



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 Priest:
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
Resident Priests:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
Fr. Jim Knight SVD
Syro-Malabar Chaplain
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Liturgy Coordinator (New Role)
Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje
Parish Past. Council Chairman
Mr Fred Twohig
Parish Treasurer
Mr Kevin Hickmott
OLSH College Principal
Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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
1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the
month - 11am *Aboriginal*
Community Mass at South Terrace.
2nd Sunday of the month—11 am
Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna,
Southeast of Alice Springs, off the Ross High-
way.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:
Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Baptism: By appointment: one
month's notice required.
2nd Sunday of the month. Formation
of parents falls on the 1st Monday of
the month. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm
Marriage:
By appointment only, 6 months'
notice required.

Sunday of the Resurrection

5th April 2015

‘He Has Risen, He Is Not Here’

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

We meet on the most joyous day of the year. On Easter Vigil more than 400 bells in Rome and bells everywhere are ringing out the joyous news, “**Christ is risen!**”. And churches are jammed with worshippers – here you are. We are all members of His body “in Christ” as often told by St Paul. Indeed we are. And that means we are included in his victory over death, his resurrection. He is called the first born of the dead, and we are to follow. It is not as simple as just getting baptized and dying; in between, we have to join ourselves to God by goodness, love, faithfulness, compassion. And when we fail in this, we rely on the Divine Mercy (to be celebrated next Sunday). It’s not difficult to be raised to new life, to live forever with God. It’s just difficult to believe it.

The gospels of the Easter Vigil (Mark 16:1-7) and Easter morning speak of the empty tomb, and this is not enough. It is not an absence that we seek, but a presence. That is why all other Easter gospels are so important. They tell of that presence. Where? In various places. Outside the tomb where Mary Magdalene meets him (Mark 16:9-11). On the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12-13). In the upper room in Jerusalem (Luke 24:36-53). Up north, on the shore of Galilee, by the city of Tiberias (John 21:1-25) and to St Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19).

A cynical or show-me attitude does not work here. The Risen Christ is not strictly provable, but it is believable. And there is a certain kind of evidence. It begins with what happens to the disciples. They were convinced he was risen, and this conviction not only changed their lives but became the cornerstone of Christianity. Without that conviction that so radically changed them, we would not be in this OLSH Church today. The first disciples are literally our forebears in the Christian faith, these witnesses of the risen Christ. Belief in the Resurrection shaped their writing of the gospels – now has become the Good News.

As Catholics belief in the Resurrection is now not even a subject for debate; the belief was in place from the early church – now is the foundation of all else. **“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, your faith also is in vain”**, 1 Cor 15:14.

Happy glorious Easter!

Fr Raass
Parish Priest

Movement of OLSH Priests

Fr Prakash will be away in Darwin to participate in an “Enrich-Marriage Preparation” workshop from Wednesday 8 April to Saturday 11 April.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 06 April

Mon: Acts 2:14,22-33 Mt 28:8-15
Tues: Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thur: Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
Sun: Acts 4:32-35
1Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Colin Evers, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Tony Rilocapro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Tiffany Doughty, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Death: Irineo Rose Aquino

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Words of Wisdom - [St Edith Stein](#)

“The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are.”

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

EASTER TIME: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be the Sundays of Easter. GNLyc 22-24



Sing Alleluia



Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) & Novena

The 2015 Novena Divine Mercy runs from Holy Friday 3 April to Saturday 11 April 2015. You are encouraged to start the Novena at home on Friday 4 April and join the Holy Rosary Group at 5.00PM in the church from Monday 6 April to Friday 10 April to continue the Novena.

On Saturday 11 April, the Novena will be said at 10.30am in the church just before the 11.00am Mass. Novena booklets will be available at the back of the church.

OLSH PARISH INTER-CULTURAL FORMATION WORKSHOP - IN TWO WEEKS TIME.

OLSH Parish will not be tempted to live in mutual indifference or avoid enriching intercultural and interpersonal experiences. We are fortunate to invite **Fr Tim Norton SVD, former Provincial Superior of the Divine Word Missionaries and Director of NEMI Renewal Programmes, Rome, Italy,** to run a WORKSHOP on INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE that includes skills for interpersonal communication, conflict management and fraternal correction on **Saturday 18th April from 9:00am–4:00pm.** Representatives from various cultural and language groups, members of the Parish/Finance Council and leaders of various parish support groups are highly encouraged to attend. Donations only at the door to cover some Italian pizza! All welcome.

Requiem Mass this Week

9th April Thursday at 10:00am – Marie Tomlins, R.I.P.

10th April Friday at 10:00am – Richard Hoosan, R.I.P.

May their souls rest in eternal peace

Please pray for the relatives of the deceased.

CARITAS COLLECTION – FOOD FOR LIFE!

Running through the six weeks of Lent this year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, they could not do the vital work they do.

In 2014 \$11,000,000 was raised in Australia to help the world poorest communities. Please be informed that your collection boxes and packets of envelopes are now due. Place your Caritas offerings in any of the Sunday collection baskets when you're ready. Thank you.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish community AIDEN JOSEPH ROSS LANGCAKE, son of Gavin and Catherine Ross and DANIEL KOSILIO KALU NAUFAHU, son of Sini and Maria Naufahu who was baptised during the Easter Vigil Mass and MARK ANTHONY and MARIA CAMARATA, children of Antonino and Kelly Camarata who will be baptised on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies
A MASSIVE THANK YOU

The Parish Team and Parish Council wish to thank all who prepared and participated in the Holy Week & Easter Liturgies, especially those who generously donated their time, talent and treasure.

A word of thanks goes to Sr Mary Bennett, our Parish Liturgy Coordinator and her support team for the good leadership and hard work during the Triduum celebrations. A word of thanks is due to the persevering choir members, soloists, musicians, power-point operators, cleaners, those who donated flowers, altar servers, readers, special ministers, commentators, Campfire in the Heart, Missionaries of Charity and you—your presence makes all the difference.

Thank you for keeping the light of Christ consciously before you. **THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH ARE ALSO GRATEFUL** to those who contribute to the parish collections from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday including the Caritas and Good Friday collections for the Holy Land.

Parish Prison Ministry

“When I was in prison you visited me”- Jesus Christ

OLSH Parish has been ministering at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre for many years on a weekly and monthly basis.

We are looking for volunteers to provide some pastoral care and liturgy of the word for our brothers and sisters locked up in jail. Did you know that Aboriginal people represent only 3% of the total population, yet more than 28% of Australia’s prison populations are Aboriginal. You don’t need to have relatives in jail to pay them a visit. Jesus has stated clearly and unreservedly the direct relationship between him and prisoners.

Please inform one of the priests if God is calling you to take up this exciting challenge.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Easter Triduum (which means ‘three days’) lasting from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday evening, is the climax of the Church’s year.
- Good Friday and Easter Saturday are the only days of the year on which Mass is not celebrated.
- The women come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus early on Sunday morning because it is the first chance they have to do so as the Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and ends at sunset on Saturday.



Cleaning: 11 April Group 2

Goury Nair, Babu Joseph, Sibi Thampi, Seena

Counters: 12 April 2015

Walter & Pat Litvensky

Last Week’s Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,661.05 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 3,154.50 (for the parish)

Special Collection \$1,476.95 (for Vanuatu appeal)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

LITURGICAL NOTES

The fundamental importance of Sunday has been recognised through two thousand years of history and was emphatically restated by the Second Vatican Council: ‘Every seven days, the Church celebrates the Easter mystery. This is a tradition going back to the Apostles, taking its origin from the actual day of Christ’s Resurrection - a day thus appropriately designated “The Lord’s Day”’

WORLD YOUTH Day, 14th July – 5th August 2016

Krakow, Poland

The 30th WYD will be celebrated internationally again next year in Krakow, Poland. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will be from **14th July – 5th August 2016** and will take the footsteps of Pope John Paul II and other Polish Saints across the country, before experiencing the Days in the Diocese and WYD programs. Our Darwin pilgrims details will go online in April 2015 via the national website – www.wyd.org.au

This is a faith formational opportunities for any young person. Please contact any of the OLSH priests if you’re interested. Otherwise please start praying for the Catholic Youth of Alice Springs (CYAS). Youth activities will begin soon.

OLSH Parish On-Going Formation Programme

Please mark these dates and formative events in your diary:

| Workshop Speaker & Facilitator | Theme | Date & Venue |
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| Fr Tim Norton SVD (Director of Nemi Programmes, Rome, Italy) | Intercultural & Interpersonal Relations | April 18 th at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm |
| Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW) | ‘The Joy of the Gospel’, Pope Francis’ Theology and Leadership | July 18 th at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm |

♥ **Saint of the Week – St Stanislaus (April 11)** ♥

Roster for weekend of 11-12 April 2015

| | Commentator | Readers | Special Ministers |
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| Sat 6:00 pm | Greg Gilbert | Sue Bain Binu Katherine | Leanne Dieckmann Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks |
| Sun 7:30 am | Jenny Montefiore | Jo Molin Kath McGargill | Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp Carmel Leonard |
| Sun 9:30 am | Bro Tony Caddy | Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno | Carmela Guthhart Virginia Loy Mark Bensted |
| Sun 5:30 pm | Mel Buenviaje | Pat Monaghan Mike Williams | Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Marieta Ives |

SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION

5th April 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

The First Reading:

Acts 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117

R/ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.