hear from again.

Spiritual Direction Is Available

Spiritual direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with the God, and learn and grow in their own personal spirituality or relationship. It is not Counselling nor psychotherapy but uses the art of Sacred Listening to the movements of the heart, spirit and body, and hopefully see where Jesus' invitation might be for you. We are blessed to have six trained Spiritual Directors in the parish.

Roster for weekend of 06 - 07 August 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Brendan Heenan	Walter Litvensky Pat Litvensky	David Fernandes R Fernandes H Casseeram
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Mike Steller Kath McGargill	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Bro. Matthew Green	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Cristy Genetti M Lillecraap Virginia Loy
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	A Skrzypiec Denise Simon	Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 69:2, 6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 89:3-6,12-14,17

R/ In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of your go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, and have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.' The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

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 Last 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.*

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