



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. John Quang SVD (until late February)

Resident Priest:

Fr. Vincent Mai SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Fred Twohig

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 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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

24th - 25th January 2015

'Change Your Life and Believe in some Awesome Good News'



One thing I have noticed is that Jesus does not tend to give 'nice' speeches or 'motivational' talks like a rugby coach. I have heard many motivational and inspirational talks from many good people. Sometimes my life is touched and inspired. Millions of people around the world have had their lives touched and changed by great motivational speakers like Tony Robbins and Robert Kiyosaki. They have been inspired to follow their dreams, to succeed in business, to develop a positive attitude and have more fun in life.

What is factually true about Jesus' life goes beyond any 'inspirational' and 'motivational' messages of today. Jesus is about shaking my foundations, giving me an utterly alternative image of myself, how I perceive the world and people, and my image of God, and hence reframing my entire reality. Jesus' message is much more than craving an emotional fix like smoking a cigarette or a cup of coffee to satiate the void.

Thus the essential message of Jesus' Kingdom is in today's Gospel, "**The Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.**" Or simply "CHANGE YOUR LIFE, AND BELIEVE IN SOME VERY AWESOME GOOD NEWS", Mark 1:14-20 (my translation).. This is about CHANGE not changes. It's about radical discipleship where one is totally consumed to 'to leave their nets' and follow Him. It is life totally transformed that "**I live no longer my own life, but the life of Christ who lives in me**" (Gal 2:20).

Do make some time this week to contemplate Jesus' invitation to **REPENT and BELIEVE!**

What is the big rub for you if Jesus' is calling you today? Are you being called to an ultimate surrendering, dying to false self, and letting go? Would you and I be willing to face the full cost of commitment while freedom lasts?

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

Parish Priests' Movements

Fr Raass will be in Daley River (Nauiyu) from 27th to 29th January to facilitate a spiritual retreat for St Francis Xavier School Staff.

Daily Readings: starting 26 January

Mon: Is 32:15-18
 1 Cor 12:4-11 Mt 5:2-12

Tues: Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35

Wed: Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20

Thu: Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25

Fri: Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

Sat: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Mk 4:35-41

Sun: Deut 18:15-20
 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Lorraine 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, Daphne Dilleen, Colleen Matson, David Woods, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux. **May the Lord grant them healing.**

OLH Church Assistive Listening Devices

Please be informed that we have a listening system installed to make your worship a more fulfilling experience. Hard-of-hearing parishioners may see Fred (Parish Council Chairman) to assist you on a FM assistive listening device before the Mass. Do pass on the message.

Evangelii Gaudium

“In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor.” Par 191 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

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

Pope Francis in the Philippines

A few days ago Pope Francis, moved by the tears of an abandoned child, said the world needed to “learn how to cry” over the plight of the millions of poor, hungry, homeless and abused children. “I invite each one of you to ask yourselves, 'Have I learned how to weep, how to cry when I see a hungry child, a child on the street who uses drugs, a homeless child, an abandoned child, an abused child, a child that society uses as a slave?'" he said (Vatican News). How do we translate his words into action in Central Australia?

Feast Day of the Week –St Angela Merici, virgin (January 27)



In a week when the Church marks the feast days of the priest St John Bosco (January 31) and also Sts Timothy and Titus (in Australia, we mark their feast day on January 27 while in New Zealand it is celebrated the day before), it would be easy to let the feast of St Angela Merici pass unnoticed. However, the founder of the Ursuline Sisters deserves to be acknowledged for her legacy of providing education to young Italian girls in

the early 16th century.

“When she was 56, Angela Merici said "No" to the Pope. She was aware that Clement VII was offering her a great honor and a great opportunity to serve when he asked her to take charge of a religious order of nursing sisters. But Angela knew that nursing was not what God had called her to do with her life.

She had just returned from a trip to the Holy Land. On the way there she had fallen ill and become blind. Nevertheless, she insisted on continuing her pilgrimage and toured the holy sites with the devotion of her heart rather than her eyes. On the way back, she had recovered her sight. But this must have been a reminder to her not to shut her eyes to the needs she saw around her, not to shut her heart to God's call. All around her hometown she saw poor girls with no education and no hope. In the 15th and 16th century that Angela lived in, education for women was for the rich or for nuns.”

This extract, from an article about St Angela at Catholic Online, is worth reading in full. If you have the space, perhaps share the story with your congregations. If not, simply provide the link below for them to follow up at their leisure. http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=21

Funeral Held this Week

Mr. David Michael Morton, R.I.P. He was born in Sydney at Cambertown Hospital and died at the age of 37. He was married to Rebecca Morton for 22 years and both moved to Central Australia seven years ago with their children Ashley, Alana, Corey, Page and Tarcey. The funeral service was conducted by Fr Raass. “I have no words to say except David loved me so much and he was a good dad” (Rebecca).

Sr Barbara Ling FMM, R.I.P. God called her to rest at 99yrs old, a member of our OLSH parish for 20 years. During her time she was involved with Catechetics in the Government schools, the Secular Franciscans, the Home of the Aged and general parish work. ‘Go well and enjoy the fruits of your labour, rest in peace’.

WELCOME!

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!

**Indian Independence Day
26th January**

OLSH Parish congratulates our Indian parishioners as they mark India becoming a republic on January 26, 1950. The church and society are more richer because of your diverse languages, cultures, arts, religions, herbs and spices. Enjoy the local celebrations.

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD, Visa Approval

For your information, Fr Prakash Menezes SVD has been granted his immigration visa from India and will arrive at OLSH Parish hopefully in mid-February. He has been assigned to minister full-time in this parish by Bishop Eugene while Fr Oliver SVD is still stuck in Vanuatu.

OLSH College & St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre

Welcome back to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College and St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre Staff and Students as they commence classes on Thursday 29th January. We wish Br Mathew Green FMS and Mr. Ben Ebert and their leadership team all the blessings for 2015. May justice, love and peace reign in the hearts of each person at both learning centers. All the best!

Synod Survey

For those who did not receive a copy of the Synod Survey on the family, please pick up a copy at the entrance of the Church. Survey closes at 1st February 2015.

OCHRE CARD REGISTER

It is mandatory for people who have contact or potential contact with children to hold a Working with Children Clearance Notice. This is designed to keep children safe by preventing those who pose a risk to the safety of children from working with them. Hence, a humble reminder to all volunteers and employees of OLSH parish, OLSH College, St Joseph's Staff working with children to renew their Ochre Card or get a new one. For further information: **Phone:** Freecall: 1800 SAFE NT (1800 72 33 68 - Australia wide callers only) or (08) 8985 8985

Cleaning: 31 January **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde
Counters: 01 February 2015
Carmel Leonard

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,014.60 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,537.60 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH January



Australia Day falls on January 26th and commemorates the establishment of the first European settlement at Port Jackson, now part of Sydney, in 1788. It is an opportunity for Australians to come together to celebrate this country and culture. Let us also remember the Indigenous Australians who often feel that the celebrations on Australia Day exclude them and their culture.



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Roster for weekend of 31 Jan / 01 Feb 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Binu Katherine Sue Bain	Christine Grant Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Margaret McNaught Pushpa Vida	Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp Carmel Leonard
Sun 9:30 am	Bro Tony Caddy	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Carmela Guthard Helena Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Cristina Buenviaje Frenchesca Ives	Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Marietta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 95:1-6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 24:4-9

R/ Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29 -31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come; he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’ As he was walking along the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.