



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 Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

"In no way, then, can we consider the erotic dimension of love simply as a permissible evil or a burden to be tolerated for the good of the family. Rather, it must be seen as gift from God that enriches the relationship of the spouses. As a passion sublimated by a love respectful of the dignity of the other, it becomes a "pure, unadulterated affirmation" revealing the marvels of which the human heart is capable. In this way, even momentarily, we can feel that "life has turned out good and happy". On the basis of this positive vision of sexuality, we can approach the entire subject with a healthy realism. It is, after all, a fact that sex often becomes depersonalized and unhealthy; as a result, "it becomes the occasion and instrument for self-assertion and the selfish satisfaction of personal desires and instincts". In our own day, sexuality risks being poisoned by the mentality of "use and dis-card". (Pope Francis, Ch.4#153-151, Amoris Laetitia)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
25th - 26th August 2018

THE CHOICE GOD OFFERS

Today's reading spoke clearly to me of freedom of choice, especially in how I could interpret the familiar, and oftentimes painful. Yes, as adult Catholics we are all asked to do our homework with the Sacred Scripture and discern wisely just as our biblical ancestors did.

The Scripture this weekend presents a four-part theme to today's readings, one that can be applied to each one of our lives, no matter how diverse: choice/crisis/mutual deference/risk-taking. How we usually choose to use this pattern makes all the difference.

For example, what happens to you when you read the word "submission" in Ephesians 5:21-32? Did any old hackles go up again? You have a choice to make: to react in my traditional manner to the exclusive, sexist implications, or to step back and see it as part of a theme that went far beyond my reaction. In choosing the latter, I was stretched and enriched.

Joshua 24 & Psalm 33, speak of both the choice God offers us in discipleship as well as attentiveness he offers in times of crisis. The passage that follows in John 6 highlights the crisis of faith that inevitably arises from us all, and the risk-taking that comes in proclaiming our faith in Jesus. "What about you, do you want to go away too?, John 6:68-69.

When Joshua stated that "...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord," it was a radical decision for a society that worshipped many gods. Yet it was a decision based on an experience of a God who was totally faithful in all His promises.

Is our decision to follow Jesus less radical than Joshua's? To publicly state – and live out- the decision that you and your household will serve the Lord is no less risky for us than it was for Joshua. Rejection, scorn and humiliation are oftentimes the price we pay for this 'radical' lifestyle in a so call progressive and technologically oriented world. Choose today whom you wish to serve? May we all be like Peter when he took the giant leap in proclaiming his faith in Jesus as God's holy one. "Lord, who shall we go to?...You are the Holy One of God".

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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

We acknowledge the original custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past,

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Daily Readings: starting 27 August 2018

Mon: 2 Thess 1:1-5,11-12 Mt 23:13-22
Tues: 2 Thess 2:1-3,14-17 Mt 23:23-26
Wed: Jer 1:17-19 Mk 6:17-29
Thu: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Deut 4:1-2,6-8
 James 1:17-18,21-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
 + Pray & read your Bible every day +



HAPPY RUBY (40TH) WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A massive 'ruby' congratulations to Greg and Georgina, Mrs & Mrs Gilbert, on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May your tomorrows be filled with good health, joy and happiness you could ever wish for. Congratulations!



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tricia Wormald, Bruce Were, Dilushi Fonseca, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, 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, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing



GOLDEN JUBILEE PEWS REFURBISHMENT

The Correctional Services, Alice Springs, will work in partnership with OLSH Parish in the refurbishment of all the 32 pews and benches. If you see some pews missing from the church, don't be alarmed. The Finance & Works team were looking at other options but were financially way too high. Our hope is to maintain the integrity of the original timber and church décor for the next 50 years.

OLSH Family Bike Ride



Dear Parishioners, the annual OLSH Family Bike Ride this year will be held on the 29th of September. This is the first day of the school holidays and is also the AFL Grand Final. What a day to get out with the family in the morning and kick back to watch the G.F. in the afternoon.

The ride will depart from Flynn's Grave at 0800 and proceed at your own pace along the picturesque Simpsons Gap Bike Path, where we will share good companionship and a cooked breakfast together. The distance is 16 klm. Assistance can be provided to return riders back to Flynn's Grave if required. This year all proceeds will go to the Australian Melanoma Institute, in memory of our good friend Marie Litvensky -Joachim. The cost will be \$20.00 per adult, children free. Get you chain oiled, your tires pumped up and stay tuned. Call Fred Twohig on 0437778819 for further information. Registration is now open on the link below.

<https://melanomainstituteau2016.gofundraise.com.au/page/OLSHparishMarie>

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. 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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

Season of Creation Half-Day Recollection

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world unite to pray and care for creation. From mountain villages in Peru to bustling downtown streets in the Philippines, Christians of all denominations are uniting to pray and act for our common home. The Season of Creation ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. There is an urgent need to find solutions to the crisis facing our common home. Our parish social justice team will run a half-day retreat on **Saturday September 1st from 9-12:30pm at Logos Spirituality Centre, 27 Sing Road.** All welcome for this time-out. Please bring your lunch to share with others.

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

READERS' PREPARATION

From this Tuesday evening onwards there will be no readers preparation after the 5.30 mass. Readers are urged to make use of the book 'Break Open the Word' as they prepare for their reading. Multiple copies are available in the sacristy. Thank you for faithful commitment to the proclamation of the Word each week. *Sr Anne, Liturgy Coordinator*



WELCOME !

To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

Global Climate Change Season of Creation, Half-Day Recollection	Sept 1 st Saturday 9:00am – 12:30pm	Sr Anne & Sr Patricia FMM at 27 Sing Road, Alice Springs
International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	Sept 28 th -30 th Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses and Aboriginal communities	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat “Claiming Your Inner Voice”	November 10 th , Saturday, full day & Sun morning – midday Venue: St Francis Centre	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne

Royal Commission Recommendations to the Catholic Church (continuation)

Recommendation 16.19

All Catholic religious institutes in Australia, in consultation with their international leadership and the Holy See as required, should implement measures to address the risks of harm to children and the potential psychological and sexual dysfunction associated with a celibate rule of religious life. This should include consideration of whether and how existing models of religious life could be modified to facilitate alternative forms of association, shorter terms of celibate commitment, and/or voluntary celibacy (where that is consistent with the form of association that has been chosen).

Recommendation 16.20

In order to promote healthy lives for those who choose to be celibate, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and all Catholic religious’ institutes in Australia should further develop, regularly evaluate and continually improve, their processes for selecting, screening and training of candidates for the clergy and religious life, and their processes of ongoing formation, support and supervision of clergy and religious.

Ordination of Bishop-Elect Fr Charles Gauci

The Episcopal Ordination of Father Charles Gauci as the new Bishop of Darwin, will take place on Wednesday, September 26, at 7 pm at St Mary’s Cathedral, Darwin. Father Charles has asked Bishop Eugene Hurley to be Principal Consecrator, with Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ (Apostolic Administrator of Adelaide and Bishop of Port Pirie) and Bishop Donald Sproxton, (Auxiliary for the Perth Archdiocese) as co-consecrators. OLSH Parish will participate at this Ordination Mass and the celebrations afterwards. We might be taking the parish bus if enough parishioners are willing to represent us. Please organize your own accommodation. Think about it.

Cleaning: September 01, 2018 Group 6

Jo Black, Kate Kelly

Counters: September 02, 2018

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week’s Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,462.85 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$996.35 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$700.00

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: START NOW

The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND

HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question, “**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**” and “**What question do you have for the Catholic Church in Australia today?**”. Please submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team. If you are unable to access internet, please write your response(s) to the above question after some time of prayer and listening to your inner voice, place your response in the special box at the back of the church. The priests will email your response(s) directly to the top. This individual approach will be rolled out for a few weeks until we start working and consulting all parish service and pastoral groups. PLEASE GET INVOLVED & BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOU WISH FOR!

OLSH PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



Eleven parishioners and Fr Raass will depart on 1st Oct—21st Oct on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy. It is simply another opportunity to draw closer to our Lord and to deepen one’s faith in Him. A major part of this pilgrimage is to carry special intentions for oneself and for you, dear OLSH Parishioners who are unable to travel at this time.

Feel free to write your intentions down, place it in an envelope and hand deliver it to Fr Raass. Please sign your name or family on the envelope. We promise that we will pray for you, your family and your intentions at every sacred places we visit. Do not undermine the power of intercessory prayers!

Fr Raass, Pilgrimage Chaplain

Roster for weekend of September 01 - 02, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Kath McGargill Tony Whitelum	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Br James Hodge	Oria Chiwariro Deepthi James	Cristy Genetti Sammy Nobleza Virginia Loy
Sun 5:30pm	Br Dean Taberdo	Lennie Sumang Pat Monaghan	Losana Hay Goury Nair Marieta Ives

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

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Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

First Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges, and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us safe all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Ps 33:2-3,16-23

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and to the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since, as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his Body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications, but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 6:63,38

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: October 07, 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) 4th Friday, 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 from 8:00am-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*