



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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Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD
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Mr. Ben Ebert

Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene &
 Mr Manfred Casseeram

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.

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



Amoris Laetitia
 On Love in the Family

Bishop Eugene is inviting all families, newly married couples, expectant mothers, young people in love, in-laws, priests, teachers and for those engaged in the family apostolate to read, pray and ponder on the latest post-synodal document, The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia. *"It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for families are not a problem; they are the first and foremost an opportunity"*, Pope Francis. Copies are available at the presbytery.

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A) 7th - 8th January 2017

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate today, is an important occasion in the Christmas Season. Through the visitation of the magi, God manifests Godself to the wider world.

Though we, really, do not know the historical accuracy of the visitation of the magi, the meaning behind the story is very significant. God chooses to reveal the joy of the birth of God's son to the whole world, through the visitation of these humble people, who travelled far distances, reading the signs of the celestial objects.

The feast of Epiphany reminds us that God works wondrously through human weakness: God shows the signs, and we are invited to take the initiative. God provides the means and supports us all through the journey. Though we wander away from God's plan, God redirects us and leads us to the end of the journey. Moreover, God decides to reveal Godself to us and this revelation is not just for a few chosen ones, but to the whole world, "it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body" (Eph 3:6).

Therefore, dear friends, this solemnity, that we celebrate today, is an opportunity for us to reach out to everyone as God has reached out to us. God chooses the human weakness to reveal Godself. God sends his only Son, to be with us, as we hear in the prologue of John's Gospel, "the Word became flesh, he lived among us."

As we continue to bask in the 'Christmas Spirit', let us share this joy with everyone. The Christmas season, for this year, is coming to an end tomorrow, but may the joy of Christmas continue to shine in us. As the magi saw the celestial signs and took the initiative to make the journey to visit the Christ child, let us too perceive the signs of the times and respond to God's call. Let us take the initiative to reach out to all and pray that all receive God's mercy. And may this New Year be a time to enjoy the grace of God in all that we do for the spreading of the Reign of God in everyone's life, especially here in Central Australia.

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

Roster for weekend of 14-15 January 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Sr Kathleen Leahy	Sr Jennifer Farrell Alf Goody	Marian Maddocks Volunteer (x2)
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Volunteer	Ruth Sexton Fred Twohig + Volunteer
Sun 9:30 am	Volunteer	Dilushi Fonseca Hilda Reeder	Virginia Loy Volunteer (x2)
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Aileen Batimana	Volunteer (x3)

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.

Daily Readings: starting 9 January 2017

Mon: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Mt 3:13-17
Tues: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Wed: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thu: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Fri: Heb 4:1-5,11 Mk 2:1-12
Sat: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Sun: Is 49:3,5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Death Anniversary

Eufelia Canta

May her soul Rest in Peace

Volunteers for the Month of January

Volunteers required to be the Commentators, readers and Communion Misters for the weekends of January. Please fill in your names in the sign up sheet at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Saint of the Week

**St. Hilary of Poitiers
(January 13)**

Cleaning: 14 January **Group 7**
Merivon Tolentino, Rommel Pacion, Mark Hosiller

Counters: 15 January 2017
Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1118.00 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 859.05 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 795.00

Thank you for your time and generosity!

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary
Monday to Thursday 5:00 pm

Saint Joseph Devotion
First Wednesday of the month 9:00 am
Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship
Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Fridays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Presbytery and every second Saturday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Entrance Antiphon:

cf Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 19:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

R/ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body .

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way .

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East; and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.