



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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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

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Resident Priests:

Fr. Vincent Mai SVD

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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

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month

- 11am *Aboriginally* 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.

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, 12 months' notice required.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 5th - 6th September 2015

“He has done all things well.”

This exclamation, which comes as a response to Jesus' miracle, is really a profession of faith. Jesus has brought healing, wholeness, salvation. He has raised up what was broken and restored the people's ability to communicate.

In the early traditions of the bible we read the story of the tower of Babel. The people had become rich and presumptuous of their technical knowledge and skills. What was the result? They no longer understood one another. They spoke to one another a confusing and strange language. That is why they got also estranged from one another.

This is something we experience very strongly: that people no longer understand one another! Real communication no longer exists.

It used to be that neighbours sought each other's company. They visited their neighbor and played cards; they helped one another at the occasion of birth and deaths. They 'understood' one another. Now with the rise in technology and disco lights, people remain speechless with the deafening noise and endless entertainment that excludes conversation.

Today's gospel tells the story of the healing of a man who was excluded from the community. He could hear not a thing, he couldn't say anything, he lived in isolation. The way Jesus healed this man is remarkable. The miracle shows how human you have to become if you want to draw someone out of his isolation. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. The spittle heals him. Jesus gives this man the power to speak and helps him to connect with other people. Jesus brings him closer to people and the ability to communicate.

I know there are so many neurotic people in our day, it is because they are scared of others and scared of themselves. Fear makes them deaf and dumb, so that they suffocate in their isolation. Jesus invites us today to use our eyes and ears well so that we can live together with others and open ourselves to others. When we learn to accept one another there is unheard-of power for growth. People who have liberated one another are strongly united and there everything becomes possible.

Fr Raass SVD, Parish Priest

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

A call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

“Leave room for wandering and migrating species by creating ‘biological corridors;’ don't let dams, highways, and construction lead to their extinction.” (Par 35)

- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Father's Day This Sunday

Australians observe Father's Day on the first Sunday of September, this 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 this Sunday special and pray for all deceased fathers.

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 **11th 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).

Mother's Praying for your Children

Come join the prayer group at OLSH Parish specific to praying for our children. Mother's Prayer Group meets twice monthly, in a confidential setting, providing an opportunity for meditative prayer. The prayer session takes place 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?

- 'Ephphatha' is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was a commonly spoken Semitic language and probably the language spoken by Jesus.
- The gospels were written in Greek but we sometimes encounter evidence of an earlier written Aramaic source of stories about Jesus or evidence at least of earlier oral traditions which preserve the Aramaic sayings of Jesus.
- 'The deaf hearing and the dumb speaking are signs of the coming of the Messiah and the advent of the kingdom of God. Jesus the Messiah is bringing the kingdom of God to fulfilment now!

Cleaning: 12 September Group 8

Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

Counters: 13 September 2015

Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,402.00 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 2,969.10 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

OLSH Parish On-Going Adult Formation

OLSH Parish has secured two well-informed theologians for two nights of adult formation for all parishioners. Please do make use of these opportunities to update and deepen your faith in God's Mission.

Date, Time & Venue	Speaker	Speaker's Background	TOPIC
5 October 7pm-8:30pm OLSH Church	Fr Christian Tauchner SVD	Born in Austria in 1956, Top Class theologian from Vienna University, Masters in Mass Communication Research. Chief Editor of Stadt Gottes, Austria, Missiological Institute, St Augustine, Germany	Mission and Ecology
7 October 7pm-8:30pm OLSH Church	Fr Lazar T Stanislaus SVD	PhD in Missiology from Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Director of Ishvani Kendra - Institute of Missiology and Communications, Pune. Former President of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists	Mission in the Multi-Religious Context.

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 which gives options such as 1) Envelope Contributions; 2) Direct Debit Deductions; 3) Credit Card Deductions. Please also remember the parish in your estate planning and will. Thank You.

"The Lord keeps his word and is forever faithful"

Roster for weekend of 12-13 September 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Leonie Smith Binu Katherine	Darryl Smith Christine Grant Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Joanne Pulsford Tony Whitelum	Kath McGargill John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Preycy Taylor Bridget Knight	Carmela Guthart Virginia Loy Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Denise Simon Pat Monaghan	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

5th - 6th September 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to the faint-hearted, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame will leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wastelands, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 145:7-10

R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

St James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest. Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.