



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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Smart-Loving Ministry

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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



"Celibacy can risk becoming a comfortable single life that provides the freedom to be independent, to move from one residence, work or option to another, to spend money as one sees fit and to spend time with others as one wants. In such cases, the witness of married people becomes especially eloquent. Those called to virginity can encounter in some marriages a clear sign of God's generous and steadfast fidelity to his covenant, and this can move them to a more concrete and generous availability to others. Many married couples remain faithful when one of them has become physically unattractive, or fails to satisfy the other's needs, despite the voices in our society that might encourage them to be unfaithful or to leave the other. A wife can care for her sick husband and thus, in drawing near to the Cross, renew her commitment to love unto death. In such love, the dignity of the true lover shines forth, inasmuch as it is more proper to charity to love than to be loved. (Pope Francis, Ch.4#162, Amoris Laetitia)

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
27th - 28th October 2018

Master, Grant That I May See

The Good News is that God is compassionate! In Jeremiah's "book of consolation," God gathers all of his people: in their imperfections, in their sufferings, in their expectations.

The Good Book even testifies that God's Son came to share our sufferings and our weaknesses, and to heal them. The God we worship in Christ Jesus is compassionate. He cares. He wants to heal us only if we cry and reach out to him, "Master, grant that I may see" or "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me".

This is good news only if we have identified our weakness and owned our imperfections. The road to holiness begins with the acceptance of our humanity, that we are weak and sinful, and in need of a greater power of compassion other than ourselves.

We are not God and therefore cannot heal ourselves. When we realise our weaknesses and areas of vulnerability, we then realise our need for a compassionate God.

Jeremiah proclaims, "I will comfort them, as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble". He adds, "I will gather the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour". Perhaps Jeremiah would write that God will gather "the mentally ill, the welfare recipients, the physically deformed, the struggling women who have had abortions and drug addicts".

What feelings would this arouse in those parishioners who are certain that they are faithful? The message seems to be either we recognise our unity with those who are listed, or we don't make the list. That unity is in weakness.

Bartimaeus recognised his ailment and called out to Jesus even when others wanted to stop him. After having healed by the Healer, he threw off his old cloak and followed Jesus. What does this mean to you at this point in your journey? What are you prepared to 'throw off' in order to follow Jesus today?

Fr Raass SVD
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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.

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Daily Readings: starting 29 October 2018

Mon: Eph 4:32-5:8 Lk 13:10-17
Tues: Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Eph 6:1-9 Lk 13:22-30
Thu: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12
Fri: From Masses for the Dead
Sat: Phil 1:18-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun: Deut 6:2-6
 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28-34
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



WELCOME BISHOP CHARLES GAUCI

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new 5th Bishop of the Diocese of Darwin, Charles Gauci to OLSH Parish. Bishop Charles will arrive this coming week on the 1st of November and will remain in the parish until the 5th November. He hopes to meet as many parishioners, Arrernte communities and schools and community leaders as possible during his stay. OLSH Parish will officially welcome him at all Masses on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3/4 November. Please take note: this will be a combined Mass. No Mass at 11:00am



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

Recent Death

Allen Casey

May his soul rest in peace

THE RITE OF ACOLYTE

Our diocesan seminarian Dean Taberdo will officially be instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte next Sunday 4 November at the 9:30am Mass. As an acolyte, Dean is appointed to aid the deacon and to minister to the priest. It is his duty to attend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass He distributes communion as a special Eucharistic Minister when appropriate. This is an official part of his priestly formation and both Bishops Charles and Eugene will be present next Sunday. The rite of institution will take place during the Mass. Let's give our full support to Dean as he continues on with his seminary journey. We also welcome Dean's parents to the parish.



FAREWELL TO DEAN TABERDO

OLSH Parish will farewell Dean next Sunday 4 Nov after his installation as an Acolyte at the 9:30am Mass. Dean has been assisting the parish for nearly a year now. He will move to Santa Teresa Parish on Monday 5 Nov for the next chapter of his formation. All the best Dean and thank you for all you have contributed to the life of OLSH Parish community.

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.

FAREWELL TO BISHOP EUGENE

The parish will also farewell Bishop Emeritus Eugene next Sunday 4 Nov at the 9:30am Mass followed by a luncheon. There will be some presentation of gifts and speeches in the courtyard. A special THANK YOU CARD will be at the back of the church this weekend and we invite all parishioners to sign it please.

We invite all parishioners to bring a dish to share with Bishop Eugene, Dean Taberdo and others next Sunday.

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

FAREWELL & THANK YOU TO THE ABERNATHY FAMILY

As we slowly come to the end of the liturgical year, few parishioners are moving on from the parish. The Abernathy Family from the USA is leaving the parish very soon and we will miss them. Their contribution to OLSH Parish, the Aboriginal Catholic communities, the Ecumenical Fellowship and many other activities in town are something to truly thank God for. Thank you from OLSH Parish and much appreciation for your giftedness.

This Sunday, 28 Oct, after the 11:00am Arrernte Mass, all are invited for a light lunch in the courtyard and to say thank you to all of them. Please bring a plate.

NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls' Day is a celebration to remember those who have died (in particular one's relatives). It always falls on Friday November 2 and is preceded by All Saints' Day on Thursday November 1. Our custom is to celebrate one morning Mass in the main Church and two evening Masses on All Souls Day at the Garden Cemetery and Stuart Town Cemetery at 5:30pm. Your choice.

ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT 2018

Date: Saturday 10 November (9-4pm) and Sunday 11th Nov (9-12midday)
 Director: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne Surtees
 Venue: St Francis Centre
 Suggested Donation: \$25-30.00 to cover costs only.
 Theme: "Claiming Your Inner Voice" – a Scriptural Exploration & Affirmation

Don't miss this opportunity if you're feeling worn out and in need of a spiritual break.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our PPC will hold its final meeting this Thursday 1st November at 6:15pm. Bishop Charles will also be present. Parishioners are again invited to present any items for the Agenda.

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The month of November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. It will be good for your soul of you also go to Confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for Pope Francis' Intentions. Again, there will be an All SOULS' MEMORIAL BOOK in the church from 2-30th Nov. Do write the names of your loved ones in the book for the November Masses in church.



Welcome to LETIA, ALEA and FELIX! They were baptised by Fr Alex last Sunday 21 Oct after the combined Mass. Big "Thank You!" to their parents, godparents and the MC Sisters.



To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests and other parishioners. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

We also welcome the Provincial Council of the Divine Word Missionaries this week.

Clergy Retreat, Darwin

...some spiritual notes taken by Fr Raass listening to Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD, Bishop of Lismore

- *Until I know Christ, I will not know myself*
- *'Knowledge of Scripture is Knowledge of Self' -therefore, read the Bible, reflect, pray and act on Gods Word*
- *Turn to Jesus if you are struggling to pray today. He only can teach us.*
- *The Bible is a Memoir of Jesus*
- *Dispose yourself to read His Word*
- *Focus and let go of all that is unnecessary in your life*
- *Don't travel down fruitless paths and let go what is squeezing the air out of your heart.*
- *The Gospel MUST BE PART OF YOUR LIFE*
- *As a child Jesus may have struggled to know his true identity which was confirmed at his Baptism and Transfiguration.*
- *....then Jesus understood himself as the Beloved....nothing else mattered after that except a life of trusting, loving, fidelity and obeying His Father's Will.*
- *Temptation happens when you're weak not when you're strong. So know your weakness first so you can counter your temptations.*

DID YOU KNOW

The title 'Son of David' was once applied to the longed for anointed one of God. Its use here indicates that Bartimaeus has recognized Jesus as the Messiah.

- The 'blind faith' of Bartimaeus contrasts sharply with the lack of insight and understanding we have witnessed from the disciples in recent weeks.
- In Hebrew, 'Bar' means 'son of ...' in much the same way as Mac is used in Scotland. When a Jewish boy undergoes his Barmitzvah he becomes a 'son of the law'.

Church Funeral Coming Up

Friday 2nd Nov, 10:00am : Margaret Smith, R.I.P.

Roster for weekend of November 03 - 04, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Kath McGargill	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Tony Hay Emil Tabbada	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Br James Hodge
Sun 5:30pm	Br Dean Taberdo	Pat Monaghan Sneha Nair	Losana Hay Marieta Ives Goury Nair

Cleaning: November 03 **Group 1**
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Counters: November 04, 2018
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,129.45 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$932.65 (for the parish)
 Planned Giving: \$1,026.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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



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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 125

R/ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever .

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Tim 1:110

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

(to continue in Feb 2019)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

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