



# 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  
 8:30am - 12:00 noon  
 Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Team

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
 Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD  
 Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

**Resident Priest:**  
 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 Manfred Casseeram

**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**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginally 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, 12 months' notice required.

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Year C 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Heartfelt Thank You

Dear parishioners of OLSH, we have come to the end of another event filled year. The year 2015 has been a year of changes, improvements and challenges for all of us. Each of us went through a year filled with activities and new learnings, endings of some programmes and beginnings of new ventures and all of us witnessed growth as well as destruction in the world around us. As we are about to begin another wonderful new year, 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your lovely and generous contribution towards the well being of our parish. Each of you have been extremely helpful to me as I shouldered the responsibility of this parish. Initially I was nervous as Fr Raass, our Parish Priest, listed the 'things to do' (almost 30 of them!!!) in his absence and felt the heaviness on my shoulders. But, as the days went by, I began to feel relaxed as the things moved smoothly. I can't thank you enough for being so wonderful and cheerful in your approach.

I would like to convey my special thanks to Fr Oli and Fr Jim, who stood by me as strong pillars. Thanks to Fr Vincent and Br Arturo for their contribution to the growth of this parish. Thanks to Mr Manfred and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Mr Kevin and the members of the Parish Finance & Work Committee, who helped me in the administration of the parish. Special thanks to Mel for being a wonderful Secretary and all those who volunteered to help out in the Parish Office in Mel's absence. I would like to thank all the volunteers, who work tirelessly in different capacities within and outside the bounds of our Parish. They have formed almost 40 groups (which shows that our Parish is bubbling with activities) who serve the parish in various ways. Without the help of these volunteers our parish can never survive. Thank you dear volunteers for being there, without you we can do nothing. Thanks a million for your contribution.

I am thankful to God for giving me this opportunity to serve in this Parish and its lovely parishioners. Please pray for me and the clergy here. Remember also Fr Raass; he is in Fiji at the moment, having his break. Your prayers are our strength. I along with Fr Oli and Fr Jim wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2016. God bless you all.

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

### Christmas Celebrations in the Communities

You are all warmly invited to join Fr Oli to go out-bush and celebrate Christmas with people living in these remote communities. Please contact Fr Oli on 8952 1049 to find out the departure times.

DATE	PLACES	TIME
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Gillen Bore	10.00 a.m.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Burt Creek	03.00 p.m.
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Corkwood Bore	05:00 p.m.



### BAPTISM

OLSH Parish welcomes INDIGO BURROWS daughter of Scott Burrows and Danielle MacLean, TIA ROSE O'CALLAGHAN, daughter of Anthony O'Callaghan and Melissa Cole and AMBROSE SCOTT MACLEAN son of Michael MacLean and Ainslie MacLean. They were baptised on 23<sup>rd</sup> December at the 5:30 pm Eucharist.

### Roster for weekend of 02-03 January 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm			Marion Maddocks
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher		John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am		Precy Taylor Dilushi Fonseka	
Sun 5:30 pm		Andrzej Skrzypiec	

**Daily Readings: starting 28 December 2015**  
**Mon:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18  
**Tues:** 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35  
**Wed:** 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40  
**Thur:** 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18  
**Fri:** Num 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21  
**Sat:** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28  
**Sun:** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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



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

Dr. Gary Sinclair, Eufelia Canta, Sr. Noelle Albert (OLSH Sister), Helena Rooney, Bernadette Dowd, May Lee Shah, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson and Rose Brand.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Parish Office Closed during Christmas Week**

The Parish Office is closed from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December till Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January. The Office will reopen on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8:30 am.

**Volunteers for the Month of January**

Volunteers required to be the Commentators, readers and Communion Misterys 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.

**Masses at New Year Eve and Day**

**New Year Eve, Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December:**  
 Adoration at 5pm followed by Mass at 5:30 pm.  
 Adoration at 10 pm followed by Mass at 11 pm  
 in Ngkarte Mekwekhenhe (40 South Terrace).

**New Year Day, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January:**  
 Mass: 9:30 am and 5:30 pm (No Mass at 7 am).

**Cleaning:** 02 January **Group 8**  
 Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller  
**Counters:** 03 January 2016  
 Margaret –Ann McNaught  
**Last Week's Collections:**  
 First: \$1058.05, Second: 2126.25.  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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 6-7 pm in the Presbytery 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 and Weekly Bible Sharing (Suspended until further Notice)**  
**Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**  
 Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Entrance Antiphon:** Lk 2:16  
 The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
*For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The word of the Lord  
 Ps 83:2-3,5-6,9-10  
**R/** How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us .  
 The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Acts 16:14  
**Alleluia, alleluia!** Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52  
*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.  
 The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.  
**Communion Antiphon:** Bar 3:38  
 Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.