



# 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

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD  
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**Safety & Health Officer**  
Mr Fred Twohig

**Parish Treasurer**  
Mr Kevin Hickmott

**OLSH College Principal**  
Br. Tony Caddy FMS

**St. Joseph's Flexible Centre**  
Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

**Sunday School Catechists**  
Anileen and Mark Bensted

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Mr & Mrs Tabadda

## Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm; Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm;

**Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community**  
11am Indigenous Community Mass

**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass**  
Every 3rd Sunday of the month



## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

“But when passions are aroused or sought, and as a result we perform evil acts, the evil lies in the decision to fuel them and in the evil acts that result. Along the same lines, my being attracted to someone is not automatically good. If my attraction to that person makes me try to dominate him or her, then my feeling only serves my selfishness. To believe that we are good simply because “we feel good” is a tremendous illusion. There are those who feel themselves capable of great love only because they have a great need for affection, yet they prove incapable of the effort needed to bring happiness to others. They remain caught up in their own needs and desires. In such cases, emotions distract from the highest values and conceal a self-centredness that makes it impossible to develop a healthy and happy family life. (Pope Francis, *Ch.4#145, Amoris Laetitia*)

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018



## Sheep or Shepherd ?

We are far from the days of Jeremiah and the days of Jesus, during which sheep and shepherds were part of the landscape. Still, the language of sheep and shepherds remain alive for us, and the language in today's Gospel is of care and leadership.

Jesus' pastoral call, in today's Gospel scene, is a call from a people yearning for guidance and healing. He was, we are told moved by these yearnings, and chose to move closer to them rather than remove himself, as he had begun to do that day. How many times you and I have moved away and remain distant from those who hunger and thirst for our kind touch?

Imagine yourself as part of the people gathered by the side of the lake, feeling lost and desiring to be loved and healed. Little do you realise that Jesus has already responded to your heart's desires. He draws closer to you and cares for you. He teaches you about His Father and what will make you truly happy. You feel his gentle presence, his peace and strength. Deep within your heart you say, “Here is my salvation, My only salvation”. Then Jesus does something special, he invites you to participate in the shepherding of others as well, to also touch them with the same compassionate healing touch.

You and I are not only objects of care and shepherding, but also as subjects, as participants in the shepherding action in the name of the good and gentle Shepherd, Jesus Christ. You and I who hear the story in Mark 6:30-34 could also draw closer to the people and remain part of their lives. We do so not by removing ourselves from Jesus for it is in Jesus that we receive love and sustenance. We are after-all the flock of Jesus' pasture and the Body of Christ.

Please do not view yourself only as sheep to be led and not a shepherd called to lead others. When we do this we think of leadership in the Church as “their problem”. “They are bad leaders”, we complain. By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be priests, prophets and kings - to participate in His Mission, in His identity as shepherd, though we may live out this mission in different ways within the Church and society. We are both the flock, gathered from the ends of the earth, and a people in mission, called to draw closer, to teach, to heal – to be Christ in a world full of hungers and yearnings.

But in all that we do for God's Mission—add in time to stay connected to God & care for yourself through prayer, retreats, meditation, bush walks and quiet meditation.

Fr Raass  
Parish Priest

*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.*

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

**Daily Readings: starting 23 July 2018**

**Mon:** Micah 6:1-4,6-8      Mt 12:38-42  
**Tues:** Micah 7:14-15,18-20      Mt 12:46-50  
**Wed:** 2 Cor 4:7-15      Mt 20:20-28  
**Thu:** Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13      Mt 13:10-17  
**Fri:** Jer 3:14-17      Mt 13:18-23  
**Sat:** Jer 7:1-11      Mt 13:24-30  
**Sun:** 2 Kg 4:42-44      Jn 6:1-15  
Eph 4:1-6

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Tricia Wormald, Bruce Were, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

FUNERAL SERVICE COMING UP  
Friday 27 July 10:00am – **Annette Joyce Liddle, R.I.P.**



**How's Fr Jim Knight SVD?**

Many parishioners are asking about our former Parish Priest, Fr Jim Knight. He is now residing in Epping NSW at the SVD Retirement Home. Whilst serving at Katherine Parish, NT, he suffered several mini strokes or Transient Ischemic Attacks. Fr Jim has difficulty coordinating his movements including writing, standing and walking, and uncontrolled emotional stimulus. He truly misses all of you and his only wish is to return. Fr Raass



**Assumption of Our Lady & 80 Years of OLSH College Celebrations**

The college will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2018 on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Marian Centre, 11:00am followed by luncheon. All ex-students, benefactors, families and friends are invited this Anniversary Mass to attend thank God for OLSH COLLEGE.



Moreover, tickets now on sale for the 80 Year Anniversary Cocktail Party celebrations at the DoubleTree by Hilton from 5:30 pm to 8pm. Tickets cost \$25 per person. **There are a limited number of tickets available.** Tickets must be purchased by close of business Friday 10 August 2018. Hurry, don't miss out! Call +61 8 8950 6400.

**WELCOME SR TESS WARD FDSC**



OLSH Parish welcomes Sr Tess Ward, Provincial Leader of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Australia who is visiting Alice Springs this weekend. Sr Tess has spent most of her life working in Indigenous communities and her linguistic experience is recognised throughout the world. In 2016 she was awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) for her work in bilingual education especially in Wadeye, North West of Darwin.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment, one month's notice required. 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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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 -7:00pm

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

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Special Prayer for the Sick**

*"Hi there, I'm the sister of one of your former parishioners, Carmel Leonard. Carmel and her late husband David were long term, active parishioners of OLSH. Recently Carmel suffered a fall and is now critically ill. I know they had many close friends in the Parish and was hoping her name might be placed in the weekend Mass bulletin under the prayers for the sick. My thanks Maureen Seysener" (18/7/18).* David (deceased) and Carmel were active parishioners and were involved in various ministries of the parish. David played an important role in the installation of the big fans in the church. Please remember Carmel in your prayers.

**DEMISE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

Critics keep announcing the Church's imminent demise. If only they realised that numbers have doubled since 1970 – and are still rising. In many parts of the world, it's difficult to feel optimistic about the future of the Catholic Church. It is strange then to realise that this Church – which is already, by far, the largest religious institution on the planet – is in fact enjoying global growth on an unprecedented scale. In 1950, the world's Catholic population was 437 million, a figure that grew to 650 million by 1970, and to around 1.2 billion today. Put another way, Catholic numbers have doubled since 1970, and that change has occurred during all the recent controversies and crises within the Church, all the debates following Vatican II and all the claims about the rise of secularism and other challenges.

Nor does the rate of growth show any sign of diminishing. By 2050, a conservative estimate suggests there should be at least 1.6 billion Catholics. It was recently reported that the Catholic Archdiocese in Orange County, USA, receives 10,000—14,000 people coming through church on a given Sunday. In Sweden, one of most secularized nations in the world, the Catholic Church is constantly buying Protestant churches that are not used anymore. Give the Catholic Church proper hearing!

## Monday On-Going Formation

Please be informed that our Monday evening Adult Formation has been on hold during winter. It will resume when it gets warmer.

### Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> Fri 6:15pm / Sun after all Masses	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat	November (to be confirmed) Venue: TBA	Retreat Director: TBA

### Royal Commission Recommendations to the Catholic Church (continuation)

**6.9:** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should request the Holy See to amend the 1983 Code of Canon Law to create a new canon or series of canons specifically relating to child sexual abuse, as follows:

- a. All delicts relating to child sexual abuse should be articulated as canonical crimes against the child, not as moral failings or as breaches of the ‘special obligation’ of clerics and religious to observe celibacy.
- b. All delicts relating to child sexual abuse should apply to any person holding a ‘dignity, office or responsibility in the Church’ regardless of whether they are ordained or not ordained.
- c. In relation to the acquisition, possession, or distribution of pornographic images, the delict (currently contained in Article 6 §2 1° of the revised 2010 norms attached to the motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela) should be amended to refer to minors under the age of 18, not minors under the age of 14.

**Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance Day**

Enjoy a dinner with Guest Speaker Karina Lester Yankunytjatjara/Pitjantjatjara, second generation Nuclear Survivor, “Iratu Wanti - The Poison Leave It!” 6pm, Monday 6 August 2018, Venue: Kungkas Can Cook, Diarama Village, Alice Springs. \$25 p.p. for a welcome drink and a light dinner. Under the auspices of ASPATT, the Alice Springs Peace Action Think Tank & a member of the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN).

**Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)**

John Hewitson, a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) supervisor will visit Alice Springs again in the last week of July. to meet those who would like to undertake CPE in 2019, those maybe interested and want to know more details about CPE. John will present a second "Taste and See" – session on: Tuesday 24th of July 5 pm to 6.30 pm - as well as times for individual sessions at the Alice Springs Anglican Church, 18 Bath Street. CPE has been helpful for those applying to be a chaplains such as Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Hospital and Prison and School., although it is generally not a requirement. In the meantime any queries or expressions of interest, please send to John: [j.hewitson@me.com](mailto:j.hewitson@me.com) or ring 044 777 2502.

**Cleaning:** July 28, 2018 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** July 29, 2018  
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,529.15 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,144.75 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$905.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**PLenary 2020 PREPARATIONS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

More than a hundred participants from the various organizations and sectors of the Darwin Diocese came together this week at Saint Mother Teresa Primary School, Darwin, to begin the formal preparations for the Plenary 2020. The National Team and Bishop Eugene now invite all Catholics, parishioners, friends, prayers groups, religious orders and people of good will to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God’s Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future.

The Parish Pastoral Council and those who attended the Leadership Conference will help you in a process of carving a framework so that you can tell you story and dream big for the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. In the meantime, please log onto this website <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> and familiarize yourself with what’s expected. The theme for the Plenary 2020 is “Listen to what the Spirit is saying...”, Book of Revelation.

**Plenary Council 2020**  
*Listen to what the Spirit is saying...*

Roster for weekend of July 28 - 29, 2018			
	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Cindy Decosta Losana Hay	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Jeremy Jones Denise Simon	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jooby Mani	Mary McPhee Elfy Joobi	Cristy Genetti Richelle Tabbada Emil Tabbada
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Br Dean Taberdo	Aileen Batimana Debbie Cooke	Sammy Nobleza Pauline Otieno Thomas J John

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help, The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading:**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.' The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 22

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

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 2:13-18

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father. The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 6:30-34

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayer of the Faithful** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: August 19, 2018

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps**

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

**Parish Children's Choir**

Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal

every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

**Children's Sunday School**

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-

7:00pm

**Parish Council Meetings**

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**

(15-18s) Fridays, 6:30pm, 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)**

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

**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 the main Church.

**Lectors' Preparation Hour:** Tuesdays from 6:15pm – 6:45pm, main Church

**Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)**

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....next one around September 2018

**Parish Soup Van (During Winter months)**

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?  
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*