



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

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OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

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 *Aboriginal 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.

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.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”

“Jesus does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living”,

Pope Francis, The Face of Mercy 230. #9. Question: How have you contemplated God’s mercy in your lifestyle?

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
16th – 17th July 2016

“You worry and fret about so many things.”

Today’s liturgy talks about the virtue of hospitality. In the first reading, dear friends, we hear of the hospitality of Abraham to three strangers passing through the desert. By ushering them into his household, Abraham welcomes God into his life. The visitors were so pleased by the generous hospitality of Abraham, they bless him with the gift of a son. How happy Abraham would have been to receive this gift, which I am sure he did not expect from these strangers.

Interestingly, Jesus in the Gospel today seems to talk differently about hospitality. Jesus is visiting his friends Martha and Mary, and Martha is busy getting things ready for Jesus, most probably a meal, whereas Mary is at the feet of Jesus, listening to him. Let us focus our attention towards Mary for a while: Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to him. In a Patriarchal culture, which was, and is, true of many of the cultures in the world, it was the male disciples who sat at the feet of their teacher and listened (One of the sacred scriptures in Hinduism is called as *Upanishad*, which literally means “sitting down near”). So, Mary was playing the role of a disciple, which is something to notice.

Let’s now move on to Martha: Martha, as a normal housemaker, is busy getting things ready for Jesus and is ‘distracted’. She must have been running in and out of kitchen, washing, cleaning, tidying, cooking, and so on and seems to be angry at her sister who is doing nothing! No wonder she complained to Jesus how lazy her sister was! But Jesus seems to take the side of Mary. He even challenges Martha and her way of showing hospitality. Jesus tells her to slow down. “You worry and fret about so many things.” Yes, Martha was worried about being hospitable to Jesus. She was worried about how to treat Jesus. She was worried about being a good host. But Jesus asks her to slow down, “and yet few (things) are needed, indeed only one.”

How busy I am in doing God’s will? How distracted I am doing things for God? How much do I run around to be hospitable to everyone? How many ‘to do’ lists do I have in my life and find no time to finish them? How often do I say to people around me “I am busy”? Let us take a moment today and look into our lives in the light of the above questions. Let us listen to Jesus: “Slow down,” “You worry and fret about so many things,” “Indeed only one thing is needed.”

Fr Prakash Menezes 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.

Daily Readings: starting 18 July 2016

Mon: Micah 6:1-4,6-8 Mt 12:38-42
Tues: Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Jer 1:1,4-10 Mt 13:1-9
Thur: Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Mt 13:10-17
Fri: Song 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Sat: Jer 7:1-11 Mt 13:24-30
Sun: Gen 18:20-32
 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

John Gaces, Fay Hawkins, Sr Bertha Brown FMM, Gerald Laverty, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan and Clare Lorkin.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Death Anniversary: Yannick Casseram, may his soul rest in peace.

DID YOU KNOW

- The attitude taken by Mary in the gospel text is one of discipleship. To sit at the feet of the Master is to be a follower or disciple. In Jesus' time, such an attitude was often only the preserve of men.
- Mary and Martha, the sisters in the gospel text, are also mentioned in the Gospel of John. While Luke does not tell us the name of the village where they live, John does. They live in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, with their brother, Lazarus.

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
Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word
Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Farewell to Brother Peter

Our Seminarian, Br Peter Toan Hoang SVD, who has been serving in our parish for the past four months will be going back to Vietnam for his Theological studies. We wish Peter all the best in his journey towards priesthood and would like to thank him for all the work he has done in our Parish, especially travelling with Fr Olivier to remote communities. We will say farewell to him today, 17th July, in the 9:30 am Mass. Please join us for morning tea after the 9:30 am Mass to say a few words of thanks to Peter.

OLSH Parish Vision Statement

The copies of the Vision Statement are available for you to express your opinion. Please take some time, either here in the Church or take the copy home and bring back with your suggestions next week and place them in the collection boxes at the entrance of the Church. We would like to hear from all of you of your opinion and make this Vision Statement a true representation of our Parish here in Central Australia. Thank you.

Welcome back Children for the Sunday School

We welcome all the teachers and children as they begin their third term of school and our **Sunday School will begin from next Sunday onwards (24th July)**. We encourage all parents to bring their children to this Children's Liturgy at 9:30 am where they will be sharing the Word of God through creative ways. We thank the Bensted family for leading this ministry and invite interested people to volunteer in this ministry. Please call the Parish office or speak to one of the Priests on 8952 1049 for more details.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA Journey has begun with the initial inquiry period. If anyone from another Christian Community, or anyone who isn't a Christian, is interested in becoming a Catholic they may contact Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM, the OLSH Parish RCIA Director, on 0448856323. Parishioners, if you know of someone who would be interested in becoming a Candidate (that is, they are already baptized in another Christian Denomination) or a Catechumen (seeking baptism), kindly introduce them to this opportunity.

Time to become a Good Samaritan

Dear Parishioners, as per the Gospel we heard last week, we have an opportunity to help Joe, one of our parishioner, who is need of our generosity at this very moment. Joe Adappoor, a taxi driver and father of a young family, was assaulted a couple of weeks ago and sustained serious injuries, from which he is still recovering. As a consequence of this injuries, and inability to work for the interim, some local people have set up a crowd funding site to raise some money to assist Joe and his family. The target of this fundraising is \$5000 (currently raised \$1325). There are 3 days left to achieve this goal. Please visit this site and help Joe.

<https://chuffed.org/project/support-alice-taxi-driver-joe-adappoor>

Welcome back Fr Raass and the co-pilgrims.

Fr Raass and the teachers who went for the pilgrimage, "following the Footsteps of St Paul," have returned safely on Saturday, 16th July. Welcome back home Fr Raass and the pilgrims and we hope you had a fabulous and blessed experience. Can't wait to hear from you the wonderful stories and about the places you visited. Once again warm welcome to you. Enjoy the cool (!) Alice Springs weather as you settle down.

WELCOME!

Please welcome TASMAN JAMES MYERS son of James Everett and Ashley Marie Myers who will be baptized on Sunday 17th July.

OLSH Parish 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.

Parish Dinner

The Parish Dinner is only a month away on **Friday, 19th August, at 6:30 pm in Gap View Hotel**. The tickets are on sale from this weekend onwards after each Mass. Let us make use of this opportunity to come together, socialising with each other and probably meeting new parishioners and say hello. The ticket prices are \$35 adults and \$17.50 for children up to 12. Children under three go free.

Volunteering for Children Protection Officers

As we had advertised earlier, we are in need of few people willing to volunteer as child protection officers. This is a new role in our Parish and it is a very important one as we are putting in place all the legal requirements we need to attend to in line with the diocesan policy. At present we have one person who has volunteered to the role. Please call the Parish Office on 8952 1049 for further details.

Thank you.

Volunteers for Baptism & Marriage preparation

We are inviting volunteers, preferably couples, to be part of the Baptism as well as Marriage Preparation. At present the OLSH clergy are taking care of these programmes and we feel the need of extending our horizons with the viewpoint of others in the programme. Please contact the parish office on 8952 1049 if you would like to contribute to this family oriented ministry. Thank you.

Australian Church Women

Our next Australian Church Women's service, "Change Starts from Within", is to be hosted by OLSH Church and I would love to invite you all to participate and show your support. This is an ecumenical service to be held on **Friday evening, 29 July 2016, here in our church at 7:00 pm** and will be followed by a light supper. For further details, please contact Rita Steller during business hours 8959 5397. Thank you.

World Youth Day Update

Two of our OLSH Parish youth, Joel Tolentino and Olivia Rose have begun their journey with another eight pilgrims from the Darwin Diocese. They are joined by the pilgrims from Brisbane and Rockhampton Dioceses at Perth airport, so they are a total of 46 members from these three dioceses. We wish them all the best. You can follow their WYD experience on the blog <https://ntpilgrims.wordpress.com/> OLSH Parish wishes all the WYD pilgrims a grace filled experience.

Cleaning: 23 July 2016 Group 6

Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 24 July 2016

John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,298.95 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 838.20 (for the parish)

Planned Giving Envelopes: \$1,030.00

Total planned giving donations made direct to parish bank account for June 2016 quarter: \$4,344.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

Workshop: **Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care Monday 18th July, 4:30pm – 6:15pm** (for Parish pastoral Council and Finance Team only), Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earthcare Australia.

Contemplative Input: **Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care: Tuesday 19th July, 7:00pm – 8:15pm** (for all parishioners & other churches) Venue: OLSH Church. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earth-Care Australia

Talk, Lunch, Q&A: **Amoris Laetitia & Synod on the Families: Sunday 14th August, 12:30pm – 2:30pm** (for all leaders/coordinators of all parish support groups & their families, Parish Pastoral Council and their families. Other parishioners invited too. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Bishop Eugene Hurley DD, Bishop of Darwin (Please RSVP presbytery).

Workshop: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm**. By Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (Donations only).

Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)

By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of Center Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane. Venue and Costs: TBA

Saint of the Week

St Mary Magdalene
July 22

Visit of Jacqui Remond from Catholic Earthcare

Jacqui Remond is the National Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia; the ecological agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. She has over eighteen years of experience as an environmental educator and advocate. Jacqui is developing partnerships and ecological conversion programmes to enable the Catholic Church in Australia and globally to become a leader for ecological sustainability. She will be visiting our parish from Monday, 18th July. The Social Justice Awareness Team will speak in the Masses this weekend about her visit and the topics she will cover. Please see the time table above for further details.

Roster for weekend of 23 - 24 July 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Anne Surtees Sr Mary Wicks	M Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Pushpa Vida Ruth Sexton	John Lillecrapp Greg Gilbert Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Bro Tony Caddy	Aileen Batimana Lillian Labastida	Bro. M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	David Genetti Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

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.

Ps 53:6,8

First Reading:

Genesis 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him, 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 42:2-5

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

Mondays from 6:30pm-8:00pm
(to begin on 6th June 2016 on *Laudato Si'*)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,
2016 and 15th Jan 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

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-
7:00pm

Telephone Tree Ministry

Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

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 10:00am-11:00am

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 Last Sunday
of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

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

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +