



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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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

01st - 02nd November 2014

All Souls' Day

ETERNAL REST ...

From Sunday Reflection by Fr. Eugene Lobo, SJ



From the early days, Christians have prayed for the dead and have undertaken works of penance and mercy on their behalf. There is scriptural basis for this intercessory prayer for the sins of others and for the dead in the Old Testament. Job's sacrifices purified his sons. Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead that they are

delivered from their sins. The tradition in the Church of having Masses said for the dead began in the earliest times.

The Church prays for the faithful departed throughout the entire year during mass. However, All Souls Day is the general, solemn day of commemoration, when the Church remembers, prays for and offers requiem masses for the faithful departed, now in their state of purification. Tradition tells us that Christians have always been praying for their departed brothers and sisters to remain in communion with them. Early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest to the ancientness of prayers for the dead, even if the Church needed more time to develop a substantial theology behind this practice. Praying for the dead is actually borrowed from Judaism, as indicated in the second book of Maccabees. In the New Testament, St Paul prays for his departed friend Onesiphorus to receive divine mercy as we read in second Timothy. Early Christian writers Tertullian and St. Cyprian testify to the regular practice of praying for the souls of the departed.

Death is painful and can awaken feelings that are powerful, changing and compelling. The experience of death hurts us as it invites the person to imagine the afterlife, the longing to be with the divine and to enter into a new experience. On this day we are faced with the mystery of death and we are reminded of the promise of resurrection and eternal life. Today's liturgy emphasizes the paschal character of Christian death and places in relief the resurrection of Christ as the hope of our own resurrection and new life. St Paul assures us, as he instructs the Thessalonian converts that we believe Jesus died and rose again and likewise our dear ones also will rise. We believe that God will bring with Jesus all people to himself, persons who have died believing in him. When a person dies and the body is buried it is mortal. But when raised from the dead it will be immortal, a spiritual body. Our respect for the dead specifies our respect for all human life which comes from God. The feast of All Souls is a reminder that they are members of the Communion of Saints, have been saved and will one day be in heaven.

In his Homily on the All Souls Day, Pope Benedict XVI said that our souls turn again to these last things as we commemorate all the faithful departed, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and sleep in peace. It is very important for us Christians to live our relationship with the dead in the truth of faith, and to look at death and the afterlife in the light of Revelation. On All Souls' Day, we ask God for mercy on those who have died. We pray for an ever deeper and abiding awareness of the steadfast love of God expressed through Jesus Christ.

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 Highway.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

Daily Readings: starting 03 November

Mon: Phil 2:1-4 Lk 14:12-14
Tues: Phil 2:5-11 Lk 14:15-24
Wed: Phil 2:12-18 Lk 14:25-33
Thu: Phil 3:3-8 Lk 15:1-10
Fri: Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 16:1-8
Sat: Phil 4:10-19 Lk 16:9-15
Sun: Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12
 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Sean Heenan, Teresa Fedelli, Mary Dick, Duncan Lynch, Isobel Laverty, Janice Loria Lazo, Margaret McNaught, Rita Knchel, Graciano Mercado, Kevin Feed, Penelope Sleming, Hermon Tirkey, Tilde Cabantog, Benedicto J Chupungco, Eileen Sanvictores, Manuel Sarangay, Alice Costa, Do Quyen, Paul Rindahl, Gwyneth Allwright, Kathleen Williams, Lafie Saanga, Dianne McGinn, Georgina Gilbert, Editha Baslot, Ann Vernon, Kevin Edwin, Paul Manard, Heather Cent, Jala Breanna, Singmia Fofung, Colleen Langcake, Cathy Golotta, Marissa Johnston, Allison Burgess, Rosemarie Schnell, Bill Sims, Antonio Mutia, Gill Dew, Mark McGinley, Patricia Wyatt, Lorraine Gore, Peter Strachan, Gary Brenton, Glen Clarke, Imblisa, May Lee Shah, Bill Costa, Maria Lourdes Sacramento.

May the Lord grant them healing.

For the Dead:

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

The Communion of Saints

From 'At Home with God's People'

One of the most beautiful and consoling doctrines of the Catholic church is what we call the 'Communion of Saints'. This is the Church's teaching to the effect that there is an unbreakable bond between the Church on earth, the saints in heaven, and those experiencing purgatory. Each year in the Church's liturgical calendar, two successive days of celebration bring this truth home to us. On November 1st we honour all the saints in heaven, not only canonized saints—those who have been officially declared by the Church to be with God because of their lives of evident holiness—but all who have gone before us to share God's eternal happiness. They include those relatives and friends whom we have known and loved in this life.

On November 2nd, the Church celebrates All Souls' Day, and on this day we pray for our relatives, friends and others who have passed from this life to eternity. The Church teaches that the dead may profit from our prayers as they pass through purgatory. This practice of praying for the dead is mentioned in the pre-Christian book of Maccabees (2 Mac 12:43-46).

If we understand purgatory not in terms of a time of detention, but in terms of a passage from the selfishness of this life to the full love of heaven, we might ask how our prayers help those who experience purgatory. But we pray with faith, believing that somehow in God's goodness and in the mystery of eternity, our prayers have made their passage to God less painful.

It is helpful to understand that all prayer is ultimately a gift inspired by the Spirit and that all our prayers share in the great prayer and intercession of Christ. The living and dead are bound by a communion of love—not by time and space. We do not pray for those who have died in order to persuade God to be more merciful. Rather, God inspires us to pray so that we might share in the salvation of each other.

Many Christians have already begun the process of preparing for death in their own lives, since they see their eternal destiny always before them. Paul shares with us the fact of his death, and who has already accepted the fact of his death, and who even looks forward to that moment with some longing: *For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.* (Philip 1:21-24)

REMINDER: A Prayer Service for all who have gone before us to eternal rest will be held at the **Alice Springs Garden Cemetery** on **Sunday, 2 November, at 6.00 pm.** Please bring a candle with you.

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer
Monday to Friday 6:45am

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

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

Words of Wisdom – St Peter Julian Eymard

“He loves, He hopes, He waits. If He came down on our altars on certain days only, some sinner, on being moved to repentance, might have to look for Him, and not finding Him, might have to wait. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep him waiting one instant.”

WELCOME!

Welcome to Jaquelyn Loraine Corby, the daughter of Brian and Siony Corby, who was baptised last Sunday.

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

Parish Diary

Sunday 02 November
All Souls' Day

Monday 03 November

Tuesday 04 November
• Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm

Wednesday 05 November

Thursday 06 November

Friday 07 November

Saturday 08 November

Sunday 09 November
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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DID YOU KNOW

- A yoke is an apparatus placed across the shoulder of oxen, which hitches them to a wagon. This distributes the weight of the load and makes it easier to bear.
- The opening line of this text, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth,' is a familiar blessing in the Jewish faith.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

You may have noticed that our Parish has a new website. The address is: **www.olshparishalicesprings.org.au**

It has been designed by our parishioner, Noble Jose, to whom we are very grateful for the wonderful work. The website is operated by our Parish Secretary, Mel Buenviaje. Among other information there you can find our weekly Parish Bulletin. Welcome to the website!

Evangelii Gaudium

"...people prefer to listen to witnesses: they 'thirst for authenticity' and 'call for evangelisers to speak of a God whom they themselves know and are familiar with, as if they were seeing him.'"

Par 150 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

FORTHCOMING EVENT

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday 23 November, the 9:30 am Mass will be a multicultural Mass. We will also say 'Good bye' to all parishioners who will be moving out of our Parish during the summer holidays.

REMEMBRANCE WALK

About 30 parishioners took part in the Remembrance Walk to the Telegraph Station on Saturday morning, 1 November, remembering and praying for their loved ones and for our parishioners who died in the last year. Fr. Elmer Ibarra, SVD conducted the prayer service. Thank you to all who joined in the walk and those who provided some refreshments afterwards. The weather was excellent and the participants enjoyed the walk very much. It was good for the soul and for the body!

MASS: ACTION OF CHRIST

The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and of the people of God arrayed hierarchically, is that centre of the whole Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful, individually. For in it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit.

Cleaning: 08 November **Group 4**
Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford

Counters: 09 November
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,193.95 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$2,124.30 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

Roster for weekend of 08 / 09 November 2014

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Patricia Litvensky Walter Litvensky	Rose Sabadin Leane Dieckmann Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	Rita Steller Carmel Leonard Mike Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Kevin Hickmott	Ron Wallace Precy Taylor	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Carmela Guthart
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Anthony Hay Jad Daet	Thomas J John Cristina Buenviaje Marieta Ives

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

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Entrance Antiphon: 1 Thess 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord will destroy Death for ever

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1,4,7-9,13-14 **R/** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to mere children.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 11:25-26

I Am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.