



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



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

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“The Synod’s reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems”, Pope Francis. Amoris Laetitia, Ch.2 #57. Let’s simply THANK GOD TODAY for the many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfilling their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
22nd – 23rd July 2017

Parish Priest:

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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

Let them both grow...

The Gospel reading of this weekend speaks elaborately about the ‘Kingdom of Heaven’. The parable that we read today is about the wheat and the darnel, a very familiar parable to all of us. Though I have read and heard this parable quite many times, I was amazed how it can inspire various thoughts and reflections every time.

“Let them both grow” says Jesus about the wheat and the darnel in the field. Let the good and the bad grow together until the harvest. Isn’t it true that we are living in this situation everyday of our life? We encounter both good and bad, happiness and sadness, prosperity and poverty in each and every moment of our living; and Jesus says, “let them both grow...”

Quite often as Catholics, we seem to try to avoid the bad and sinful so that we always identify ourselves as ‘wheat’. We want to show ourselves as ‘good people’. Nothing wrong in striving to be good, as Jesus himself has told us to be “perfect as your heavenly father is perfect” (Mt 5:48). But while trying to do that we tend to degrade others or label others as sinful and begin to despise their ways of living: as a regular mass attender, I tend to look down upon the occasional ‘visitor’ to the church! As a volunteer in various church activities I tend to look down on those who do not volunteer. As a good family person, I tend to look down upon that family which is having issues and brokenness. As a priest or religious, I tend to judge a lay person. We tend to rank ourselves higher than others, without realising that we, each of us, are, one way or the other, guilty of this behaviour. Interestingly, we all have both wheat and darnel within us.

Thanks to one of our parishioners, who shared this wonderful insight with me: one day a monk was asked this question, ‘what do you do in the monastery whole day?’ He answered, “we fall and we rise, we fall and we rise and we fall and we rise again.” How true! We all fall and we all rise again.

Let us then dear friends, stop ranking ourselves or trying to pretend ourselves to be ‘wheat’. We all are wheat and darnel at the same time. Therefore, let us continue to grow and mature in our ‘wheatness’* so that our ‘darnelness’* may disappear during the harvest.

Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

*for the lack of wheat and darnel adjectives!

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 24 July 2017

Mon: Ex 14:5-18	Mt 12:38-42
Tues: 2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Wed: Ex 16:1-5,9-15	Mt 13:1-9
Thu: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20	Mt 13:10-17
Fri: Ex 20:1-17	Mt 13:18-23
Sat: 1 Jn 4:7-16	Jn 11:19-27
Sun: 1 Kg 3:5,7-12	
Rom 8:28-30	Mt 13:44:52

+ 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, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer.

May the Lord grant them healing

Feasts of the Week

*St. James, Apostle — Tuesday 25 July
Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary—Wednesday 26 July*

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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

1st and 3rd 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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you know of any adult man or woman in Central Australia who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seeks the living God and entry into the Catholic faith, please let them know that we will soon commence RCIA for a new group . At the proper time participants will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and all the rites belonging to the Catechumenate.

This opportunity is also for those who want to convert to Catholicism from another Christian denomination. If you know of any adult out there who is seeking to become a Catholic, please request their name and contact number and pass this on to the presbytery or Sr Helen Kennedy FMM - our parish RCIA Director on 0448856323.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



Since the mid-1970s, the Confraternity of Christ the Priest has been in possession of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, originating from Fatima Portugal in 1949. It travelled throughout Australia promoting devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. The travelling statue had a significant impact on the various Australian dioceses and parishes that it visited. The Confraternity of Christ the Priest from its inception has promoted the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the particular devotions of Our Lady of Fatima and the Green Scapular.

At Fatima in 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary announced, "Almighty God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." The Confraternity has endeavoured to do this now for over 60 years. It has conducted the perpetual novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the decades and distributed thousands of copies of the 95-page pamphlet, "Perpetual Novena and Devotions in Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." To mark the centenary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Portugal, Fr. Raass has invited the members of the Confraternity to make available to OLSH Parish the Pilgrim Statue on **Wednesday 2nd August beginning with the 5:30 pm Mass** followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosaries and teachings by Fr. Gerard Ryan CCS. Don't Miss it and who knows what might happen to you!

OLSH Parish Year of the Family Retreat

OLSH Parish is having a family reunion retreat, August 18-20 at the St. Francis Centre. Pope Francis reminds us we are all one big family and to love all our family members. Using the published works of Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love, we will reconsider family life and how to open ourselves up to all God's love and to welcome home families to our reunion. The retreat team consists of parishioners presenting their perspectives on family life using The Joy of Love plus time for conversations, meditations, reflections and reconciliation. The retreat will conclude with Mass on Sunday and morning tea at the centre. 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 7th to the Parish Office. 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.

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.

Important Parish & Diocesan Date July & August	
Parish Family Bike Ride	July 29 th , 8:30am start, Flynn's Grave
Arrival of Our Lady of Fatima Statue	Wed 2 nd Aug 5:30pm starts with Holy Mass etc
Sr Laurie Brink PhD Bible Workshop	Mon 7 th Aug 5pm – 8:30pm, St Francis
Confirmation by Bishop Eugene	Sun 13 th Aug 9:30am
25 th Anniversary of Cross-Over Australia	Thurs 17 th Aug 5:30pm
Annual Parish Spiritual Retreat 'Year of the Family'	Fri pm – Sun 18 th – 20 th Aug, St Francis
1 st Communion, Bath Street Candidates	Sun 27 th Aug 9:30am

YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS			
FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Fr Raass & Participants	Mondays 31 July; 14, 21, 28 Aug; 4 Sep	The Joy of Love Amoris Laetitia 7:00pm-8:30pm	JP2 Hall
Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday 7th August 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 th – Sunday 20 th , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	St Francis

OLSH PARISH FEAST DAY & ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER



OLSH PARISH will celebrate its Feast Day on Saturday 9th of September, the Nativity of Our Lady which actually falls on the 8th September. The day is one of those special days for all of us especially for Blessed Jules Chevalier's family, the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred heart (FDNSC) otherwise known as the OLSH Sisters. And a special day as well for the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) Fathers, their Foundation Day since 1875.

The Hospitality Team and the PPC are putting together a program for the day starting with the Holy Mass at 11:00am followed a family sports day and a fundraising dinner and dance. This fundraising dinner is to benefit the proposed 50 Golden Jubilee maintenance projects of OLSH Church. During the evening there will be a buffet dinner, cultural entertainment and disco for all ages at the Bath St Hall. Tickets to be sold very soon at \$50 for adults (18yrs and over), \$20 per young person (7yrs -17yrs) and kids (0—6yrs) free. The priests now invite all parishioners and multicultural groups to please participate and assist in the purchase of tickets and some cultural input during the evening. Call Ruth, Losana or Hilda for more information.

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.

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Sunday, 6th August 2017 at 8:44 am. One minute's Silence at the Uniting Church Lawn, Todd Mall. More information at the Church entrance.

Australian Church Women's Fellowship day for 2017

ACW is a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries, promoting peace, understanding and unity, through faith and love in the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our next service is to be held at the Uniting Church Alice Springs, on Friday Evening 28th July at 7pm and all are welcome to join in pray. The service is divided between the churches and Rita Steller is looking for help to perform our part. Please contact Rita for further details, wk 89595397 or hm 89520868. Thank you.

Roster for weekend of 29 - 30 July 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Pauline Otieno Losana Hay	M Lillecrapp Br M Green Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Pat Monaghan Debbie Cooke	Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza

Cleaning: July 29, 2017 **Group 5**
Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller
Counters: July 30, 2017
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp
Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,240.90 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,099.85 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,200.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 85:5-6; 9-10. 15-16

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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 13:24-30 (Short Form)

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." ' The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Rev 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
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*