



# 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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## Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



“A mother who watches over her child with tenderness and compassion helps him or her to grow in confidence and to experience that the world is a good and welcoming place. This helps the child to grow in self-esteem and, in turn, to develop a capacity for intimacy and empathy. A father, for his part, helps the child to perceive the limits of life, to be open to the challenges of the wider world, and to see the need for hard work and strenuous effort. A father possessed of a clear and serene masculine identity who demonstrates affection and concern for his wife is just as necessary as a caring mother. There can be a certain flexibility of roles and responsibilities, depending on the concrete circumstances of each particular family. But the clear and well-defined presence of both figures, female and male, creates the environment best suited to the growth of the child.

**Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.5/175**



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019



## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr Binesh Joseph CST

## Parish Council Chairman

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## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br Tony Caddy FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Holroyd-Decosta, Knight

## Hospitality Coordinator

Losana Hay

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene

& Mr Manfred Casseeram

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## Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

## 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

## UNLESS YOU REPENT YOU WILL ALL PERISH AS THEY DID

In the past month we have been shocked by the shooting rampage in New Zealand. We also saw stunned people in Mozambique who in a few minutes lost everything they owned especially the hundreds of people who lost their lives when killer Cyclone Idai swept through the country. Two weeks ago, the Christian world and people of good will were shocked to hear of Cardinal George Pell's guilty verdict and prison sentence..

On a personal level, many of us struggle with private tragedies—loved ones who die untimely deaths, accidents that leave devastating consequences, children who suffer from birth defects or serious diseases.

Naturally, we always ask, “Why?” Why did this have to happen to this person? Perhaps the victim was a good, loving person or perhaps they deserve to die. Meanwhile we hear of those who live in relative happiness and prosperity. We question God's goodness and fairness. Sometimes we even doubt His existence. It's the classic philosophic problem of evil: How can an all-good and all-powerful God allow good people to suffer and wicked people to prosper?

The Lord Jesus gives us some answers to these difficult questions in the Gospel today from Luke 13:1-9 about the sins of some Galileans. Many were harshly judging them and deliberately clearing themselves of any wrong doing. From Jesus reply, we can surmise that these men were smugly thinking that those who suffered such tragedies were deserving of God's judgment, whereas the fact that they had been spared such tragedies meant that they were pleasing to God.

Their theology was like that of Job's comforters, who thought that Job was suffering because he had sinned. Jesus corrects this mistaken view by showing that we all are sinners worthy of God's judgment. Twice (13:3, 5) He drives home the application: Were those who suffered greater sinners? “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” Then Jesus tells a parable (13:6-9) that underscores the point: If *you* don't repent, *you* will soon face God's judgment.

Tragedies should teach us that since death and judgment are imminent, we need to be ready through true repentance.

True and sincere repentance bear good fruits. God gives us another chance in life, just as the gardener pleaded for the trees, to be given more time and produce fruits. It is up to us to be left barren or bear good fruits of love and faith for the Kingdom.

During this Season of Lent, let us all turn away from our past sins, wickedness, selfish actions and any moments when we have caused hurt and suffering in one another. How about expanding your vision to include creation? How about reading the Bible with the right pair of eyes and become less judgmental on people? “Be transformed by a renewal of your mind,” Paul says (Romans 12:2), which hopefully will allow the heart to soon follow.

Fr Raass PP

*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 25 March 2019**

**Mon:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

**Tues:** Dan 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35

**Wed:** Deut 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19

**Thu:** Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

**Fri:** Hosea 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

**Sat:** Hosea 5:15-6:6 Lk 18:9-14

**Sun:** Joshua 5:9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
2 Cor 5:17-21

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

My Wounded Hands	Friday 29 March, 6.15pm
Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday, 5 April 6:15pm
Stations on Renewable Energy	Friday, 12 April, 6:15pm
Stations with Refugees & Asylum Seekers	Friday, 7 April, 6:15pm

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

Jenny Leahy, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Virgie Gomugda Golfo, Tom Wyatt, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Felisa Sara, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Our Elect: **Joseph Shaw** will proceed through his **Period of Purification and Enlightenment** as follows:

- *1st Rite of Strengthening: at 7.30 am Mass 24/3/'19*
- *Presentation of the Creed and 2nd Rite of Strengthening at 7.30am Mass 31/3/'19*
- *3rd Rite of Strengthening : at 7.30am Mass 7/4/'19 and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer*

In Preparation for his **Sacraments of Initiation, Easter Vigil 20/4/2019**

All parishioners are invited to support our new member of OLSH Parish by your prayers and faith witness.

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Directress

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

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

**CUPPA FOR OUR 'GOLDEN JUBILEE' FUNDRAISING**

To kickstart our fundraising efforts to cover costs of the upgrading of our Church, members of our Parish are invited to set up a Direct Deposit by donating the cost of a cuppa, or a glass of beer each week for this good cause. Be a part of this truly Golden Jubilee initiative!

**DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS:**  
**Account Name:** OLSH Golden Jubilee Fundraiser  
**BSB:** 633.000  
**Account:** 165749565  
**Reference:** Your surname (if you wish)

If you do not have internet at home but would like to join this Parish fundraiser, please complete the *Direct Debit Details* below, place in an envelope, mark it 'Golden Jubilee' and place in one of the Offertory Collections at Mass.

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**DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS**  
**ACCOUNT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BSB:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Account:** \_\_\_\_\_

weekly/fortnightly/monthly (circle the period of your choice)

- 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

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to the Stations of the Cross being held every Friday @ 6:15pm, our Holy Hour & Benediction will be put on hold until the first Friday of Easter.

**Catholic Funerals Coming Up**

**Michael L Dodd**, R.I.P. (2nd April, 11:00am) & **Edward B Johnson**, R.I.P. (4th April, 10:00am)

**Ecumenical Lenten Services in 2019**

7pm on Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 27th March	Catholic Church, 4 Hartley St
Wednesday 3rd April	Uniting Church, Todd Mall
Wednesday 10th April	Lutheran Church, 49 Gap Rd

**Olsh Parish Youth Group**

Young people are invited to know Christ more deeply through our understanding of Jesus' values and how He cared for people in difficult situations. Youth group meets at 6:30pm every fortnight (2 weeks), the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. April 5th is our first get-together. -Sr Patricia FMM

**ST FRANCIS' RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CATECHESIS**

Any baptised students studying in government and/or non-Catholic schools and are ready for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, please come to your first session this coming Tuesday at St Francis Centre at Adamson Ave @ 7:00pm. Further details : Jenny Dietrich 8952 7010 or Fr Raass (08) 8952 1049.

**EXTERNAL RAMP COMPLETED**



The disability external Ramp at the back of the church is now completed. Cost:\$10k



**INTERNAL RAMP BEGINS**

The construction of the internal Ramp will begin this Monday, 25 March. Due to this, the morning and evening weekly Masses will be celebrated in the presbytery chapel from Monday to Friday 25-29 March. The Eucharist in the main tabernacle will also be transferred to the small chapel. Cost:\$17k

**BON VOYAGE FR ALEX**

After three years in Australia, Fr Alex will be taking his home leave in Chile this coming Saturday 30th March and back at the end of May 2019. Safe travel Fr Alex and have a wonderful time with your family.

**MISSING A PHONE?**

A new HTC phone has been found. Come & collect it.

**Cleaning:** March 30, 2019 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** March 31, 2019  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,080.15 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$603.75 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$816.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**TWENTY-ONE REFLECTION POINTS FROM THE RECENT MEETING OF POPE FRANCIS WITH LEADERS OF ALL PRESIDENTS OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCES**



*Holy See Press Feb 2019, Vatican City*

17. Be sure to have psychological evaluations by qualified and accredited experts for candidates for the priesthood and consecrated life.

18. Establish norms governing the transfer of a seminarian or religious aspirant from one seminary to another; as well as a priest or religious from one diocese or congregation to another.

19. Formulate mandatory codes of conduct for all clerics, religious, service personnel and volunteers to outline appropriate boundaries in personal relationships. Be specific about the necessary requirements for staff and volunteers and check their criminal record.

20. Explain all information and data on the dangers of abuse and its effects, how to recognize signs of abuse and how to report suspected sexual abuse. All this must take place in collaboration with parents, teachers, professionals and civil authorities.

21. Where it has not yet been in place, establish a group easily accessible for victims who want to report any crimes. Such an organization should have a certain autonomy with respect to the local ecclesiastical authority and include expert persons (clerics and laity) who know how to express the Church's attention to those who have been offended by improper attitudes on the part of clerics.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING**

Meeting on Saturday 9:30am, 30 March at the JP2 Hall.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE PLANNING TEAM**

Meeting next Sunday 31 March at 3:30pm at the JP2 Hall.

**Roster for weekend of March 30 - 31, 2019**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion Ministers</b>
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Pat Gallagher	Jeremy Jones P Rademaker	Ruth Sexton Fred Twohig Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Debbie Cooke	Emil Tabbada Mel Buenviaje	Virginia Loy Sammy Nobleza Br James Hodge
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Joel Tolentino	Pauline Otieno Jenny Dietrich	Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives Goury Nair

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Ps 24:15-16

**First Reading**

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you". But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you".' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "the Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you". This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

The word of the Lord  
Ps 102:1-4,6-8,11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R/** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 4:17

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!** Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 13:1-9

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation :**

TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: April 28, 2019

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**

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

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps** (facilitated by OLSH College)

Wednesdays from 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Yuendumu Aboriginal Mission (5hrs drive)**

2nd Wednesday of the month

**Children's Sunday School**

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**

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

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm, Mass on the 2nd Thurs of the Month

**Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry**

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

**Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs drive)**

4th Friday of the month

**Parish Council Meetings**

1st Thursday of the month from 6:15pm-8:00pm

**Finance Team Ministry**

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

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**

TBA

**Arrenrte Catholic Elders Bible Study:** Every

Thursdays from 10-12midday, lunch provided.

**CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)**

Sundays from 4:00pm—5:00pm

**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 in the main Church.

**Hospitality Ministry:** After every 9:30am Sunday Mass and during major events of the parish.

**Children's Choir:** Every Saturday's at 1:00pm in the main Church

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*