



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 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Smart-Loving Ministry

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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

Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



"In the course of every marriage physical appearances change, but this hardly means that love and attraction need fade. We love the other person for who they are, not simply for their body. Although the body ages, it still expresses that personal identity that first won our heart. Even if others can no longer see the beauty of that identity, a spouse continues to see it with the eyes of love and so his or her affection does not diminish. He or she reaffirms the decision to belong to the other and expresses that choice in faithful and loving closeness. The nobility of this decision, by its intensity and depth, gives rise to a new kind of emotion as they fulfil their marital mission. For "emotion, caused by another human being as a person... does not per se tend toward the conjugal act". It finds other sensible expressions. Indeed, love "is a single reality, but with different dimensions; at different times, one or other dimension may emerge more clearly". The marriage bond finds new forms of expression and constantly seeks new ways to grow in strength. These both preserve and strengthen the bond. They call for daily effort. None of this, however, is possible without praying to the Holy Spirit for an outpouring of his grace, his supernatural strength and his spiritual fire, to confirm, direct and transform our love in every new situation". Pope Francis, Ch.4#164, Amoris Laetitia).

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
3rd - 4th November 2018

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

From John's gospel the Church would receive in written form these words of Jesus: A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU; LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." We are talking here about a love in which we live for God and for one another, for LOVE is of God. The Greek word in the New Testament for LOVE is AGAPE.

Pope Benedict in his first encyclical "God is Love" reminds us that AGAPE, Christian love, takes us beyond selfishness to a concern and care for the other. The one who loves wants to be there for the other but also is ready to receive love from the other person as a gift. Benedict further reminds us that Eucharistic communion in Worship "includes the reality of being loved and of loving others in return." "A Eucharist which does not pass over," he says, "into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented." And in a very important point in his encyclical he says, "love is never finished and complete; throughout life, it changes and matures."

There is a tradition that when John the Beloved Disciple was very old he would be carried into the assembly of Christians and the people would beg him to talk about Jesus and his time on earth. The tradition says that John would utter only these few words: LITTLE CHILDREN LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Fr Raass 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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 05 November 2018

Mon: Phil 2:1-4 Lk 14:12-14
Tues: Phil 2:5-11 Lk 14:15-24
Wed: Phil 2:12-18 Lk 14:25-33
Thu: Phil 3:3-8 Lk 15:1-10
Fri: Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12 Jn 2:13-22
Sat: Phil 4:10-19 Lk 16:9-15
Sun: 1 Kg 17:10-16
 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



WELCOME BISHOP CHARLES

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new 5th Bishop of the Diocese of Darwin, Charles Gauci to OLSH Parish this weekend. Bishop Charles will also institute Dean Taberdo to the Ministry of Acolyte this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. The rite of institution will take place during the Mass. Let's give our full support to Dean as he continues on with his seminary journey. We also welcome Dean's parents to the parish. Bishop Emeritus Eugene will also concelebrate at this Mass.

FAREWELL TO DEAN TABERDO

It is Dean's final Sunday with us before he moves to Santa Teresa this Monday for the next chapter of his priestly formation. We wish Dean all the very best in his future endeavor with the Lord and thank him sincerely for his contribution to the parish and beyond. We also welcome his parents to the parish.

FAREWELL TO BISHOP EUGENE

The parish will also farewell Bishop Emeritus Eugene this Sunday 4 Nov at the 9:30am Mass followed by a luncheon. There will be some presentation of gifts and speeches in the courtyard. Bring a dish.

ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT 2018

Date: Friday 9th (evening), 10 November (full day) and 11th Nov (half-day)
Director: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne Surtees
Venue: St Francis Centre
Suggested Donation: \$30.00
Theme: **"Claiming Your Inner Voice"** – a Scriptural Exploration.

Don't miss this opportunity if you're feeling worn out and in need of a spiritual break.

FINAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES 2018

- Two disability ramps APPROVED to be built before Christmas (see details at the back of the church),
- 4 Church Pews will be removed every 2-3 weeks for rejuvenation and refinishing
- An Arrenrte Catholic dot-painting of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Approved and affirmed by the Elders (part of 50th Golden Jubilee of the Church & 90 years of Catholic presence on Arrenrte Land))
- Plenary 2020 & Jubilee Year Parish 1-day Assembly, February 16th 2019
- Marist Flat Renovations completed. It will be used for rental income for the parish.
- Final Social Justice Awareness Meeting this Sunday @ 3pm, JP2 Hall with Bishop Charles.
- Soup Van will now run on a roster to help with consistency of numbers and better coordination. So far 900-1000 hot meals distributed with love! Please contact Peta.

Church Pews - Ongoing

As you can see we have already begun refinishing our church pews. FYI, four pews will be removed every 2-3 weeks. Please remember for the prisoners and staff members of the Alice Springs Correctional Centre who are undertaking this project for OLSH Parish. Again a big thank you to the many families of the Syro-Malabar Catholic communities and others who have financially contributed to this special project.



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, 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

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.

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

Combined Churches Prayer Service with songs from Taizé

Everyone is invited and welcome to participate in a special visit to Alice Springs by Brother Matthew from the Taizé Community in France. Taizé's music and prayers have been a blessing to the world for decades, and Taizé itself is continues to be a profound site of pilgrimage for large numbers of young people across the globe. Please gather this coming Sunday Nov 11, 7pm at the John Flynn Memorial Church, Todd Mall. ...a very special invitation is extended to all Catholic Youth of Alice Springs.

Do not miss this opportunity.

Church Disability Ramp Approved

The Parish Pastoral Council has approved the construction of a new disability ramp. We hope to build and complete it before Christmas. We have carefully taken into consideration all comments and constructive criticisms of this project. The overall spirit of the parish body came up to be a very positive move. FYI, the ramp will not obscure the coloured glass. It will be built on the right-hand side of the sanctuary starting from the end of the front three pews ascending to the right of the Lectern. If you need more details please see Fr Raass or Fred Twohig. Our budget is around \$40k including an external disability ramp at the back of the Church.

WHY BUILD AN INTERNAL RAMP?

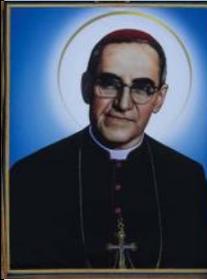
- The parish is developing strategies to ensure that people with disabilities are considered and included in worship.
- To enable greater participation by people with all kinds of disabilities in the life of this parish.
- To honour the late disability advocate Ms Michele Castagna and her work in the Bishops' Commission for Pastoral Life.
- To ensure we bring people with injury, illness, impairment or disability to the heart of our parish life.
- Because we want to be prophets of inclusion!

Create more joy this Christmas-New Year with family, friends & those you meet over the break. Focus on co-creating joy with others by redoing or refocusing what worked well for you in the past. Exploring what works well for others or trying new ways of enabling joy (enJOYable) with others. For a free phone or face to face consultation contact Chris Hawke 0499034225 or be inspired by funfirstfoundation.org

Cleaning: November 10 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas
Counters: November 11, 2018
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp
Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,706.45 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$978.70 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,468.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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



NEW SAINT IN THE CHURCH

Saint Oscar Romero

Born in 1917 in El Salvador, Romero was auxiliary bishop of San Salvador for four years before being elevated to Archbishop in 1977. He was an outspoken defender of the rights of the poor in El Salvador, who were being terrorized by right-wing military death squads mainly because of protests over the extreme economic inequality in the country in the 20th century.

His weekly homilies, broadcast across the country on radio, were a galvanizing force for the country's poor as well as a reliable source of news. In addition to speaking out against the government's actions in El Salvador, he also criticized the US government for backing the military junta that seized El Salvador in 1979, and even wrote to Jimmy Carter in February 1980 asking him to stop supporting the repressive regime.

In March 1980, Romero was assassinated, likely by a right-wing death squad, while celebrating Mass. Pope Francis beatified Romero in 2015.

Blessed Nunzio Sulprizio

Born in Pescosansonesco, Italy in 1817, Sulprizio lost both of his parents at age six and was brought up by an uncle who exploited him for hard labor. Fatigued and often given dangerous assignments, he developed gangrene and eventually lost his leg. Despite his tremendous suffering, he would reportedly make statements such as: "Jesus suffered a lot for me. Why should I not suffer for Him? I would die in order to convert even one sinner."

He recovered from the gangrene and dedicated himself to helping other patients before his health deteriorated again. Sulprizio died of bone cancer in 1836, when he was only 19 years old.

Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1963.

(Vatican 2018)

WE ARE CALLED TO BE SAINTS

Roster for weekend of November 10 - 11, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Kate Kingston Leonie Smith	David Fernandes Rosalia Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	P Rademaker Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Greg Gilbert Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Sue Marshall Mark Bensted Br James Hodge
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Joel Tolentino Aileen Batimana	Thomas J John Cindy Decosta Debbie Cooke



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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your children and grandchildren. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 17

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

(to continue in Feb 2019)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: December 02, 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

TBA

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 dr)

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)

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.

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....

Parish Soup Van Ministry

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