



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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 Monday to Friday
 8:30 am - 12:00 noon
 Saturday and Sunday - Closed

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priests:
 Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD
 Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD
Parish Council Chairman
 Mr Manfred Casseeram

Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

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Ms Sue Bain

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene &
 Mr Manfred Casseeram

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.*

Sacraments:

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.

Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis'



Amoris Laetitia
 On Love in the Family

Bishop Eugene is inviting all families, newly married couples, expectant mothers, young people in love, in-laws, priests, teachers and for those engaged in the family apostolate to read, pray and ponder on the latest post-synodal document, The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia. *"It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for families are not a problem; they are the first and foremost an opportunity"*, Pope Francis. Copies are available at the presbytery.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Year A
31st December 2016 - 1st January 2017

A Big Thank You and New Year Blessings

The event filled year 2016 has come to a close and it is time to say a 'Big Thank You' to all of you dear parishioners of OLSH, for your ongoing support for the wellbeing of everyone. It had been a wonderful year. We thank God for journeying with us, especially, as we experienced God's mercy through celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. I am sure, each one of us tried our best to show and receive mercy in every day of our life. Therefore, dear friends, Bishop Eugene has declared this year as a 'Year of Family' in our Diocese, so that we can continue to experience the spirit of mercy in our own families and our diocesan family at large.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your ongoing support to make our OLSH Parish a 'Family of God.' It is a family that works together to support each other and engage in ministries which encourage every person to experience the love of God in our multi-cultural setting. I would like to thank the hardworking volunteer groups who tirelessly labour to make our Parish a welcoming place to all. Thank you for 'going an extra mile' to make our Parish a better place.

As we are entering this New Year, let us continue to strive to understand the will of God for our Parish. We all know that our Parish Pastoral Council, along with your help, has come up with the meaningful Vision Statement for us to work towards God's Reign in Central Australia. Let us then actively engage ourselves to bring Jesus' love to all who are marginalized in our society. Let us make an extra effort to bring justice, to show compassion and to be charitable to the whole of creation. Along with Fr Raass, Fr Olivier and Fr Jim, I would like to once again thank you and pray for God's blessings upon you.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."
 (Numbers 6:24-26)

Wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2017.

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

Roster for weekend of 07-08 January 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Sr Kathleen Leahy	Alf Goody Sr Ann Surtees	Marian Maddocks Volunteer (x2)
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Jo Molin	Volunteer (x3)
Sun 9:30 am	Volunteer	Hilda Reeder Dilushi Fonseca	Volunteer (x3)
Sun 5:30 pm	Volunteer	Aileen Batimana	Volunteer (x3)

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 2 January 2017

Mon: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Tues: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34
Wed: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
Thu: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:6-11 or Lk 3:23-38
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 2:1-11
Sun: Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Ellen Gunner, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recently Deceased

Mr William (Wally) Braitling
(funeral on Thursday, 5th January, 10 am)
Kwemuntye Mr Talbot
(Funeral on Friday, 6th January, 10 am)

Death Anniversary

Matthew Neck, Amanda Bell, Matthew Batson

May their souls rest in peace.

Volunteers for the Month of January

Volunteers required to be the Commentators, readers and Communion Misters for the weekends of January. Please fill in your names in the sign up sheet at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Cleaning: 7 January **Group 6**
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 8 January 2017
Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 2447.55 for Haiti: \$ 402.60
2nd Collection: \$ 1500.05 PG: \$ 1060.00

Thank you for your time and generosity!

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary
Monday to Thursday 5:00 pm

Saint Joseph Devotion
First Wednesday of the month 9:00 am
Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship
Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Fridays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Presbytery and every second Saturday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

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

Entrance Antiphon:

cf, Is 9:1,5

Today a light will shine on us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages; and his reign will be without end.

First Reading:

Numbers 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.” This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 66:2-3, 5,6,8

R/ May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading:

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 2:16-21

The Shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib ... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the faithful: Jesus, Son of Mary, hear us

Communion Antiphon:

Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.