



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
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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



“Marriage is likewise a friendship marked by passion, but a passion always directed to an ever more stable and intense union. This is because “marriage was not instituted solely for the procreation of children” but also that mutual love “might be properly expressed, that it should grow and mature”. This unique friendship between a man and a woman acquires an all-encompassing character only within the conjugal union. Precisely as all-encompassing, this union is also exclusive, faithful and open to new life. It shares everything in constant mutual respect. The Second Vatican Council echoed this by stating that “such a love, bringing together the human and the divine, leads the partners to a free and mutual self-giving, experienced in tenderness and action, and permeating their entire lives”.

“Pope Francis, Ch. 4#126, Amoris Laetitia.

4th Sunday of Easter Year B / Good Shepherd Sunday / Vocations Sunday

GET INVOLVED

The beauty of metaphors, parables and poems is that they can give new insight and depth of meaning.

In John chapter 10, Jesus selects two metaphors, sheep gate and sheepfold, to speak of the mutual relationship between Jesus and ourselves. How many of our children in highly urbanised society have been to a sheep farm? Where do we get our milk from? The fridge or cow, you guess!

Jesus' metaphors may lose some of its impact to many city dwellers with zero knowledge of agriculture and animal husbandry. In Papua New Guinea and Fiji, many children would understand better the concept of pig husbandry than caring for the sheep. But that is beside the point. Imagine Jesus using pigs instead of sheep in trying to drive his message across to his contemporaries—the Jews.

The shepherd is not only known by the sheep but knows the sheep personally as the Father knows the Son. This metaphor of sheep and shepherd suggests intimacy, interaction and involvement. As a result, the sheep will instinctively follow because, as the parable tells us, the sheep recognise the voice of the shepherd.

At the beginning of this year, Midge, our parish cat, has finally responded to her name being called out. I am wondering whether it is to do with the tone of my voice that summons her attention. By the way, I have come to learn that Midge loathes confrontation just as Jews loathe pigs!

What we are hearing too is that the shepherd sets the standard by investing his very life and soul in the flock. He cannot flee, for his intimacy with the sheep has forged permanent bonds.

On this Good Shepherd and Vocations Sunday, I pray and hope that you too take up the shepherding role modelled after the Good Shepherd. Or are we still going to hear from you this sad refrain “I don't want to get involved”?

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.

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Daily Readings: starting 23 April 2018

Mon: Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10
Tues: Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25 Jn 12:23-28
Thu: 1 Pet 5:5-14 Mk 16:15-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
Sun: Acts 9:26-31
 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Jose Lapuz Sr, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, 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 & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lennie, Will Arthur, Zak V (& Hank Zemani, R.I.P.)

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.

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

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 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



PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Looking ahead. All parish cultural groups & nationalities are asked to begin preparing your contribution to the upcoming parish Pentecost Celebration on Sunday 20 May at the 9:30am Combined Mass. This is something to look forward to every year. More details next week.

Parish Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage... & Italy

Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are an enduring tradition for the Abrahamic Faith (Islam, Judaism, Christianity) as the place has great significance for them all. OLSH Parish has few more seats left for any parishioner desiring to find a new way of understanding Our Lord's life. Our departure date is Monday October 1, 2018 for 21-days. Join us for an unforgettable experience. Call the Office



POPE FRANCIS' NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

Pope Francis has written a new apostolic exhortation on "the call to holiness in the contemporary world." **"Gaudete et Exsultate"** is the Latin title of the text, which translated into English means "Rejoice and Be Glad." The words are taken from the Gospel of Matthew (5:12) at the end of the discourse on the Beatitudes. Francis writes of what it means to be holy in the modern world, with many specific examples: viewing a person sleeping on the street not as an obstacle or a political problem but as a human being; refraining from gossip in the grocery store and impatience with our children; reading the Bible even in a time of constant online distractions; avoiding being "caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet" (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html).



Charismatic Prayer Group

OLSH Parish has given the green light for a charismatic prayer group to begin in order to cater for the many spiritual needs of parishioners. The group is now meeting on Thursdays at 6:15pm at the parish chapel. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a radical renewal of living faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pope John XXIII's prayer in preparation for the Second Vatican Council was: "Renew in our days your miracles as of a second Pentecost." Pope Paul said on 12 October 1966: "If we really love our Church, the main thing we must do is to foster in it an outpouring of the Divine Paraclete, the Holy Spirit." Many Catholics all over the world have had their lives with Christ transformed by their participation. I am giving them my support that they may grow and become a source of blessings for the parish. There is no pressure on any parishioner to attend but all are welcome. – Fr Raass



VOCATION SUNDAY (4th Sunday of Easter)

Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a Sunday set aside each year by various Christian denominations as a day for prayer and reflection in relation to the call to ministry and Christian service. The first World Day of Prayer for Vocations was instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1963 during the Second Vatican Council. May we all encourage everyone to reflect, discover and recognise God's call to them. ALL ARE CALLED.

Bible Sharing Begins

Our Parish Bible Sharing Group will resume this Wednesday from 6:15pm to 7pm in the small chapel. All are welcome. How deep is your desire to listen, share and act on Jesus' words?

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!



The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended 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.



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Observed on 25 April each year, this Wednesday. It is also observed in many Pacific Islands. Masses on Wednesday 25th April will focus on ANZAC's theme and its contribution to world peace – lest we forget!

NEXT SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

<i>Altyerre</i> Catholicism with Ar- rernte Cath- olic Elders	Arrenrte Elders & Mike Bowd- en, MA (Teacher & Aboriginal Community Worker)	Friday May 11 th	Todd Tavern 6:30pm dinner/ drinks for 7:00pm start 
WELCOME OR EX- CLUSION? Social Teaching on Gender, Race and Place.	Sr Robyn Reynolds OLSH BA (Hons), MA, PhD Yarra Theo- logical Un- ion Lecturer	Friday June 15 th	

New Order of Mass Cards

The new smaller in size Mass Cards are at the back of the Church for your daily use. But please DO NOT TAKE IT HOME.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Planning Ahead: Bishop Eugene Hurley will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on *Sunday 12 August at the 9:30am Mass*. Please mark your diary. Adult Catholics who have not received this Sacrament, please see Fr Raass. Preparations are already underway at St Francis for kids in public or non-Catholic schools. Don't miss out.

Young(ish) Adults Get-Together

Are you in your 20's or 30's? (Or even a bit younger or older?) Single or married? Do you have zero or more children? Do you wrestle with how to live out your Catholic faith? We invite you to an informal discussion about how we could encourage each other. Join us for a bring-and-share picnic dinner on the church courtyard lawn, 5.00pm Saturday 5th May. Parish Youth Action Team

Cleaning: April 28, 2018 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: April 29, 2018
Eric & Kath Mcgargill

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,407.45 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$877.35 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,035.00

Total planned giving donations and first collection made direct to parish bank account for March 2018 quarter: \$6,590.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

Monday Adult Faith & Spiritual On-going Formation

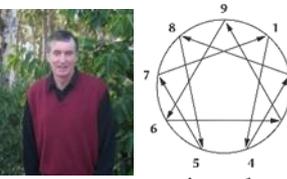
Introducing Enneagram Personality Types & How it affect your ministry and other relation- ships.	Mr Noel Davies (Catholic Poet & Teacher)	JP2 Hall, 7pm-9:00pm	Monday 23 rd April
Enneagram Part 2			Thursday 26 th April



Earth Day 2018: End Plastic Pollution

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated this Sunday, April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.

On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement was signed by the United States, China, and some 120 other countries. This signing satisfied a key requirement for the entry into force of the historic draft climate protection treaty adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. This year the world focuses on how plastic pollution is poisoning our oceans and land, injuring marine life, and affecting our health! Help End Plastic Pollution by finding out how many plastic items you consume every year and make a PLEDGE to reduce the amount. Log onto: <https://www.earthday.org>



Enneagram

"Find Your Personality Profile"

The Enneagram is a framework that provides a wealth of information about human behaviour and condenses a great deal of wisdom into a compact system. The framework is relatively easy to understand and is a powerful and dynamic tool for understanding ourselves and how we interact with others in ministry. Noel Davis, a Catholic & prolific writer of poetry, will introduce this framework to any parishioner interested in two sessions at the JP2 Hall, Monday 23rd & Thursday 26th April from 7pm-9pm. Donation only. Please consider this as part of your ongoing formation in your spiritual journey.

Roster for weekend of 28 - 29 April 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Cindy Decosta Losan Hay	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Jenny Montefiore	Jeremy Jones Denise Simon	Ruth Sexton John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Jooby Mani	Mary McPhee Elfy Joobi	Cristy Genetti Richelle Tabbada Emil Tabbada
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Virginia Loy Debbie Cooke	Sammy Nobleza Pauline Otieno Thomas J John

4th Sunday of Easter Year B
21st - 22nd April 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First Reading:

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

R/ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation
Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this
Sunday: 13th May 2018

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

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
(Re-structuring)

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.

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice
board.

*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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