



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

9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priests:

Fr. Vincent Mai SVD

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Mary Bennett RSM

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Mr Fred Twohig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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 - 11 am *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.

Sacraments:

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, 6 months' notice required.

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
25th - 26th April 2015

Different Approaches to the Spiritual Life at OLSH Parish

WELCOME. Your parish priests are aware of the need for a flexible structure to the spiritual life of OLSH Parish. Picture a sturdy tree trunk with branches of all shapes and sizes spreading out in every direction and reaching beyond the base. For example, some parishioners are oriented toward quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Lectio Divina, Christian Meditation, Stations of the Cross and others prefer some contemporary praise and worship, or just simply savoring the Word under a gum tree; others toward devotions such as the recitation of the rosary, divine mercy, novenas and other cultural spiritual practices. We are all at different places within the range of religious experiences and popular piety has its own evangelizing power! Because of these differences and sensitivities around the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish will provide a flexible structure of exercises where we will all best deepen our presence to God. Our task is to open doors so that all may come closer to the mystery we call God and worship God in spirit and truth (Jn 4:21-23).

In being respectful of the uniqueness of each individual and groups, we pray, however, must not become too individualistic in our approach. We are members of a Christian community or 'members of the body of Christ' (1 Cor 12:27) and should, therefore, be concerned about the spiritual growth and needs of others especially the indigenous, elderly, children and youth. If we provide room for one another to grow, we can each become the person God wants us to be. Like good parents, the priests of this parish will try their best to allow everyone certain freedom rooted in the fundamentals of healthy spiritual life today within the boundaries of Catholic cleanliness and good order. OLSH Parish will not impose one form of prayer or devotion on all members of our community. **The Holy Mass is of course the source and summit of all devotions, parish life and mission** (Catechism 1324). Let us not neglect this fundamental and essential part of our precious Catholic faith.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear how Jesus constantly seeks all of God's children whoever we are, whether lost sheep or innocent lambs, not to judge but to love.

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

Parish Priests Movements: Fr Raass will be away in Darwin from the 26th April – 2nd May to facilitate the annual School Principal's Retreat and Religious Education Coordinators of our 17 Catholic Schools.

Evangelii Gaudium

"I am interested only in helping those who are in thrall to an individualistic, indifferent, and self-centred mentality to be freed from those unworthy chains and to attain a way of living and thinking which is more humane, noble and fruitful, and which will bring dignity to their presence on this earth." Par 208 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 27 April

Mon: Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10
Tues: Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5 Jn 12:44-50
Thur: Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
Sun: Acts 9:26-31
1Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Tony Rilocapro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Tiffany Doughty, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Death: Robert Yared (21 April 2015)

Death Anniversary: Terry-James (TJ) Lillis (2nd anniversary), Brian Byrnes (6th anniversary)

May their souls and the souls of all our dearly departed rest in eternal peace.

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Adoration

Adoration every Friday from 6-7pm at OLSH Church and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Holy Hour & Benediction

Please be reminded that OLSH Parish will begin a Holy Hour of prayer, songs of praise, rosary, silence and benediction **this coming Friday evening from 6:00pm – 7:00pm, on the 1st of May**, feast of St Joseph the Worker. It will then be held every Friday throughout the year.

BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY TO SIT AT THE FEET OF JESUS IN THE MOST BLESSED EUCHARIST.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Is anyone out there interested in seeking entry into the Catholic faith? Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic from another Christian faith? Invite them to our Parish RCIA Programme and see what our Catholic community believes. Do not hesitate to request their name and contact number otherwise they may call the presbytery or Sr Helen Kennedy FMM – our parish RCIA Director on 8952 4151. The RCIA Liturgical Programme will begin on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, June 7th 2015** and will run until mid-2016.

Planned Giving

Our Parish is Everyone's Responsibility and we are called to be Stewards. As a parish we, like any business, endeavor to run it as efficiently as possible relying on the generosity of everyone in our community. The generous efforts of so many parishioners need to be recognized, but it also requires that we don't leave it to some and that we are all committed to contributing our share of the load. If you wish to take part in the planned giving towards OLSH Parish, please contact the parish office 89521049 for a Planned Giving Pledge Form which gives options such as 1) Envelope Contributions; 2) Direct Debit Deductions; 3) Credit Card Deductions. Please also remember the parish in your estate planning and will.

Thank You

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay catholic organization whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish.

Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. A group of Legionnaires from Darwin will be visiting OLSH Parish the **following weekend (9th/10th May)** to speak briefly at all the Masses. Feel free to register your name if this is where God is calling you to serve God's people in Central Australia.



The Parish Finance and Works Committee have agreed to paint the two rectangular blocks of concrete near the steps at the front of the church. The suggestion is to use Aboriginal painting to match the dark/light brown décor of the front entrance.

If you have any other ideas or objection please inform one of the priests.

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.

Intercultural & Interpersonal Competence Workshop

A big thank you to the twenty-plus parishioners who gave their precious time to take part in the parish intercultural workshop last Saturday. Let us continue to cherish each other's cultures and the different faces of the Church. Yes every culture offers positive values and expressions which can enrich OLSH Parish in the way we live and interact with each other. Don't settle in cultural mediocrity. Please step forward with what you have to offer. Cultural diversity is not a threat to parish unity but may we be transformed by the Communitarian (Trinitarian) God who enables all cultures and languages find their proper place and unity.

Parish Dinner

This year the Parish will hold its annual dinner at Tali Restaurant, Lasseters on Wednesday 10 June from 7:00pm.

The 3-Course Buffet Menu includes:

- Freshly baked house bread with selection of dips
- Salads
- Soup of the day
- Carvery and Seafood Stations
- Selection of hot dishes with sides
- Live wok station
- Desserts, Tea & Coffee Stations



Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$12 for children and will be on sale from next weekend, after every mass. Contact Helena on 0417 839 711 for more information.

Mass of Healing & Anointing

Again the parish will be celebrating a Mass of Healing and Anointing on this coming **first Saturday 2nd May at the 11:00am Mass**. You may want to invite a neighbor who needs it most. Come, Trust and Let go!

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

If you are interested or wish to do Pastoral Care work, a 'Taste & See' evening will take place at the **Anglican Church, 18th Bath Street from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**. The course will again run next year over a 4 month period with a 3-Day Intensive each month. Try it out!

Mother's Day Stall

Sr Margaret Reis OLSH will set up a stall at the back of the Church on Saturday, 2nd & 9th May at 7:00pm (after the Mass) if you wish to find some special gifts for Mother's Day.

Congratulations

Happy 30th anniversary to two very dear friends, **Telly & Miguel!** May your 30th Wedding Anniversary draw in every inch of happiness for the years to come. The love you share is an inspiration to those around you. Congratulations.

Cleaning: 2 May Group 5

Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller, Andre Simon

Counters: 3 May 2015

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,298.10 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,096.95 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

OLSH Parish On-Going Formation Programme

Please mark these dates and formative events in your diary:

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator	Theme	Date & Venue
Br Michael Herry FMS Pastoral Musician and Liturgical Music Composer	Liturgical Music Formation	7 May at OLSH Church 7:30pm-9:30pm
Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)	'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership	18 July at St Francis, 9:00am -3:30pm

Anzac Day 2015 begins 4 years of remembering WW1 and what it has meant for Australia then and now. Let us honour those who fought, suffered or died for their belief in a world free from oppression since that fateful day in 1915. Let us remember the many who over the years and even today are the innocent victims, either caught within war zones or are families of those fighting away from home. Let us remember those who will carry the hidden scars of their war experiences. Let us remember the many refugees today who are seeking peace, protection and security in foreign countries. Let us be aware of the commercialisation of Anzac flooding society today and reflect upon these words from the Mass for Anzac Day: "Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord". The Social Justice Action Group will meet this **Sunday, 26th April at 4pm at the Parish House**. All are welcome. - Sr Kathleen OLSH

Working With Children Clearance

If you are working with children at OLSH Parish (lay or religious), or any child-related work under the banner of the Catholic Church, you must have a Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card). It will be against the law for you to work or volunteer in "child-related" work. A penalty of up to \$65,000 can be issued to an individual if they are found to be in breach of this law. Make sure it is up-to-date or visit NTSAFE to renew it.

♥ **Saint of the Week – [St Catherine of Siena \(April 29\)](#)** ♥

Roster for weekend of 02-03 May 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Sue Bain Sr Mary Wicks	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	Carmel Leonard Greg Gilbert John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Anthony Hay Lennie Sumang	Mark Bensted Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Cristina Buenviaje Mike Williams	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Mel Buenviaje



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

25th - 26th April 2015



Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First Reading:

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

R/ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.