



# 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 Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr Binesh Joseph CST

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

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## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

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Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

## Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene

& Mr Manfred Casseeram

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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 Aboriginal Community Mass

## Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



## Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

### Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole. The contrary is true: it poses a threat to the mature growth of individuals, the cultivation of community values and the moral progress of cities and countries. There is a failure to realize that only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life. We need to acknowledge the great variety of family situations that can offer a certain stability, but de facto or same-sex unions, for example, may not simply be equated with marriage.” *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.2, #52. **Question: How does de facto or same-sex unions differ from marriage between a man and a woman?**

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017



## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP EUGENE HURLEY Re: 50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH & 90 YEARS OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE 1929 - 2019

Dear Fr. Raass,

What an exciting time for the parish and for the OLSH church building itself!!! I want to express total support for the celebration and I think all of the suggestions put forward have great merit. In many ways I have seen the OLSH church in Alice Springs as a kind of ‘Cathedral of the Centre’. It will be important to list them in order of preference so that they can be each costed carefully. Fund raising will need to have accurate and professional documentation to attest to the figures mentioned and the amounts needed.

Without doubt there will need to be an active, committed and dedicated committee to lead this and the sooner they are formed the better. It seems a long way off now, but time goes quickly and we don't want to be running late with any of the proposed projects.

This office can be helpful with some of the things you mentioned: For instance. Andy designed the walkway to the sanctuary for people with a disability and Cait Wait worked with a special group in Western Australia and Indigenous artists to develop the beautiful windows in the Cathedral. I'm sure both of these would be delighted to work with the committee and indeed could save them a lot of time and money.

The alteration to the Confessionals should be considered urgent and perhaps should not wait to be a part of the greater makeover.

These projects have a habit of expanding as people consider other possibilities!!! I think this is good, even if all the ideas can't be incorporated in this round, they are great to work towards.

I look forward to discussing this further with you when we meet at the Leadership Conference and begin planning to launch the whole exciting project.

It may be an idea to open a special account for this purpose. I will speak to Todd about it.

I will contribute \$5000.00 to the fund from the Bishop's Charity account, to help get it started. Just let me know when the account is in place.

We pray God's abundant blessing on the whole exciting project.

**Bishop Eugene+**

*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 +**

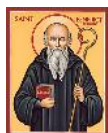
**Daily Readings: starting 10 July 2017**

**Mon:** Gen 28:10-22 Mt 9:18-26  
**Tues:** Gen 22:23-33 Mt 9:32-38  
**Wed:** Gen 41:55-57,42:5-7,17-24 Mt 10:1-7  
**Thu:** Gen 44:18-21,23-29,45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15  
**Fri:** Gen 46:1-7,28-30 Mt 10:16-23  
**Sat:** Gen 49:29-33,50:15-26 Mt 10:24-33  
**Sun:** Is 55:10-11  
Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**

**Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick**

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 Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin. *May the Lord grant them healing*



**Saint of the Week**

*St. Benedict, abbot — Tuesday 11 July*

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month's notice required.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Formation of parents falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. 7:00 pm -8:00 pm

**Marriage:**

By appointment only, 12 months' notice required.

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Farewell & Thank You Fr Prakash Menezes SVD**



“Father Bosco Son SVD, having completed 5 years as Parish Priest at Santa Teresa, will move to another ministry in the SVD Province in 2018. We thank him for his outstanding commitment to mission over these years past.

Father Prakash Menezes SVD with 3 years ministry in the Centre to his credit, will replace Fr Bosco from September of this year. In turn, Father Alejandro de la Sotta SVD will replace Fr Prakash as Assistant in Alice Springs. Fr Alejandro is originally from Chile but has had wide ranging experience as a missionary priest. We welcome him to the diocese and wish these priests well as they take up new ministries”, *Bishop Eugene, 27<sup>th</sup> May 17.*

From 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September, Fr Prakash will be away in India for an SVD Conference and will then begin the transition to Santa Teresa Parish. The PPC & Hospitality Team will prepare a thank you & farewell gathering sometime in early August.

**NO HOLY MASS BUT LITURGY OF THE WORD**

From July 18<sup>th</sup> PM - July 21<sup>st</sup> AM, there will be no Holy Mass celebrated. All priests will be away in Darwin for the annual Leadership Conference. Our local Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will conduct the Liturgy of the Word including reception of Holy Communion.

**Indigenous Theological Education Central Australia (ITECA)**



All Arrernte Catholics are invited to a week of bible workshop at the IAD from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> July, this coming week. Please contact Fr Olivier if you need transport. Study starts at 9:00am – 2:30pm.

**OLSH FAMILY SIMPSON GAP BIKE CRUISE**

**WHEN:** Saturday 29th of July.



**WHERE:** Assemble at Flynn's Grave at 0830 for a 0900 departure.

**HOW:** On your bike and cruise the beautiful bike path to Simpsons Gap at your own pace. (16 km.) On arrival, enjoy a cooked brunch and some great company.

**WHY:** To acknowledge “Year of The Family”, and to raise funds to build a pre-school in Timor Leste. Jayden Gilby, after his trip to Timor Leste last year with OLSH College, made a promise to raise \$25,000 for this project. To date he has raised \$16,500. Please help support this worthy cause. **DONATION:** \$20.00 per family. \$10.00 per individual. Please contact Fred Twohig to sign up. RSVP by Tuesday 25th July. Phone: 89523162; E-mail: ftwohig@bigpond.net.au.

**Communion to the Sick and Home-Bound**

The priests are requesting all those who take Holy Communion to the Sick and Home-bound to a workshop on *Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm @ the JP2 Hall.* This is part of your ongoing formation. Please come.

**WELCOME!**

To CHARLOTTE MARIA NOLAN - daughter of James Nolan and Lauren Wetherall and HUXTON AND TALON DAVID BARRY children of Billy and Shilo Barry who will both be baptised on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30 am Mass.

OLSH Parish also 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.

| Important Parish & Diocesan Date<br>July & August    |  | YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS  |  |   |            |
|--|--|---|--|---|------------|
|  |  | FACILITATOR                                     | DATE & TIME  | TOPIC   | VENUE      |
| ITECA (Aboriginal Christian Adult Formation)         | Mon-Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> July, IAD             | <b>Fr Raass &amp; Participants</b>              | Mondays<br>10, 17, 31 July;<br>14, 21, 28 Aug;<br>4 Sep    | The Joy of Love<br>Amoris Laetitia<br>7:00pm-8:30pm               | JP2 Hall   |
| Diocesan Leadership Conference                       | July 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July, Darwin            |   |  |   |            |
| Arrival of Our Lady of Fatima Statue                 | Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 5:30pm starts with Holy Mass etc         |   |  |   |            |
| Sr Laurie Brink PhD Bible Workshop                   | Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug 5pm – 8:30pm, St Francis                 | <b>Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.</b>                 | Monday<br>7th August<br>5-8pm                              | The Bible Today,<br>Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis | St Francis |
| Confirmation by Bishop Eugene                        | Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 9:30am                                  |   |  |   |            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cross-Over Australia | Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug 5:30pm                                | <b>Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (&amp; Family Team)</b> | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> , August | ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT                                   | St Francis |
| Annual Parish Spiritual Retreat 'Year of the Family' | Fri pm – Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug, St Francis |   |  |   |            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion, Bath Street Candidates    | Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 9:30am                                  |   |  |   |            |

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES (July)

Discussed Jubilee Preparations and acknowledged Bishop Eugene's \$5000 contribution;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jubilee Project priority now is the renovation of Reconciliation Room to be followed by the construction of a ramp to the sanctuary, lectern and back of church ramp.
- Fred to lead the Steering Committee. Parishioners needed to assist in the fundraising;
- Parish Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> Nov) Preparations Team to meet soon;
- Spirituality in the Pub to occur every two months in the Red Centre;
- Parish Bike Ride approved on 29<sup>th</sup> July to build a pre-school in Timor Leste;
- Reaffirmed *Katallaso* (Gk for reconciliation) Team for the parish as a platform available for the common good;
- Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage Oct 2018 still open...18 interested so far!
- Encouraged parishioners to greet Arrernte mob and vice versa;
- Ongoing comprehensive energy audit of existing buildings for solar panels;
- Hiroshima Day commemoration 06 Aug 17 at 0845 outside Flynn Church. All invited.
- Parish Feast Day, Sports Day, Parish Fundraising Dinner confirmed for 9<sup>th</sup> September – whole day & night (Nativity of the Virgin Mary);

**Cleaning:** July 15, 2017 **Group 3**  
Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin  
**Counters:** July 16, 2017  
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,308.75 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,591.10 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,215.00  
Special Collection NATSICC: \$125.90

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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



#### OLSH Parish Year of the Family Retreat

OLSH Parish retreat is August 18-20 (Friday evening 6 - 8.30pm, Saturday 9am - 4pm, Sunday 9 am- 12 noon) at the St. Francis Centre. The cost is the same for one day or all three, thank you.

The retreat fee is \$25 per person which includes all materials, morning and afternoon teas and two meals\* (Friday evening and Saturday noon). Copies of the Pope's book, *The Joy of Love* will be available for purchase for \$10.

If Child care is required for your child/children, they MUST be RSVP\*\* plus \$10 per child for care, food and supplies. ALL Registration and monies must be paid by Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact: Sr. Helen Kennedy, FMM 0448856323, Ruth Sexton 0487860283 or the Parish Office 8952 1049. Registration forms available at the entrance of the church.



#### Parish Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to Holy Land & Italy 'Oct 2018

All potential pilgrims – please come to an important meeting next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am at the JP2 Hall. It is never too late to apply.

#### Roster for weekend of 15 - 16 July 2017

|                   | Commentator      | Readers                           | Ministers                                       |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sat 6:00pm</b> | Brendan Heenan   | Sue Bain<br>Alf Goody             | Darryl Smith<br>Bryan Weir<br>Ruth Sexton       |
| <b>Sun 7:30am</b> | Kath McGargill   | Julie Permezel<br>William Rainnie | Mike Steller<br>John Lillecrapp<br>Rita Steller |
| <b>Sun 9:30am</b> | Br Matthew Green | Dilushi Fonseka<br>Rowena Russell | Bruce Were<br>Losana Hay<br>Pauline Otieno      |
| <b>Sun 5:30pm</b> | Debbie Cooke     | Pane Komene<br>Tinna Buenviaje    | Thomas J John<br>Mel Buenviaje<br>Marieta Ives  |

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:**

Zechariah 9:9-10

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

**R/** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Second Reading:**

Romans 8:9, 11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

cf. Matthew 11:25

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 11:25-30

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
10,17,31 July, 14,21,28 Aug, 4 Sep

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sundays: 30th July, 2017, 17th September, 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

**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 10:30am-11:30am

**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)**  
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 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.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom  
shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said,  
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*