



# 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 Twhog  
**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.

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 29th - 30th August 2015

### Pope Francis' New Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate

**LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" - "Praise be to you, my Lord."** These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Pope Francis addresses Laudato Si' to "every person on the planet," for we all share a common home—the earth. He focuses on a number of important themes:

**A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.

**Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.

**We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.

**Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it.

**Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.

**Technological and economic development must serve human beings** and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.

**Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.

**A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.

**Hope and Joy.** "Injustice is not invincible" (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How can you respond? How can we respond as a parish? Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption, recycling, renewable energy, simplicity of life to working for political change – to better care for our common home. Please start the ball rolling to seize the moment and prepare for a better future for the coming of God's Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. But first tell God about it! Fr Raass

### Daily Readings: starting 31 August

**Mon:** 1 Thess 4:13-18      Lk 4:16-30  
**Tues:** 1 Thess 5:1-6,9-11      Lk 4:31-37  
**Wed:** Col 1:1-8      Lk 4:38:44  
**Thur:** Col 1:9-14      Lk 5:1-11  
**Fri:** Col 1:15-20      Lk 5:33-39  
**Sat:** Col 1:21-23      Lk 6:1-5  
**Sun:** Is 35:4-7  
James 2:1-5      Mk 7:31-378

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



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

Georgina Gilbert, Veronica Edwards, Noel Lambourine, Rose Brand, Margie Heffernan, Teresa Ryder, M.K. Turner

### Recent Death:

Benedicto Chupungco (August 24)  
*May his soul rest in eternal peace.*

Please do not underestimate the power of communal prayer for the sick. However The "Sick List" will be updated at the end of each month. If you want a name re-instated or added, please call the office on 8952 1049 or send an email to the address listed below: [olsh.parish.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:olsh.parish.bulletin@gmail.com). - Fr Raas

### CYAS (Catholic Youth of Alice Springs)

A reminder to all young people of the parish that the parish youth is now gathering every Friday from 6:30pm onwards at the presbytery courtyard. Turn off your favorite show and come and enjoy an evening of fun, formation and prayer.

### 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 6-7pm 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

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

#### Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:30pm

#### Mothers' Praying for Your Children

Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

#### Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

### Year of Consecrated Life

**"Wake up the world! The Best of Life is Before Us".** On **Saturday, 5th September**, the priests, sisters and brothers of Central Australia will be spending a day reflecting upon consecrated life in the Church today. We would appreciate your prayers that day. The day will be completed with joining the Parish at the 6pm Mass.

The Mass will be based on the theme of this year – *Wake up the World*. During the Mass the priests, sisters and brothers will be invited to renew their commitment to God and God's people. All parishioners are invited to come and join in celebrating this wonderful witness of the lives of these men and women amongst us here in Alice Springs and Central Australia.

There will be a display of each Religious Order working in Central Australia at the back of the Church.

### Minor Improvements to Church Collection Procedures

In order to ensure that the collections and the Offertory procession are given their due respect, we are asking for families to consider taking on responsibility for this important aspect of our celebration at each Mass. This is seen as an opportunity for the younger members of our parish, or those not serving in other ministries, to become more involved. A 'family' may consist of mum, dad and the children, or simply be a group of friends who attend mass together. The only requirement is that there are four of you!

**If your 'family' is interested, please add your name and contact details to list at the back of the church or contact the parish office via email.** A gathering of interested families will be held soon. This is will be a family-based ministry and please inform other families to get involved.

### OLSH Parish Bible Sharing



A group of lay people and SVD priests are now gathering on Wednesdays at 6:15pm to be refreshed with God's Word through heartfelt sharing and spiritual encouragement.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28).

### OLSH College Scholarships and Bursaries Fund

The College Scholarships and Bursaries Fund was commenced during 1998 and since then has provided many families with financial support. Four of these awards are on-going, and are provided by the College and the Catholic Education Office. Your donation is a valuable investment in our children's future. Please consider investing in a child's future and help some struggling families at OLSH College. The Scholarship Donation Form is available at the back of the Church or call OLSH College.



### Falling In Love



Congratulations to **Mr Bevan Neil and Ms Alena Novo** on their upcoming wedding at OLSH Church on **4<sup>th</sup> September, Friday at 3:30pm**. May their future be filled with good health, happiness and lots of hugs and prayers. For your information, Mr Neil is an Arrenrte man and Ms Alena is Fijian.

All the best to a wonderful life of joining hands and hearts!

### Parish Notice Board

**A humble reminder to please ask for permission from the Parish Priest before you place any posters, pamphlets or advertisement on the Parish Notice Board or on the tables. Thank you.**

### 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.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

### Thank You

The OLSH Parish Priests and Parish Council wish to thank everyone who participated and contributed to the recent events of this month namely:

1. the Cross-Over Australia
2. the Disability Council "One Body in Christ" Holy Mass
3. the Formal Visit of His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo and Bishop Eugene
4. the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vinnies Good Works in Alice Springs
5. the First Communion Formation and Holy Mass
6. the OLSH College Assumption Masses
7. the RCIA Rites of Welcome and Acceptance and
8. the National Vocations Awareness Week.

It has been a hectic month for the parish yet a humble reminder that this is our common mission – to create a sort of parish in which all peoples are welcomed, acknowledged and encouraged. Keep up the good works and prayers.

On behalf of OLSH Parish, the Hospitality Committee would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in one way or another at the dinner for the Apostolic Nuncio.

A big thank you to all who donated food and helped with the decorations, program, food preparations, and cleaning up.

### Parish Pastoral Council NOMINATION FORMS

Dear Parishioners, this is your last chance to nominate someone you may think suitable for the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms can be found at end of pews. Please place completed forms in box near church entrance. Thank you

Nominations will remain open **until the 6th of September and voting will take place on the 19th and 20th of September.**

### OLSH College Annual Fete

All OLSH parishioners are invited to our OLSH College Fete to be held on **11<sup>th</sup> September, 5:30pm at Bath Street Campus.** Feel free to donate any unused treasure to the organizing committee at OLSH College. Come and support our Catholic College under the Marist Brothers' leadership whose long tradition is "to fashion good Christians and worthy citizens" (Saint Marcellin Champagnat, 1817).

**Planned Giving** — Our Parish is everyone's responsibility. If you wish to take part in the planned giving towards OLSH Parish, please contact the parish office 89521049 for a Planned Giving Pledge Form. Thank you.

**Saint of the Week – St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church (Sep 3)**

**Cleaning:** 5 September **Group 7**  
Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

**Counters:** 6 September 2015  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,699.35 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 2,179.15 (for the parish)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

### Father's Day Next Sunday

Australians will observe Father's Day on the first Sunday of September, next Sunday. It is a day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures. Father figures may include stepfathers, fathers-in-law, guardians (eg. foster parents), priests and family friends. We thank God for all our dads and father figures in our lives.

Please make next Sunday special and pray for all deceased fathers.

### Mother's Praying for your Children

Come join a new prayer group at OLSH Parish specific to praying for our children. Mother's Prayer Group has already commenced on **Thursdays**. The group will meet twice monthly, in a confidential setting, providing an opportunity for meditative prayer. The next prayer session will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4:00pm at the presbytery. This is a 30 minute quiet time for Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, etc.

Questions or concerns? See Marieta Ives or ring Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

### Did you know?

- Ritual purity had immense importance for the Jewish people. The laws governing washing probably originated in practices to ensure health and hygiene, but physical signs of impurity came to be seen as symbolic of a moral or spiritual imperfection.
- Judaism at the time of Jesus was made up of a number of different groups like Sadducees, Pharisees and Essenes. These groups sometimes held different beliefs but this did not cause undue problems because what held the Jews together was a belief in one God. Their unity was a stronger force than their diversity.
- The washing of the hands by a priest at Mass is a symbolic gesture of a desire for a pure heart.

### Diocesan Unity Magazine

The latest edition of Unity magazine has arrived. It contains news about the different parishes within the Diocese.

Please pick up a free copy from the back of the church.

*"Every perfect gift is from the Father."*

### Roster for weekend of 05-06 September 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Darryl Smith Leanne Dieckmann Marian Maddocks
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Fred Twohig	Kath McGargill Jo Molin	Greg Gilbert John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Kevin Hickmot	Precy Taylor Bridget Knight	Carmela Guthart Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Miguel Ociones	Andrzejs Skrzypiec Cristina Buenviaje	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Thampi Joseph

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**29th - 30th August 2015**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading:**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice to the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws, they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 14:2-5

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:**

St James 1:17-18,21-22,27

*Be doers of the word.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

*You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so tightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless; the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.