



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**

“Married love requires of husband and wife the full awareness of their obligations in the matter of responsible parenthood, which today, rightly enough, is much insisted upon, but which at the same time must be rightly understood... The exercise of responsible parenthood requires that husband and wife, keep-ing a right order of priorities, recognize their own duties towards God, themselves, their families and human society’ (No. 10). *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.3 #69. Question: How might you define the relationship between your family and the parish?

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
9th - 10th September 2017

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

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OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

Sunday School Catechists

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Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

Safeguarding Officers:

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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 Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

“See Me, Hear Me” Child Protection Sunday

National Child Protection Week is one of the most significant events on Australia’s child protection calendar. Now in its 27th year, the Week supports and encourages safety and wellbeing of all Australian children and families.

Each year the Australian Catholic Church dedicates the Sunday at the end of Child Protection Week as Child Protection Sunday. This year it falls on **10 September**.

The National Committee for Professional Standards (NCPS), a committee of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia, has put forward the theme for 2017; “**See Me, Hear Me**” to raise awareness for the voice of the Child, highlighting the importance of safety in our communities of faith.

“We all have a part to play in protecting our children and most vulnerable,” says Sr Annette Cunliffe rsc, Executive Officer, NCPS.

“Actively listening, and pro-actively responding to the voices of children is essential if our Church and our communities are to be safe places for children and young people to flourish.”

This year, along with resources for parishes and schools, the NCPS has commissioned a video and brochure through the Australian Catholic University Institute of Child Protection Studies reflecting on research around what young children think about their safety.

The Institute was commissioned by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and surveyed more than 1400 young Australians as part of Kids Safety Studies to gain insights into their views, perceptions and experiences of safety. The most important message expressed was for adults to ‘pay attention’ when they raised a concern.

“Our children believe that the whole community needs to take safety seriously, especially for those who find it hard to protect themselves. Supporting the most vulnerable will always be the face of a strong community.”

(Australia Catholic Bishops Conference, Media Release, 7th Sep 2017)

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 11 September 2017

Mon: Col 1:24-2:3 Lk 6:6-11
Tues: Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26
Thu: Num 21:4-9 Jn 3:13-17
Fri: Heb 5:7-9 Jn 19:25-27
Sat: 1 Tim 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Sirach 27:30-28:7
 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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

Eric Robinson, Jolibie Pasion Boyles, 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 Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Eddie Javernik

May the Lord grant them healing

1st Death Anniversary: Michele Castagna
17 September 9:30am Mass

May her soul rest in eternal peace

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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

1st and 3rd 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

**SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS
September 1st- Oct 4th**



Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics to celebrate the Season of Creation beginning this September 1st – Oct 4th. As Pope Francis noted, "Jesus was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder." (Laudato Si', 97) We invite you to follow the example of Jesus and the example of St. Francis, who called creation "blessed be." Please PRAY & ASK GOD how you and your family can commit to looking after the environment.

**SVD – SOCIETAS VERBI DIVINI
[THE SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD]**



The Divine Word Missionaries or SVDs ranks 7th among the male religious international congregations. On the Feast of Mary's Birth, the Society also marks its **142th Foundation Anniversary** today. Congratulations to the SVD Fathers ministering in the Red Centre.



VOTE "NO" in the Ballot

I have considered writing a pastoral letter, but I feel that Archbishop Hart, President of the Australian Bishops' Conference has covered everything well. (<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Archbishop/Recent-Addresses-and-Pastoral-Letters/archbishop-denis-harts-pastoral-letter-on-same-sex-marriage>). I am happy for it to be used in this diocese. It is clear that whilst we have a reverence and respect for people with a differing view, the Church clearly teaches and is committed to the fact, that marriage is exclusively between a woman and a man. In simple terms, this means voting No in the ballot. With thanks for all you are doing"

Did you know...

- In the ancient world, the testimony of two witnesses was needed for any charge to be upheld in a civil or religious court. We see many examples of this practice in the gospels; for example, John 9:18.
- Formal exclusion from the Church is called excommunication. Today it is rarely used but over history, many people, even saints, have been excommunicated. Galileo was excommunicated during the Renaissance for his views on science - later proved to be correct. This excommunication was rescinded only in recent years. Even Australia's own St Mary MacKillop was once excommunicated!



**Police Remembrance Day 2017
OLSH Church**

The National Police Remembrance Day memorial services will be held across the NT on Friday 29 September to honour and remember the dedicated Police members and those from other Australasian jurisdictions who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Held annually on the feast day of Saint Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police, National Police Remembrance Day is an opportunity to acknowledge the dangers of the policing profession, reflect upon the sacrifices made by dedicated officers and focus on the challenges that lie ahead. OLSH Parish will once again host this year's Remembrance Day on Friday 29th Sept at 10:00am. ALL WELCOME.

Feast of the Week

Thursday 14th September: *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

WELCOME!

To ZYLA VILLANUEVA QUEJA, daughter of Melvin and Ruth Queja, who will be baptised on Sunday 10/9/17 at 9:30am Mass

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.

Important Parish Dates, September

Child Protection Sunday	Sunday 10 th September
Social Justice Sunday	Sunday 24 th September
Annual Police Remembrance Day, OLSH Church	Friday 29 th September, 10:00am
ITECA (Indigenous Bible Workshop)	2 nd – 6 th October
St Francis Feast Day Commitment Mass	Sunday 8 th Oct
Parish-Wide Children's Choir Starts	9:30am Mass, 8 th October
Clergy Retreat in Darwin (NO Mass but Liturgy of the Word)	15 th Oct – 21 st Oct



Parish Assembly 2017

All parishioners and parish pastoral service groups are invited to attend this OLSH Parish Assembly on **Saturday 4th November**. Please start considering ways in which you could contribute to the various working parties which will be established in the coming weeks. We look forward to a revitalised, re-invigorated and renewed parish over the next five-year period.

WHAT IS A PARISH ASSEMBLY: In 2019 OLSH Parish will be celebrating 90 Years of Catholic presence in the Red Centre and 50 Years of OLSH Church. From the liturgy, to hospitality, to social justice, to catechesis, the community we have grown to love and call 'home' seems to be thriving and fully manned by a battalion of parishioners able and eager to continue pouring life into the church. Many have been serving OLSH Parish for many years and their dedication has spanned decades owing to their greater vision of a thriving and vibrant parish.

OLSH Parish is in exciting times of renewal and revival, and now, more than ever the world needs the Church for its vision, its communities, and its leadership. While our parish thrives now, it may not always be this way if new leaders, practitioners and visionaries do not rise up to meet the needs of the families at the Red Centre so sorely in need of a message of love and conversion.

This year, I am calling all parishioners from all walks of life to bring to the discussion table ideas for leadership and spiritual renewal, to aid our ministries in equipping and grooming leaders that will see this parish continue to grow and serve the community around us. Come and be a part of this discussion and help to shape the future of our parish and home. Please mark the date on your diary.

Fr Raass, PP.

Parish-Wide Children's Choir



Who: Interested Children & Parents/Carers for Assistance
What: Weekly Singing Practice
When: Every Tuesday at 4:30pm – 5:30pm
 (Starts next week 12th September)
Where: OLSH Parish JP2 Hall
Why: 1. To form a Parish-Wide Children's Choir and contribute to the Holy Mass;
 2. To sing at the 9:30am Mass once a month.

The children will be trained by Dr Jen De Lima in the art of liturgical music and voice training to sing in church. Parents are also asked to sign consent form.

*Mark & Anileen Benstead,
Catechists for Children's Sunday Liturgy.*

Article for Unity Magazine
RE: OLSH Parish Family Retreat

We would like to check that all who appear in the group photo of participants in our OLSH parish family retreat are comfortable for the group photo to be published in the Unity magazine along with some retreat details. If you have an objection to this photo being sent, kindly email Sr. Helen at helenfmm@hotmail.com during the coming week. Otherwise we assume we may use this photo.

Thank you. - Sr. Helen and Ruth Sexton

Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to Holy Land & Italy, October 2018

So far a good number of parishioners have expressed a strong interest in participating and have submitted their names. There is still time for you to think & pray about it. Please see notice board for more information.

Roster for weekend of 16 - 17 September 2017

Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us.

Cleaning: September 16, 2017 Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller	Group 5
Counters: September 17, 2017 Margaret McNaught	
Last Week's Collections: 1 st Collection: \$1,694.50 (for the presbytery) 2 nd Collection: \$1,250.70 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$1,055.00	
<i>Thank you for your time and kind generosity!</i>	
Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.	

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir Ruth Sexton
Sun 7:30am	Kath McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Bridget Knight Richelle Tabbada	Bruce Were Losana Hay Pauline Otieno
Sun 5:30pm	Debbie Cooke	Pane Komene Tinna Buenviaje	Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza Mel Buenviaje

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
9th - 10th September 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 94:1-2.6-9

R/ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sunday: 17th September, 5th November 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)
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.

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more? Call the presbytery and participate 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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