

# 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**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace.*  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
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, 6 months' notice required.

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 13th - 14th June 2015

### WHILE THE FARMER SLEEPS

Today's little parable of the seed that sprouts all by itself fascinates me very much and there is much to learn from it. All of us want to see the immediate fruits of our work, we want to do everything ourselves, it is difficult for us to wait and to let things run their course.

Yes we live in a time of "instant products": instant coffee, instant soup, instant photos, cars washed in four minutes and shoes soled while we wait. Our whole life is getting organized by others in such a way that we have only to press a couple of buttons. We press a button and it kicks in. But human nature's problems are not solved by pressing buttons. We cannot educate our children by pressing buttons. My dad and mum did not come to each other by pressing a button. They went through sixty years of patience and perseverance.

Every life must have the time to grow. When you plant a tree you have to wait until it bears fruits. People too must have the time to grow, make mistakes and hopefully learn from it, and we must learn to wait.

Jesus says in his parable that God knows how to wait. God is not asking for immediate results. God gives us the leeway so that we become ourselves. God waits, like a farmer who sows good seeds and then waits. While the farmer sleeps the seed sprouts and grows. The farmer does not know how this happens. Why should he bother? He does not have the power to make it grow.

That is how we too must be able to wait and to be very patient with others and with ourselves especially with our young people. I, for myself, make resolutions every year but after the second month I lose courage; yes I make lots of plans, but then do not have the patience to carry them out. I give up half way at times. It is even more difficult to stay patient with others. It was only few days ago when my brother started to lose courage on my seventeen year old niece. She just decided to run away from school and stay with her boyfriend. I am praying and hoping that my brother do not lose faith in her, and believe that every good seed that he sowed contains within itself enough germinal force and grace to mature and be proud to her daughter again.

Allow God's patience to affect our lives. Give it time to grow and later, in God's time will enjoy its fruits.

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

### Movement of Parish Priests

Fr Raass and Fr Jim will be away in Sydney from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June to participate in their Provincial Chapter. Please remember the SVDs in your prayers.

### Evangelii Gaudium

"Peace in society cannot be understood as pacification or the mere absence of violence resulting from the domination of one part of society over others. Nor does true peace act as a pretext for justifying a social structure which silences or appeases the poor, so that the more affluent can placidly support their lifestyle while others have to make do as they can."  
Par.218 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

**Daily Readings: starting 15 June**

**Mon:** 2 Cor 6:1-10            Mt 5:38-42  
**Tues:** 2 Cor 8:1-9            Mt 5:43-48  
**Wed:** 2 Cor 9:6-11          Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
**Thur:** 2 Cor 11:1-11         Mt 6:7-15  
**Fri:** 2 Cor 11:18,21-30      Mt 6:19-23  
**Sat:** 2 Cor 12:1-10          Mt 6:24-4  
**Sun:** Job 38:1,8-11  
2 Cor 5:14-17                Mk 4:35-41

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

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

Tilde Cabantog, 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, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, 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, Br Dan fms, Imelda Palmer

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Death Anniversaries:**

Gwen Maher (3rd Death Anniversary, 10 June)  
Ennio Mastrone (1st Death Anniversary, 16 June)

*May their souls rest in eternal peace .*

**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

**Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship**

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

**Eucharistic 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**

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

**Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)**

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

**Legion of Mary**

Mondays from 6:10pm—7:15pm

**Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**World Refugee Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June (next Sunday)**

**“Be a safe place for those who run from the killing fields”, Isaiah 16:4.**

World Refugee Sunday is an opportunity for OLSH Parish to join churches around the world in praying for refugees and internally displaced. There are over 45 million forcibly displaced people around the world. Refugees seek protection and acceptance to build their life, but in reality they often experience social exclusion, largely by being ignored, marginalized or barred by country borders. Endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference, the National Council of Churches (19 Major Christian Churches) invites all Christians to participate in a day of prayer and fasting on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. No details of fasting and abstinence have been received from the Catholic Bishops' Conference on Refugee Sunday. Children/minors, elderly and the sick are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence. It is presumed that less food will be eaten from the normal intake in the spirit of solidarity with Refugees and internally displaced.

**Social Justice Awareness Group Open Forum**

The next meeting of the OLSH Parish Social Justice Awareness Group will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2pm in the John Paul 11 Rooms. A light afternoon tea will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting as Jimmy Cocking, the Director of the Arid Lands Environment Centre, will be coming to meet with the SJAG and parishioners to speak about Fracking and related issues for Alice Springs. Both groups not only share an interest in getting the information out on Fracking. The ALEC members are also interested in the fact that Pope Francis' letter on the Environment is due to be released sometime this month. Please come for an enjoyable afternoon's discussion and sharing of ideas. - Sr. Kathleen Leahy SJAG.

**Happy Silver and Golden Anniversary**

Pope Francis announced that 2015 will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life, and is asking the church's religious men and women to "wake up the world" with their testimony of faith, holiness and hope. OLSH Parish acknowledges two religious sisters who are celebrating the anniversary of their religious profession as they look to the past with gratitude.

Congratulations to **Sr Helen Kennedy FMM for the 50 Golden Years and to Sr Irene Tin Tin Aye FMM for her 25 Silver Anniversary of faithful service** On your anniversary of Religious Life, we wish you all the blessings and peace that come from serving God's people in the charism of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

**Marriage, Divorce and Tribunal Cases**

Mrs Trish Tranter from the Adelaide/Darwin Marriage Tribunal will be arriving next week and stay from the 15<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> June as advertised. Any individuals and couples wishing to talk about marriage, divorce or annulments procedures are welcome to see her. Please call the presbytery to make your appointment. She will give a brief presentation at next week's Masses (20/21<sup>st</sup>). OLSH Parish has also scheduled a **Q & A session with her on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 6:15pm – 7:30pm** at the presbytery. Come with your questions and lets defunct some long held myths!



**Saint of the Week - St Romauld, abbot (June 19)**



**WELCOME!**

Welcome to EMILY JANE VROOM daughter of Michael and Jessica Vroom to be baptised on Sunday 14/06/2015.

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.

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator	Theme	Date & Venue
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

### Winter Weekday Morning Masses (Mon-Fri)

As the climate in Alice Springs and the Red Centre region drops, our weekday morning Masses will take place at **the Presbytery Chapel effective from Monday of next week, 15<sup>th</sup> June to mid-August**. Remember that God's grace is always available and accessible to the soul in any season and place. Wherever we worship may we be awakened to our physical environment and their effect on our hearts.

### Prayer Day at Campfire in the Heart

"What's our relationship with God...really?" If you are feeling stressed, then a prayer day might just be the way for you. Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd Alice Springs NT, **9.00 am to 4.00pm, Saturday 20th June 2015**. Bring some lunch. Facilitator: David Woods. Donation only.

### Diocesan Youth Ministry Appeal – 20th/21st June

The Diocesan Youth Appeal will take place next weekend. The money will go into continuing the support we give throughout the diocese in the ongoing formation of our young people. Please give generously but give from the heart.

### OLSH PARISH SIMPSON GAP SOCIAL RIDE

**WHEN:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of July  
**SCHEDULE:** 8.30am gather at Flynn's Grave  
 9.00am commence ride  
 10.00am brunch at Simpsons Gap  
 11.00am return to Flynn's Grave.  
 To register email Fred Twohig – ftwohig@bigpond.net.au

### OLSH Associates

OLSH Associates get-together. Mass at 11:00am on Saturday, 20 June and then proceed to the Garden Cemetery to say the Rosary.

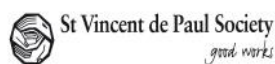
### Parish Notice Board

**A humble reminder to please ask for permission from the Parish Priest before you place any posters, pamphlets or advertisement on the Parish Notice Board or on the tables. Thank you.**

**Cleaning:** 20 June **Group 4**  
 Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford  
**Counters:** 21 June 2015  
 Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp  
**Last Week's Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,287.50 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$2,174.00 (for the parish)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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



### BLUE BUCKET WINTER APPEAL 13/14 June

Please give generously to this annual appeal. All donations will be converted to food vouchers, purchase of blankets and non-perishable food. Thank you in anticipation.

### Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse

Pope Francis has now investigating bishops who intentionally cover up sexual abuse. He has approved a new Vatican department which will judge bishops accused of covering up or not preventing sexual abuse of children. A statement from the Vatican overnight said the department would come under the auspices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "to judge bishops with regard to crimes of the abuse of office when connected to the abuse of minors".

*"Here I would like to pause to acknowledge the shame which we have all felt as a result of the sexual abuse of minors by some clergy and religious in this country. I am deeply sorry for the pain and suffering the victims have endured and I assure them that, as their pastor, I too share in their suffering. ... Victims should receive compassion and care, and those responsible for these evils must be brought to justice. These misdeeds, which constitute so grave a betrayal of trust, deserve unequivocal condemnation. Pope Benedict 2008, St Mary's Cathedral, NSW. Please continue to pray for healing, strength and justice for the victims.*

### Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

Last Friday 20+ Catholic Youth of the Parish turned up for the 1st social, prayer and formation on sex, relationship and personal identity. Please watch this space for a more comprehensive, fun and exiting year of formation for our CYAS's in 2015 and beyond. In the meantime the NT Catholic Youth is organizing a Break Away Camp for young people from across the NT to have fun, celebrate, pray and learn about Jesus and ourselves. Together young people can learn how to be awesome and ready to inspire and change the world! Date: 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015, Riyala, Noonamah, Darwin, costs \$99 (accommodation & food). Contact one of the priests if you are interested.

### Roster for weekend of 20-21 June 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Sr Mary Wicks	Leanne Dieckmann Rose Sabadin Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Mike Steller Patricia Rademaker	John Lillecrapp Kath McGargill Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Virginia Loy Margaret Lillecrapp Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Mike Williams	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Thampi Joseph

## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

13th - 14th June 2015

### Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### First Reading:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16

**R/** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

### Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

Mark 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.