



# 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:

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Fred Twohig

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## 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.

## 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.

## First Sunday of Advent Year B

29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November 2014

## BE WATCHFUL

*From Sunday Reflections by Fr. Eugene Lobo, SJ*



In the Church's celebration of the mystery of Christ, during the closing Sundays of the past liturgical year we looked forward to the final coming of Jesus. Jesus is going to come in glory to judge all people and take the righteous for their reward.

Today we are beginning a new Church year and we have a marvellous mixture of the end and beginning of the universe and of human person. The first Sunday of Advent invites us to be ready to receive the Lord who is going to come. This is the time of waiting and we await the one who is certain to come to us. We must be ever alert and ready so that the coming of the Son does not find us unprepared. Advent is a season for us to renew our hope because of the coming of Christ. As we reflect upon the period of waiting for the first coming of Jesus at Bethlehem, and as we begin to prepare for his coming now at Christmas, we await his final coming into our lives. In other words, we celebrate his coming in history, his coming in mystery, and his coming in majesty at the end time. The Church teaches us that the Lord has already come. Knowing that he has already come as a child born of Mary gives us confidence. Amidst the overshadowing material preparations for Christmas, we begin our spiritual preparation for Christ's coming by way of the season of Advent.

In the Gospel of today we have the summons of Jesus to be watchful and alert. But the disciples wanted to be certain when the end of the world would come. Jesus while responding to them did not get specific about time but his central teaching is that he will return in glory to usher in the end of the world. However, his summons is not filled with urgent anxiety. There is no call to fanatical behaviour of any kind.

Jesus in the Gospel speaks of the here and now. He calls his disciples to focus on the immediate events that will take place in the near future. He gives the example of the faithful and trustworthy servants who behave loyally during the absence of his master. They have their responsibilities and they know what they are supposed to do. If they are faithful, they will carry out all those tasks given to them whether the master is present or not. When the master does eventually return, the faithful servants will be in good stead because they have done what they were supposed to do. They have done their task with diligence and loyalty. Every moment has an eternal significance and so the disciple should be on guard. The servants who are complacent in their behaviour and make a guess about their master's return from the journey may well be regretful. The point that Jesus makes here is clear and simple. Live each day as if it were the final day of the master's arrival from his journey. This is not done with high anxiety and uncertainty, but with the calm conviction that whenever the master comes, the servant will be ready. This in fact is the message of Advent.

**Daily Readings: starting 01 December**

**Mon:** Is 2:1-5                    Mt 8:5-11  
**Tues:** Is 11:1-10                Lk 10:21-24  
**Wed:** Is 25:6-10                Mt 15:29-37  
**Thu:** Is 26:1-6                    Mt 7:21,24-27  
**Fri:** Is 29:17-24                Mt 9:27-31  
**Sat:** Is 30:19-21,23-26        Mt 9:35-10:1,5-8  
**Sun:** Is 40:1-5,9-11  
           2 Pet 3:8-14                Mk 1:1-8

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



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

Benedicta Tirkey, David Woods, Sean Heenan, 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, Kathleen Willia, 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*

**Recent Deaths:** Gwyneth Allwright, Pedro Barnachea, Sr. M. St Anne Daley, OLSH and Fr. Gerard Mulholland, SVD.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Death Anniversary:** Alison Lillis  
*May their soul rest in peace*

**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

**From Pope Francis:**

Today, on the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year; that is, a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

But where are we journeying? Is there a common goal? And what is this goal? The Lord responds to us through the prophet Isaiah, saying: “It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths’”(2:2-3). This is what Isaiah says regarding the goal toward which we are travelling. It is a universal pilgrimage toward a common goal, which in the Old Testament is Jerusalem, where the Temple of the Lord rises. For from there, from Jerusalem came the revelation of the Face of God and of his Law. Revelation found its fulfilment in Jesus Christ, and he, the Word made flesh, became the “Temple of the Lord”: he is both guide and goal of our pilgrimage, of the pilgrimage of the entire People of God; and in his light the other peoples may also walk toward the Kingdom of justice, toward the Kingdom of peace. The Prophet continues: “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (2:4). Allow me to repeat what the Prophet says; listen carefully: “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more”. But when will this occur? What a beautiful day it shall be, when weapons are dismantled in order to be transformed into tools for work! What a beautiful day that shall be! And this is possible! Let us bet on hope, on the hope for peace, and it will be possible!

The season of Advent, which we begin again today, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God’s Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.  
*On First Sunday of Advent 2013*

**GOOD BYE**

Today we say ‘Good bye’ to all parishioners who will leave our Parish this summer. In particular we say ‘Thank you’ and ‘Good bye’ to Jean and Raul Daet and their children. For 17 years Raul played the organ in our Parish and Jean lead the choir. We will miss them dearly. Also, Aleya and Emil John will move to SA. It has been a privilege to have them in our Parish. May God keep them safe and bless them.

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to Fr. John Quang, SVD, who will serve in our Parish till the end of January 2015.

Welcome to Sr. Josephine Nwezeakor, LSJ, a General Councillor from Rome, and all Little Sisters of Jesus in Australia who gathered for a meeting in Alice Springs at this time.

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 30 November**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

**Monday 01 December**  
 Funeral Mass for Teresa Fadelli 10.00am

**Tuesday 02 December**

**Wednesday 03 December**

**Thursday 04 December**

**Friday 05 December**  
 School Mass 9.00am

**Saturday 06 December**

**Sunday 07 December**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**A NEW CHURCH FOR HARTS RANGE**

On Wednesday, 19 November 2014, Fr. Jan blessed a new church at Harts Range. It is the first church building in this Community. For money received from the Central Land Council the people decided to erect a church building. The construction was managed by the Jesuit Social Services. Residents and many government and NGO agents gathered for the celebration. The blessing was followed by a community BBQ.

**An 'At Home' Retreat in Advent**

Put aside half an hour each day in Advent to grow in your relationship with God using the First Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola.

If you are interested please contact  
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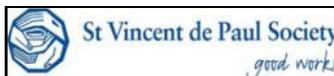
**OLSH Parish Seniors' Christmas Lunch**

It's time again for Christmas spirit and cheers! OLSH Parish Seniors' Christmas lunch will be held on Saturday, 6 December in the OLSH Bath Street hall. Mark your calendars.

How can you help? Stop by the information board after Mass and sign up for volunteering or donating foods. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted.

**Senior parishioners** wanting to attend the lunch, please write your name on the "guest list" which is available at the back of the church. For further information, phone the Parish office on 8952 1049.

**CHRISTMAS DRIVE**



The Giving Tree will be set up at the back of the Church for three weeks from 29 November until 14 December.

Please take a tag and return your unwrapped gift donation to the Vinnies shop at 38 Railway Tce. This year we are supporting the Women's Shelter, Renal patients and outlying communities.

On the weekend of December 6/7 there will be the annual Christmas blue bucket appeal. Monies raised will be converted to food vouchers for the Emergency Relief program.

Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available from the Vinnies shop on 38 Railway Tce.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

**CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT 2014**

Carols by Candle Light, organized by Churches of Alice Springs, will be held on Sunday night, 7 December, starting at 7.00pm.

Volunteers are invited to join a Combined Choir for the night. A rehearsal will be held on Saturday, 6 December at the Desert Life Church, 32 Undoolya Rd, from 3 to 5 pm. Please volunteer to join the combined choir and represent our Church in this town community event.

**DID YOU KNOW**

- Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time, we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time, and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus, Advent has a past, present and future dimension.
- The season of Advent is the beginning of the church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move today into the second of those, year B. The Gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.

**Cleaning:** 06 December **Group 8**  
 Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

**Counters:** 07 December 2014  
 Walter & Patricia Litvensky

**Last Week's Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,604.00 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$2,586.90 (for the parish)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

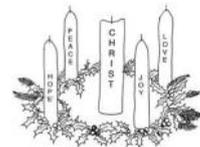
**Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin team informed if you change your days/times etc.**

**Roster for weekend of 06 / 07 December 2014**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Binu Katherine Sue Bain	Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith Mary Dick
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Mike Steller	Pushpa Vida Margaret McNaught	Fred Twohig Rita Steller Kath McGargill
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Kevin Hickmott	Pauline Otieno Hilda Reeder	Mark Bensted Beth Madden Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Cristina Buenviaje Franchesca Ives	Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives Cristina Buenviaje

**First Sunday of Advent Year B**

**29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014**



**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame, Not let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

**R/** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Ps 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 13:33-37

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase peace.