



# 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 Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

*"Marriage is a precious sign, for "when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us. Indeed, God is also communion: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit live eternally in perfect unity. And this is precisely the mystery of marriage: God makes of the two spouses one single existence". This has concrete daily consequences, because the spouses, "in virtue of the sacrament, are invested with a true and proper mission, so that, starting with the simple ordinary things of life they can make visible the love with which Christ loves his Church and continues to give his life for her".*

*"Pope Francis, Ch. 4#121, Amoris Laetitia.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## ACCEPTANCE AND SURRENDER

There are two poles that are basic for the gradual spread of Christianity from Jerusalem to the rest of the world, from person to person, from heart to heart. First, *accepting* how a life had ended in failure, and then *submitting* to a witnessing and an experience that Jesus' death was not the definitive end of his presence and activity. Let's take the example of Thomas (John 20:19-31).

Who of us would have reacted differently if we had been in his place and had been told today: "The Lord is alive!" Thomas wanted to see evidence. He wanted to see proof and his desire answered. He believed because he saw and touched Jesus' hands and side. But why not us. Today Jesus challenges us to believe without seeing. Are we better than Thomas? Not really, we have no more faith that he had.

Thomas accepted Jesus' death and submitted to his life only after his rising from the dead on the authority of this statement, "You believe because you see me". Thomas did not read about the Resurrection in the local newspaper nor hear about it on the local radio. He TOUCHED AND REOPENED the wounds and then professes his faith to say, "My Lord and my God". Now he knows that the Crucified One is his Lord and God.

We all have to go through that process of acceptance and submission without seeing and touching Jesus' actual wounds. "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

The next time you wish to close the doors and black out the windows of your life. Do not panic...stay calm and allow God's grace to make you accept within yourself the darkness of much disheartenment. Darkness has its purpose in life. And then in God's time, allow His grace to fill your emptiness again to a fresh, life-giving hope.....if you stay long enough. This will tell the people around you that you believe the Lord has risen from the dead. HAPPY EASTER!!

Fr Raass  
Parish Priest

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

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## Syro-Malabar Chaplain

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## Liturgy Coordinator

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## Sacristan

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Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Tony Caddy FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

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## Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

## 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

*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 09 April 2018**

**Mon:** Is 7:10-14, 8-10  
 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

**Tues:** Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7-15

**Wed:** Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21

**Thu:** Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36

**Fri:** Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

**Sat:** Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21

**Sun:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
 1 Jn 2:1-5 Lk 24:35-48

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



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina. The parish will gather at 3:00pm this Sunday to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the context of Benediction & Exposition of the Eucharist during which a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ALL WELCOME.



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

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, Lennie, Will Arthur, Zak V.

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adult Policy Statement:**



All Clergy, Religious, Diocesan workers, Parish Volunteers, Employees and anyone working directly or indirectly in the name of the Catholic Church in Central Australia are bound by the "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adult Policy" statement:

*"The Catholic Diocese of Darwin, consistent with gospel values and its Mission Statement, follows the example of Jesus in respecting the dignity of each child, young person and vulnerable adult. All members of the diocesan family will work together for the protection of these people and for the prevention of any form of abuse, neglect or exploitation – physical, sexual, emotional or spiritual – within our church communities and organisations"*

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

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

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

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

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am



**Parish Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage... & Italy**



Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are an enduring tradition for the Abrahamic Faith (Islam, Judaism, Christianity) as the place has great significance for them all. For Catholic pilgrimages, the Holy Land holds importance as the place where Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection took place. As a place, Israel is home to a rich, thousand-year-old history. Harvest Pilgrimage is organising the tour and will be complemented by further journey to Rome, Italy, including Assisi.

OLSH Parish has few more seats left for any parishioner desiring to find a new way of understanding Our Lord's life. Our departure date is Monday October 1 2018 for 21-days. Join us for an unforgettable experience. Fr Raass will be the Pilgrimage Chaplain. A deposit of \$1,000 is needed to secure your booking and all payments due by mid-July. Call the parish office, 8952 1049.

**WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!**



The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.



### PROCLAIM 2018

For the first time the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. The theme of this year's Conference is "Make your home in me" (Jn 15:4). PROCLAIM 2018 will run across three days from 12-14 July, 2018 at The Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre (St Laurence's College, South Brisbane). Are interested in representing OLSH Parish? See Fr Raass.



### OLSH College Year 12 Spiritual Retreat

Our best wishes and prayer go to all Year 12's at OLSH College for this upcoming spiritual retreat next week. We hope it will be a perfect opportunity to enrich your faith, from strong friendship bonds and remove yourself from your fast paced world of Facebook & Wifi access.



### RENOVATION WORKS AT 10 HARTLEY ST

For your information, the \$45k renovation works at the former Marist Brother's Residence at 10 Hartley Street has been extended. Following our recent inspection of work, we found some areas unattended to. Parents and students accessing Bath Street Campus from Hartley Street are reminded to take extra pre-caution around the work area.

### SOMEONE'S IN LOVE



Best wishes & congratulations to *Kathryn Anne Reilly and Joel Alexander Louis Ross*. Their first day of their wonderful partnership, love and commitment will fall this Saturday 14 April at OLSH Church. May their future be filled with good health, happiness and lots of hugs and prayers.

The new look CATHOLIC YOUTH OF ALICE SPRINGS is now open to inviting all young people from all age groups to be part of our exciting Year of Youth programme. This is an open invitation to all to be part of three Parish Youth Groups according to age. More information next week.

**Cleaning:** April 14, 2018 **Group 7**  
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell

**Counters:** April 15, 2018  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

#### **Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$2,338.30 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,256.40 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$900.00  
Holy Thursday: \$868.00  
Good Friday Special Collection for Holy Places: \$1,196.85  
Easter Offering Envelopes: \$535.00  
Caritas Project Compassion: \$2,530.40

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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



### DIVORCED AND REMARRIED

Because of the clear teaching of Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church does not recognise the re-marriage of a divorced person while the first partner is still living. In the same way it cannot recognise the marriage of a single person to someone who has been divorced. No divorced person can marry again in the Catholic Church unless they have achieved freedom through a Tribunal process. An annulment (decree of nullity) is a declaration by the Church that a marriage is not considered binding for life. This does not mean that the parties are free of the continuing obligations of the union such as the welfare of children. An annulment does not deny that there was a wedding ceremony or erase the relationship that existed. Nor does it make any comment on any moral fault in the parties. Rather, a decree of nullity is a declaration by the Church that, at the time the couple attempted to exchange wedding vows, an essential element was lacking in the consent of at least one of them and thus the union which followed such a consent is not considered to be an obstacle to either party remarrying in the Catholic Church. Please do not be afraid to go through the annulment process. Our Parish Priest will be able to refer you to the Tribunal.



### Unity Magazine

Please pick up a copy of the Unity Magazine at the back of the church. Take as many as you want and give it to your friends or workmates.

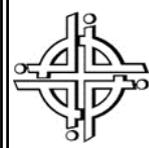
## **A BLESSED EASTER**



### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC meeting this month was cancelled due to Easter Break and other commitments. It will resume on Thursday 3 May at 6:15pm. All parishioners are welcome to submit recommendations on any aspect of parish life.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



World Day of Prayer 2018 Friday 13 April 7pm hosted by the Uniting Church Alice Springs. All are invited to join as a world in pray, sharing the same service around the globe, for the people of the Suriname. If you would like to be involved or find out more, please contact Rita Steller work 89595397 or home 89520868.

### **Roster for weekend of 14 - 15 April 2018**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Kath McGargill	PushpaVida Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Kevin Hickmott	Tony Hay Emil Tabbada	Crsity Genetti Sammy Nobleza MLillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Debbie Cooke	Joel Tolentino Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Mel Buenviaje

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**  
**7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

4 Esdr 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom alleluia.

**First Reading:**

Acts 4:32-35

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 117

**R/** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:**

1 John 5:1-6

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

John 20:19-31

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation  
Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this  
Sunday: 13th May 2018

**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

**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**  
(Re-structuring)

**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 the  
main Church.

**Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)**

Every two months, please see SJAG notice  
board.

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?  
Call the presbytery and participate 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*

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