



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
1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal 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, 6 months' notice required.



Pentecost Sunday Year B 23rd -24th May 2015



Our Diversity: Source of Conflict and Riches

OLSH Parish is a blend of various forms of faith and of expressing our religiosity. It is only natural that every Catholic in this parish has his or her personal way of living one's faith. It is unique to each person and a source of richness inspired by the creative Spirit of Pentecost.

There are many parishioners who are **the spiritual type**. These are people who love to pray and face the difficulties of life without much questioning or effort. They spontaneously connect with God in good times and bad. In living their faith they discover God as the source of all good.

There are other parishioners who are **the moral type**. Faith to them is understood as action. The liturgy is an invitation to help others; prayer is a call to turn to others. They are generally dynamic people and commit themselves to the poor. Even if they don't attend Mass, we will find them standing up for human rights and bringing aid to people in need.

There are some who are **the relational type**. To them faith in God is primarily a matter of encounter, a matter of relationship with Jesus, people and creation. They love to sit and listen to people because they believe God is an integral part of it. With respect they are not afraid of sharing their faith; their openness to others invites people to work together in solidarity. The word "God" is intensely relational. Their sense of connectedness with plants, animals and birds is a source of joy for God created them.

Then there are **the dogmatic type**, people who are sure of their ground. To them faith is more a matter of conviction than of experience. Faith is something like a ship's anchor. It grounds them and becomes the framework within which they can live their lives. They too are faithful people whose life rests on their profession of faith on Sundays, and they too experience an esthetic beauty in Christian doctrine.

While I dislike the word "type" I use it for want of anything better. It often happens that this variety in living and expressing one's faith causes conflicts. Sometimes we tend to think that our personal type, lifestyle or cultural expression is the only one that saves. But at the end of the day, 'it is the Holy Spirit who will eventually lead us to the complete truth' (Jn 15).

Whatever it is, may our diversity of faith, language and culture be guided by the Spirit of Unity' that prompts us towards 'love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Gal 5:16). Let the Spirit blow! It is good that she does.

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Evangelii Gaudium

"Thanks to our bodies, God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement. Let us not leave in our wake a swath of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generations."

Par. 213 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 25 May

Mon: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
James 3:13-18 Lk 1:39-56
Tues: Sirach 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31
Wed: Sirach 36:1,4-5,10-17 Mk 10:32-45
Thur: Sirach 42:15-25 Mk 10:46-52
Fri: Sirach 44:1,9-13 Mk 11:11-26
Sat: Sirach 51:12-20 Mk 11:27-33
Sun: Deut 4:32-34,39-40 Mt 28:16-20
Rom 8:14-178

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

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 Mat-
son, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod &
Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Words of Wisdom

“His [Christ’s] humanity is the first step down
and the last step up on the beautiful spiral of
Creation.” - [Fr Christopher Rengers](#)

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)

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
Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)
Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

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

St Marcellin Champagnat Day (OLSH College)

On the 29th of May, the Marist Brothers and students of OLSH College will celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers. In 1817, Marcellin Champagnat, a priest from France, founded the Marist Brothers, with the goal of educating young people, especially those most neglected. While most of the Brothers minister in school settings, others work with young people in parishes, religious retreats and spiritual accompaniment, at-risk youth settings, young adult ministry and overseas missions.

The Holy Mass will be celebrated at the **Marian Centre at 10:30am**. Please make time to thank the hardworking Marist Brothers in our midst.

“Mary!

What is your place in God’s plans?
The Angel of the Lord greets you as full of grace.
Then the source itself of all graces gives himself to you,
Enclosing himself in your womb.
You command all roads to this source;
For it is born from the depths of your being.
Rightly you preside over the distribution
Of its mysterious waters;
For at your word
They have welled up over the world, purifying it,
Bringing life and making it fertile.” Jules Chevalier MSC.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Feast Day, 30th May 2015

Parishioners are all invited to attend the **11:00am Mass next Saturday May 30th**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, patron of our parish.

Our OLSH Sisters and associates will prepare the liturgy. Please bring a plate to share with the others afterwards.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The four stage preparation for those who are enquiring about becoming Catholic will commence the week of the **Feast of Corpus Christi, 7th June, at St. Francis Centre, Adamson Ave**. Others may come forward even as the year progresses and are welcome to make contact, either by calling the presbytery on 89521049 or Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM, our Parish RCIA Director, on 0448856323.

Please pick up an information card from the back of the Church to pass on to anyone you know who is expressing an interest.

LITURGICAL NOTES

“If such Priests are not present and there is a truly large number of communicants, the Priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him, that is, duly instituted acolytes or even other faithful who have been duly deputed for this purpose. In case of necessity, the Priest may depute suitable faithful for this single occasion.” (GIRM 162). Our ordained ministers are the ordinary ministers for distributing Communion. When they are not available, the local Bishop may provide for extraordinary ministers for distributing Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ This permission ensures that the celebration is not necessarily lengthened.



Saint of the Week - [St Augustine of Canterbury](#) (May 27)



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.

Formation Session for Readers, Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers

OLSH Parish is organizing a training session and few updates for the current as well as new lectors (readers), commentators and Eucharistic Ministers who assist in the Masses.

The training sessions are offered in the Presbytery Meeting Room on **28th May at 6:15 pm, 1st June at 6:15 pm, and 2nd June at 4:00 pm.** Please contact Sr Mary or Fr Prakash or call the Parish Office on 8952 1049 to book your place in any one of the given dates and time.

Please try your best to attend.

Youth Break Away Camp (Retreat)

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: 19th – 22nd June 2015, Riyala, Noonamah, Darwin, costs \$99 (accommodation & food).

Contact one of the priests if you are interested or call Benita on 8946 2822, or breakawaynt@gmail.com - pamphlets located at the back of the Church.

Parish Work Health & Safety Management (WHS)

Be informed that the Parish has a WHS Policy & procedures checklist including Hazard Inspections and Safety inductions. Please notify the Parish Council or report any unsafe/hazards/dangerous spots on all church properties and surrounding landscape as soon as possible.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Assembly will take place in the **Diocese of Darwin from the 2nd – 6th July 2015.** NATSICC National Assemblies attract over 200 participants from a diverse range of backgrounds. The event is an opportunity for Indigenous (and those working with Indigenous people) to come together a discuss faith, culture and spirituality in contemporary Australia.

The event theme is **'The Heart of Jesus beats within us all'**, which calls for us to look within ourselves and work together as a strong, faith based people. OLSH Parish is calling for parishioners who could financially sponsor some Aboriginal Catholics from the town camps to go to Darwin in July.

Please contact one of the priests if you can help.

Cleaning: 30 May **Group 1**
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje
Counters: 31 May 2015
Walter & Patricia Litvensky

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,211.20 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$2,184.80 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish Dinner

This year the Parish will hold its annual dinner at Tali Restaurant, Lasseters on Wednesday 10 June from 7:00pm.

The 3-Course Buffet Menu includes:

- Freshly baked house bread with selection of dips
- Salads
- Soup of the day
- Carvery and Seafood Stations
- Selection of hot dishes with sides
- Live wok station
- Desserts, Tea & Coffee Stations



Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$12 for children and will be on sale from next weekend, after every mass. Contact Helena on 0417 839 711 for more information.

Marriage Tribunal (Divorces, Annulments & Marriage)

The Church acknowledges the reality of separation and divorce and reaches out in support of those experiencing this ordeal, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

OLSH Parish has invited Mrs Trish Tranter, an officer of the Marriage Tribunal (Regional Tribunal of SA & NT), to work with any couples & individuals who may be seeking a declaration of matrimonial nullity. The process may be emotionally challenging, but many find that this can actually be part of the healing process that helps the person to return to a state of wholeness. Marital failure does not mean that either party was a failure as a person. Please don't be afraid to approach Trish and present your marital case or if you know of anyone who might be struggling.

We are here to help you. **Date: 16th June – 25th June.**

DID YOU KNOW?

- The disciples were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost to celebrate the Jewish Harvest Festival, which occurs 50 days after the Passover. This festival also celebrated the covenant made by God with the people of Israel on Mt Sinai.
- The Christian feast of Pentecost is 50 days after Easter Sunday and marks the culmination and closure of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost Cycle.
- The word for spirit in Hebrew is the feminine **'ruah'**, meaning literally breath, wind or air.

Roster for weekend of 30-31 May 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Sr Mary Wicks Binu Katherine	Rose Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Ruth Sexton Charles Gamon	John Lillecrapp Mike Steller Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Rodea Aplaon Col Marshall	Helena Casseeram Virginia Loy Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Denise Simon Pat Monaghan	Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B

23rd –24th May 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages .

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome (Jews and proselytes alike), Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34

R/ Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading:

Galatians 5:16-25

The fruit of the Spirit.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia