



# 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



## Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family**

“At times we have also proposed a far too abstract and almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of real families. This excessive idealization, especially when we have failed to inspire trust in God’s grace, has not helped to make marriage more desirable and attractive, but quite the opposite” *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.2, #36. Question: Many Catholic couples are responding as best as they can to the Gospel amid their limitations. How are we encouraging them to the work of grace?

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## 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. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

## Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene

& Mr Manfred Casseeram

## 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

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month

- 11am Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—

11 am Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs,

off the Ross Highway.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A  
6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## THE ROLE OF SHEPHERDING

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd has been extremely popular in Christianity and general piety. In one sense this is a comforting image – the good leader who lovingly provides for his flock, the one who even puts his life in the line for their sake.

At a wedding reception last year, a waiter came up and said, “My name is Mike, and I’ll be your waiter this evening”, unlike Jesus who calls us by name, not for business profit but for our own sake, because he loves us.

But let’s not get too sentimental about the image of the Good Shepherd. Let’s not forget that he “was made to suffer,” who “brought our sins to the cross,” and of us his followers, who care called to repent and reform our lives and follow in his footsteps. “You must repent”, Peter boldly proclaimed (Acts 2). So the Good Shepherd interpretation could not tolerate and sustain a theology of docile-sheep Catholics blindly following designated leaders.

The image of the Good Shepherd is a call to authentic discipleship for all Catholics, based on a personal relationship with Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, and characterized by loving service. Without these qualities, leaders of churches and pastoral ministries become subject to condemnation as thieves and terrorists.

This is also a humble reminder to all leaders of ministries, parish councillors, teachers and priests – our leadership is judged not on some intrinsic worth due to position or authority but by its faithfulness to Jesus way of governance e.g. humility not ego-centred service, putting others first etc. Shepherds of the Church must be ready to change their lives for the common good and obviously suffering is part of the package of shepherding. If you’re ready to lead, then be ready to suffer like the rest of Jesus’ disciples. Enduring amidst difficulty in ministries is a mark of a faithful follower. Christian leaders never give up on their sheep. Parishioners never give up on their priests because God never gives up on anyone. Don’t be afraid, Jesus will give us the courage to face what needs to be faced.

So where am I in this passage?

Lets not only consider ourselves as the sheep with Jesus as our Shepherd, but we could also consider all of us in the shepherd role to help the Good Shepherd lead everyone to the freedom of God’s children so that “all may have life to the full” (John 10:10).

Fr Raass SVD

*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 08 May 2017**

**Mon:** Acts 11:1-18                      Jn 10:11-18  
**Tues:** Acts 11:19-26                    Jn 10:22-30  
**Wed:** Acts 12:24-13:5                    Jn 12:44-50  
**Thu:** Acts 13:13-25                      Jn 13:16-20  
**Fri:** Acts 13:26-33                      Jn 14:1-6  
**Sat:** Acts 13:44-52                      Jn 14:7-14  
**Sun:** Acts 6:1-7  
              1 Pet 2:4-9                            Jn 14:1-12

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



**Annual OLSH Parish Weekend Retreat**

In response to Pope Francis' request to open ourselves up to "The Joy of Love", especially in our families, a team of parents, facilitated by Sr. Helen Kennedy and Mrs. Ruth Sexton, are planning this Weekend Retreat at St. Francis Centre, 1 Adamson Ave.: evening August 18th through to midday August 20th. Come and explore with us the beauty and complications of family life today. Contact Sr. Helen 0448856323 for more details.

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

Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Amoris Laetitia**

“In order to avoid all misunderstanding, I would point out that in no way must the Church desist from proposing the full ideal of marriage, God’s plan in all its grandeur.” (307) *Amoris Laetitia*

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month’s notice required.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.

**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 Fridays from 6-7pm and 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 -7:30pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Children’s Sunday Liturgy of the Word**

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**OLSH PARISH PILGRIMAGE, 50<sup>TH</sup> Golden Jubilee**

The PPC has recently endorsed a proposal to include a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy land and Italy as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee of OLSH Church. Please start saving up if you want to be part of this spiritual journey. Proposed departure date is early October 2018. More details at the notice board at the back of the church. Indicative cost per person is \$10,290 (incl.tax) excluding single room supplement. Contact Fr Raass or Tina Buenviaje for more information.



**Collections Made Easier (Bank to Bank)**

Are you tired of scrambling for offering money on the way to OLSH church? Want to be more ‘organised’ with your giving? OLSH Parish has for many years’ two approaches which are more convenient, flexible and confidential way of giving to OLSH Parish namely, via a direct debit system and planned giving. The forms for a bank to bank transfer are available at the back of the church. You simply authorize a regular offering from your bank to the parish account. The other is using planned envelopes every week. Easy! Feel free to call the presbytery or any Finance Team to answer any of your questions. Thank you for ongoing support for the parish.



**Multicultural Mass, PENTECOST:**  
**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

On Pentecost Sunday, the last day of the Easter Season, OLSH Parish will once again celebrate the Church's birthday, and yours as well. Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. As usual the priests invite all cultural and national groups to celebrate their identities by participating in our multicultural Pentecost Mass, the meal of any foods and cultural entertainment afterwards. The Liturgy Team and Hospitality Team will soon be calling all nations in the parish to participate. Please start preparing.

**WELCOME!**

OLSH Parish also WELCOMES all new parishioners and their families. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to any of the priests or members of the Parish Council. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and contribute to the reign of God in Central Australia.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Pastoral Council Minutes, Month of May



- Endorsed a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy as part of the OLSH Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee Celebrations. All parishioners are invited to consider this opportunity. Travel to take place in October of 2018;
- Communication with the parish body to be improved;
- Additional Newsletters to assist in the flow of information from PPC to parish body;
- Prioritise Golden Jubilee projects. Consultation with parishioners to begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> proposed project: Ramp and hand rails access for people with a disability;
- Deliberated on a better platform, flowchart and structure to deal with interpersonal grievances amongst parishioners;
- Calling parishioners to be part of the Parish Assembly Preparation Team;
- Considered how the parish could make a public and personal commitment on Laudato Si on the Feast Day of St Francis, 4<sup>th</sup> October;
- Affirms the following focus for Common Home Carers ministry within our OLSH parish supported by our SJAG;
- Encourages all parishioners to prayerfully consider the Global Catholic Climate Movement's call for each of us and invest into renewable energy;
- PPC invites all parents to consider sending their young adults to the Friday night CYAS's gathering;
- Parishioners to show full support to our Arrernte Catholics worshipping in the main Church;

#### Mother's Day, May 13-14



All fathers are being organized to serve coffee, tea and biscuits to the moms of our parish after every mass next weekend. And dads/kids are also encouraged to bring "goodies" to serve to the mums and help clean up and set up for the next mass. Let's thank God for all our mums for the special gift of motherhood.

#### Friday Eucharistic Adoration



The Adoration and Benediction has resumed at 6:00 pm every Friday after the Mass. Come and make a commitment to spend an hour and thank Jesus for the gift of life. Happy are those who love him because they know him.

**Cleaning:** May 13, 2017 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Marissa Corcuera, Mel&Tinna Buenviaje  
**Counters:** May 14, 2017  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp  
**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,492.15 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,140.15 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$835.00  
Caritas Australia Project Compassion: \$1,401.80

*Thank you for your kind generosity!*

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

### OLSH PARISH UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

#### YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	



#### OLSH PARISH PROGRAMME May 13th Saturday

On Saturday May 13th, next week, we will celebrate the 100 Years of Our Lady's Apparitions in Fatima.

<b>9:00am - 10:00am</b>	Silent Eucharist Exposition, Benediction, Rosary & Family Intentions
<b>10:00am—10:45am</b>	<i>A Talk "What the Catholic Church Teaches About Jesus' Mother?" - Fr Raass</i>
<b>11:00am—12:15pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass of Our Lady of Fatima &amp; Sacrament of Confession</b>
<b>12:15pm - 1:30pm</b>	Lunch for all & rest
<b>1:30pm—2:30pm</b>	Bible Sharing
<b>3:00pm - 4:00pm</b>	Divine Mercy Recitation & Meditative Readings of Our Lady's Messages in Fatima 100 Years Ago
<b>6:00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>7:00pm</b>	Candle Procession of Our Lady's Statue

#### Divest from Fossil Fuels – Reinvest in Renewable Energy:

Would you move your money to banks that support renewable energy rather than fossil fuels? Would you like our parish & our Catholic institutions in Central Australia to divest from banks that will profit from funding the proposed NT gas pipeline or Adani coal project in Queensland? And then re invest in Renewable Energy?

#### Roster for weekend of 13 - 14 May 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	M Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Bill Rainnie	Greg Gilbert Sherin Anthony John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Pauline Otieno	Preycy Taylor Richelle Tabbada	Bruce Were Losana Hay Pauline Otieno
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Emil Tabbada Mary McPhee	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A**  
**6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

cf. Ps 32:5-6

**First Reading:**

Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:14.36-41

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ .*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 22:1-6

**R/** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:**

1 Peter 2:20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

John 10:1-10

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sundays: 11th June, 2017, 30th July, 2017

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**  
1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am  
at Desert Life Church

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps**  
Wednesdays from 7:00pm-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

**Parish Council Meetings**  
1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**  
Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall

**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

**Finance Team Ministry**  
1st Saturday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

**CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)**  
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

**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 at 40  
South Terrace and the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above  
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and partici-  
pate in God's Mission.*

*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*

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