



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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Monday to Friday
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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm; Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm;

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



These situations have caused Sister Earth, along with all the abandoned of our world, to cry out, pleading that we take another course.

Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.

The problem is that we still lack the culture needed to confront this crisis. Pope Francis, Laudato Si #53.

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My Words Will Not Pass Away

Here each Sunday we hear the words of Jesus, words that were written down by the early Christians, and which have been preserved for us over the centuries by the Church. Thus Christ's promise has come true: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

The Gospel consists of a series of stories, all of which unite to form one great story –the story of Jesus. While we all like to listen to a story, we grow tired if we are told the same story over and over again. When that happens we switch off. The same thing can happen with the Gospel Story. It may come across as old, stale, and lifeless.

How can we combat that stale and weary sense of the familiar? We have to try to hear the story afresh, indeed, as for the very first time. The Gospel is the greatest story ever told. And we need to recapture the wonder of it. We need to release the energy contained in it, if we are to experience the power it has to charm, surprise, shock, challenge, and inspire.

We need to hear it in such a way that we are dawning into it, and hear our own stories as we listen to it. When that happens, our stories merge with that of the Gospel and are illuminated by it.

Everything we need is contained in the Gospels. Here we have the words of Jesus himself. Those who make this book their teacher will never go astray.

It's not enough just to turn to the Gospel in times of misfortune. It's not enough to turn it into an object of veneration. We have to examine our lives against the words of the book. Those words should kindle a fire in our hearts, and others should feel the warmth.

The Gospel is the handbook of every Christian. The opinions of human beings are rooted in appearances and change from day to day, but the words of Jesus do not pass away. We would do well to build the house of our life on his words.

I wish you all a beautiful week full of joys,

Fr. Alex, SVD

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 19 November 2018

Mon: Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43
Tues: Apoc 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10
Wed: Apoc 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28
Thu: Apoc 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44
Fri: Apoc 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48
Sat: Apoc 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40
Sun: Dan 7:13-14
 Apoc 1:5-8 Jn 18:33-37
 + Pray & read your Bible every day +

November: To Pray for the Dead

November is the month the Church invites and urges Catholics to pray for the faithful departed. The Book of Life is thus placed on the Offertory Table of the OLSH Church. For those who would like us to pray for the souls of their loved ones, relatives and friends, please feel free to write their names in the Book. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Church Pews - Ongoing

As you can see we have already begun refinishing our church pews. FYI, four pews will be removed every 2-3 weeks. Please remember for now the prisoners and staff members of the Alice Springs Correctional Centre who are doing this project for OLSH Parish. Again a big thank you to the many families of the Syro-Malabar Catholic communities and few others who have financially contributed to this special project.



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

SENIORS PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All seniors are invited to join in the Christmas fun on Saturday, 1 December, at the Bath St Hall, OLSH College. Doors open at noon and lunch will be served at 12.30pm. Join us as we celebrate you with food, music, fun and Father Christmas. Sign up at the entrance of the church for attendance. Thank you.

Volunteers, food and gifts are needed for the annual Parish Seniors Christmas lunch. Sign up Sheets for volunteers and food are at the entrance of the church. All gifts can be dropped off at the parish office. THANK YOU!

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. 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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

Reflection

In its evolutionary process, the Earth has all it needs to bring forth diverse life forms. It has the inherent power or tendencies to preserve and sustain the integral functioning of its geological and biological systems. The Earth has also the capacity to heal itself and to facilitate the healing of its living inhabitants. In various ways and forms, all living creatures of the Earth depend on the Earth's well-being for their own existence and well-being. In this regard, the healing of the planet and its well-being determine the health and well-being of Earthly creatures.

We have to let the Earth undergo its natural processes of preserving, sustaining and healing itself. What we humans could do is to respect and go with these processes. We have to stop our wanton intervention on the Earth's bio-systems. We need to stop destroying the habitats of our fellow creatures.

"There is no justification for the permanent destruction of the [natural] world" (Wendell Berry). **The healing of our common home will naturally take place if we only let it.** We now need to see ourselves as integral to the Earth community and as species among other species. To allow the Earth to take its natural course of preserving and healing itself and to see ourselves as integral part of the Earth community mean to undergo healing ourselves: healing of our relationship with the Creator, with ourselves, and with other creatures. This is the sort of healing the Earth cannot do for us, but needs from us. **Before, the evolution and flourishing of life on Earth did not require human presence to take place, but this time the Earth will need our cooperation in its healing and life-sustaining processes.**

This one from the book "Living Laudato Si" by Manny Bautista

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Prayers of Devotion to St. Joseph

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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:00pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THE PLENARY 2020. BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOUR WISH TO BE IN AUSTRALIA.

Australian Church Women's Service

- Sat/Sun 17/18 November 2018
- Sat/Sun 24/25 November 2018

“Women Sharing Open Heartedly” is the theme for our next Australian Church Women's service to be held Friday evening 30th November 7pm at the Anglican Church, all are welcome.

Due to changing circumstances, all local participating Churches are seeking new representatives to carry this group beyond World Day of Prayer for 2019.

Please contact Rita Steller for further details if you would like to consider accepting this role for our Church. I have found this ministry very rewarding, as it is a humble event held 3 times a year, where women across Australia and Asia from many denominations, share the same service with faith, love and trust in God, to aid us all in our everyday struggles.

Thank you, Rita Steller 0439508180.

Eco-actions

We need to recover our status as the crowning glory of creation (Ps 8:6) and bring back the ecological and creative balance of the natural world. Let us align ourselves, our behaviour and activities, with the laws, the principles, and the life systems of the natural world. Stop poisoning the air, the water, and the land, and help clear the poisonous chemicals that we have introduced. Cease our industrial assault. Listen to what the natural world and our fellow creatures are telling us.

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Planned Giving Campaign

We thank those parishioners who have opted for the planned giving programme to help the parish and Diocese. There are more planned giving cards at the back of the church. Encourage others to renew their financial commitment too. **“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”**, Jesus Christ.

Cleaning: November 24 **Group 4**
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford
Counters: November 25, 2018
Eric & Kath McGargill
Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,764.55 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,244.55 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,121.00
Total planned giving donations and first collection made direct to Parish bank account for September, 2018 quarter: \$9,225.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

OLSH COLLEGE GRADUATION MASS 2018

November 23rd Friday will see our Year 12's graduating from OLSH College. A special graduation Mass will be celebrated **at 9:30am, Marian Centre**, by Most Rev Bishop Emeritus Eugene with our local priests. Please remember in thanksgiving these students, staff, parents and benefactors.

ADVENT SEASON COMING UP



Advent for the year 2018 begins on Sunday, December 2nd. Advent, for Western Christians starts the season for preparing for the coming of the Messiah and the celebration of Christmas with the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent always commences on the fourth Sunday before Christmas or the closest Sunday to St Andrew's Day which falls on November 30th each year and ending on the first Mass of Christmas (Vigil Mass) on Christmas Eve. OLSH PARISH will celebrate two 2nd Rites of Reconciliation on **Tuesdays, 11th & 18th starting at 7:00pm**. All priests will be available to hear Confessions.

Ecumenical Christmas Carols

The Alice Springs Ecumenical Christmas Carols fall on Sunday, 2 Dec. Gates will open at 5:00pm for 7:00pm start. OLSH Parish is taking part. Bring your families to ANZAC Oval. Please call Fr Oli to help out on the day.

BON VOYAGE TO OUR PARISH PRIEST

We wish Fr Raass a well-deserved break after three years of ministry at OLSH Parish. He will depart this Sunday and return on Saturday 12th Feb 2019. Fr Alex will be Acting Parish Priest assisted by Frs Nick and Olivier.

PRAYER

*Praise to you, Lord, God of all creation.
For through your goodness, you bless us with a living planet, the blue marble planet in dark space, with its bountiful creatures.
May we as member of the Earth community help heal the destruction of our common home, ease the suffering of our fellow creature, and heal the wounds of conflict.
Amen.*

Roster for weekend of November 24 - 25, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta Losana Hay	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Jenny Montefiore	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Jooby Mani	Mary McPhee Elfy Joobi	Cristy Genetti Sammy Nobleza Emil Tabbada
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Pauline Otieno Jenny Dietrich	Goury Nair Mel Buenviaje Thomas J John



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Entrance Antiphon:

Jer 29:11,12-14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading:

Daniel 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 15:5,8-11

R/ Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

(to continue in Feb 2019)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: December 02, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir

TBA

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m dr)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, JP2 Hall

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry

3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs)

4th Friday of the month

Finance Team Ministry

1st Saturday from 8:00am-9:30am

CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

Social Justice Awareness Group:

4th Sunday of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Sunday Mass Pick-Up: Every Sunday if you can help those who wish to attend Mass at the main Church.

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....

Parish Soup Van Ministry

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?

"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8