



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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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
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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
St. Joseph Flexible Centre
Mr. Ben Ebert

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 *Aboriginally 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, 12 months' notice required.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 3rd - 4th October 2015

RE: Resettlement of Syrian Refugees The response by Catholic social services (an extract)

As you will be aware, the Federal Government announced on 9 September 2015 that it will offer permanent resettlement in Australia to 12,000 people fleeing the current conflict in Syria. This is a most welcome initiative, particularly noting that the communities to be prioritised will likely include those Christians that rank among the most persecuted groups in the region including members of the Melkite, Maronite, and Chaldean traditions.....

However, the experience of Catholic social services agencies tells us that successful resettlement requires support well beyond the immediate services for which Governments are prepared to pay. Successful resettlement will include assisting people to access employment and work experience, the forging of friendships, permanent housing, provision of access to schools for children, ongoing language support, assistance in negotiating public transport, linking in with local services such as doctors, dentists and the like.

Questions yet to be addressed

Once we have answers to the following questions, our Catholic social services, parishes and networks of support will be better placed to coordinate their efforts in preparing to receive this additional intake of people.

- Where the 12,000 people arriving in Australia are to be settled
- How the additional demand for housing will be satisfied
- Whether unaccompanied minors will be included in the intake
- How the Government proposes to ensure that people settled in regional areas remain in regional areas over the longer term given that past experience tells us that people move to where there are existing ethnic and/or faith communities

The support that Dioceses and parishes may be able to provide

In consulting with Catholic social service agencies, we have identified a range of ways through which we can harness the goodwill and generosity of Catholics who wish to welcome refugees into our communities:

- Identifying housing that may be made available to accommodate people on a permanent basis. This may include private housing owned by parishioners that they are willing to make available for rent, and/or properties owned by Dioceses that could be made available on both a short and long-term basis.

I would urge some degree of caution in encouraging families to take refugees in to their homes – without rigorous background checks, and recognising that some people will be arriving here having recently witnessed trauma, there are likely to be risks in housing people in private homes which we may not be able to foresee.

- Identifying opportunities to provide employment and work experience
- Donations of goods that are targeted to the needs of people resettling in Australia
- Hosting parish dinners, play groups and BBQs to welcome people into the local community

These are some initial ideas and offered to you only in order to assist in facilitating conversation with the social service, education and health services working within your Diocese. I would encourage you to draw the heads of these agencies together in conversation with key parish leaders to forge a coordinated response to people who may be resettling in your community.

Marcelle Mogg
Chief Executive Officer

Daily Readings: starting 5 October 2015

Mon: Jonah 1:1-2:1 Lk 10:25-37
Tues: Jonah 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Jonah 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4
Thur: Mal 3:13-20 Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Joel 1:13-15,2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26
Sat: Joel 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28
Sun: Wis 7:7-11
Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

For all the sick in our parish.

May the Lord grant them healing.

For our dearly departed brothers and sisters.

May they rest in eternal peace.

Please do not underestimate the power of communal prayer for the sick. However The "Sick List" will be updated at the end of each month. If you want a name re-instated or added, please call the office on 8952 1049 or send an email to the address listed below: olsh.pariah.bulletin@gmail.com. - Fr Raass

Saint of the Week

St Bruno, priest (October 6)

The Word of God is living and powerful.

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

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

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:30pm

Mothers' Praying for Your Children

Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

A call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion

"End the tyranny of the screen, information overload, and distractions. Watch out for media-induced melancholy and isolation. Cultivate real relationships with others." (Par 47)

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

OLSH Parish On-Going Adult Formation, 5th & 7th October

Monday, 5th October, 7:00pm

Fr Christian Tauchner SVD, Austrian Theologian from Vienna University and Chief Editor of Stadt Gottes Missiological Institute, Germany, will give a talk on the topic **Mission and Ecology**. Come and expand your world-view on Ecology and its relationship with the Mission of the Church, *Ad Gentes*. He will also touch on the mission of the Church in Europe today. Venue: OLSH Parish Church.

Wednesday, 7th October, 7:00pm

Fr Lazar Stanislaus SVD, PhD in Missiology from Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Director of Ishvani Kendra – Institute of Missiology and Communications, Pune. Former President of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists, will speak on **Mission in the Multi-religious Context**. Vatican II was the first Council to speak positively of other religions and encouraged all Catholics to have collaboration with them (ref Nostra Aetate). Today "Inter-Religious Dialogue is a part of the Church's evangelizing mission" (RM 55). How can OLSH parish exercise this prominent form of evangelization in Central Australia?

World Mental Health Day, next Sunday, 10th October

This year, the theme is *Mental Health Begins with me!* World Mental Health Day is observed annually on 10 October. In 2015, the Church has sought to celebrate this day as an opportunity to encourage a true pastoral view that embraces out total community as the living Body of Christ. However the theme also aims to encourage all peoples to personal ownership of their mental health and well-being. *How can we as OLSH Parish support people living with the stigma of mental illness?*

"The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity" – Pope Francis

OLSH Associate Retreat

The OLSH Associates Retreat will take place this Saturday, 10 October at the OLSH Convent from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fr Raass will be conducting the Retreat. Please pray for the Spirit's guidance.

Did you know?

- In this text, Jesus is quoting from the Book of Genesis (Gen 2:24), citing the second and earliest of the creation stories contained in the first two chapters of that Book.
- Orthodox Jews believe that Moses was the author of the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch or the Torah, which means Law. Thus the designation of 'the Law of Moses'.
- In the New Testament world both a husband and a wife could initiate divorce but only for the gravest of reasons. This differs from the biblical Israelites who had no law which allowed a woman to initiate divorce.
- This is one of the few gospel texts in which Jesus offers a direct teaching in opposition to that of Judaism at his time.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to **Ben Gunner, Christine Grant, Dave Ives, Jane Gunner, Patricia Rademaker and Manfred Casseram** for saying yes to be part of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Ngkarte Mikwekenhe community will be electing a member or two to represent them on Council. They will hold office for two years and available for re-election. The six new Councilors will join the existing and ex-officio members. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary and an Officer of Workplace Health and Safety will be elected by the new Council.

Thank you to those retiring Councilors especially Fred Twohig, our outgoing PPC Chairperson for his hard work, dedication and support to our Parish Life. A new PPC Charter has been submitted by Bishop Eugene for OLSH parish.

Please pray that our Parish will continue to *“open our doors to the thirsty and become a center of constant missionary outreach”* (Pope Francis)

New Parish Council Meeting

All newly elected Councilors, co-opted and current members are asked to attend your PPC meeting on Thursday, 8th October at 5:00pm at the presbytery to be followed by a social gathering.

Rite of Welcoming a Baptized Adult preparing for Full Reception into the Catholic Church

This Sunday, 4th October at the 9:30am Mass, Rosalie Nankivell will be welcomed and will commence her Catechetical Instruction leading into full communion of the Catholic Church. Let us accompany her on this Journey by our prayers and our support.

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Director.

HOLY COMMUNION: The more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful... receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice is strongly endorsed.

Vatican II, SC 55



OLSH PARISH PICNIC This Sunday

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to come along to a great Sunday of fun at the **OLSH Parish Picnic, 4th October at the Telegraph Station from 12:00 midday onwards.**

This is a shared lunch with BBQ Steak and sausage sandwiches. Please bring a plate and drinks to share. Games for all ages, quiz, prizes and certificates will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend along.

Cleaning: 10 October Group 4

Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford

Counters: 11 October 2015

Scott Lonard & Margaret –Ann McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,551.05 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 2,152.80 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

MISSION BEYOND *AD GENTES*, Melbourne

Frs Raass, Jim and Prakash recently attended an International Mission Symposium entitled, 'Mission Beyond *Ad Gentes*' at Yarra Theological Union organized by the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD). Thirteen SVD world prominent PhD missiologists gave their papers to a hundred participants as they contemplated the question, *“What is God's Mission today Beyond Ad Gentes?”*. For your information, *Ad Gentes* is Vatican II's mission document which was drafted in Nemi, a Retreat Centre for the SVDs in Rome. Some new and interesting statements for your consideration are:

1. God's ways are not our ways but they could be!
2. The Mission of God has a Church.
3. The Church is missionary by her very nature.
4. The more fully one participates in the Church, the more fully one participates in the mission of God, and vice versa.
5. The God we worship is the Mystery who perpetually goes out of God-self.
6. God works beyond the boundaries of the Church but the Church is still necessary for salvation.
7. In liturgy we sometimes feel like we are in a king's court, we beg for this and that, always wanting to be correct according to orthodoxy but to the detriment of inner freedom and gospel truth....more stress should be on orthopraxis rather than orthodoxy.
8. If God is community than God is a mission partner! Do not work alone.
9. Keep alive the missionary spirituality in all parishes.
10. God's Mission is now the mission of all baptized Christians.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP EUGENE, VATICAN

“Have very limited access here to internet. Hope all is well. I met the great man yesterday. What a privilege. He gave his blessing for all my friends and family especially the sick. All is well here and finding my way around. Please let everyone know that I met the Pope and asked him for his blessing for the whole diocese. God bless E.H”

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Our liturgists will meet at the presbytery this Tuesday, 6th October at 6:15pm. Please note that parishioners are always invited to submit suggestions to make our liturgy relevant and meaningful not just for you own personal enrichment but for the reign of God in Central Australia and beyond.

Roster for weekend of 10 - 11 October 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Leonie Smith Sue Bain	Leanne Dieckmann Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Charles Gamon Ruth Sexton	Kath McGargill John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Col Marshall	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Carmela Guthart
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Mike Williams Cristina Buenviaje	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading:

Genesis 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 127

R/ May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:9-11

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessings.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.