



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
9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team

Parish Priest:
Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priests:
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
Fr Olivier Noclam SVD
Resident Priests:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
Fr. Jim Knight SVD
Syro-Malabar Chaplain
Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST
Liturgy Coordinator
Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
RCIA Director
Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM
Parish Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje
Parish Past. Council Chairman
Mr Fred Twhog
Parish Treasurer
Mr Kevin Hickmott
OLSH College Principal
Br. Matthew Green, FMS
St. Joseph Flexible Centre
Mr. Ben Ebert

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 *Aboriginally 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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 10th - 11th October 2015

Message from Bishop Eugene Hurley, Vatican, 9th Oct 2015

“The Synod is well and truly underway. We have moved from the first lot of interventions to the small groups. Cardinal Vincent Nichols is our Chair and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is the Relator. We are about 20 altogether with Bishops and lay people. We are working our way through the Instrumentum Laboris, rewriting it here and there in order to make it more engaging and ‘human’. There are about 280 bishops from around the world meeting in small groups. I had breakfast with a bishop from Iran this morning and he shared with me the brutal reality of life for Christians in his country and the terrible reality of ISIS in the nearby Iraq. One is struck in a new way by the reality of the universality of our great church, and indeed the critical role played by Families all over the world. One has a new sense of what ‘communio’ might mean as we celebrate Mass in the basilica with the Pope and people from the whole world. I have an enormous sense of privilege and at the same time humility. It is such an honour to represent the people of the church in Australia and especially to share with so many others, the wonderful truth that is the Diocese of Darwin. If all the people come that I have invited, we will be in real trouble.....we may need to parcel them out across the diocese. I have had the opportunity to help write a piece on the plight of refugee families, trying to highlight the rupturing of family life that is associated with people fleeing their home countries.

Please keep me in your prayers as I have a sense of being overwhelmed sometimes, with the task we have been assigned. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will write with straight lines from our scribbly notes. God bless and love to everyone. The Pope sends his blessing to all in the diocese, especially the sick”.

In Christ, Bishop Eugene.

Parish Priests' Movements

Fr Raass will be away in Darwin from **Monday 12th October to Saturday 17th October** to conduct two staff retreats for Holy Family and St Francis Schools.

Fr Vincent Tin Mai SVD, who has been part of our parish for a little more than a year, will depart on Monday 12th October for a course in Clinical Pastoral Education in Melbourne. He won't be back until early 2016 before the SVDs finalize his first mission assignment in Australia.

OLSH parish will give him a morning tea after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday, 11th October at the parish courtyard. Everybody is welcome to come and say goodbye to him. (Sorry for the late notice)

Bon Voyage and thank you, Fr Vincent!

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

A call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion

“Get down from the ivory tower and stop the rhetoric. Get to know the poor and suffering; it will wake up a numbed conscience and inspire real action.” (Par 49)

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Daily Readings: starting 12 October 2015

Mon: Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32
Tues: Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41
Wed: Rom 2:1-11 Lk 11:42-46
Thur: Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Rm 4:13,16-18 Lk 12:8-12
Sun: Is 53:10-11
 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Margaret Heffernan, Cathy Golotta,
Margaret McNaught,

May the Lord grant them healing.

For our dearly departed brothers and sisters.

**Thomas Hayes & David Jenkins
R.I.P**

Please do not underestimate the power of communal prayer for the sick. However The "Sick List" will be updated at the end of each month. If you want a name re-instated or added, please call the office on 8952 1049 or send an email to the address listed below: olsh.parish.bulletin@gmail.com. - Fr Raass

Saint of the Week

[St Callistus I, pope, martyr](#) (October 14)

*The Word of God is
living and powerful.*

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

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

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:30pm

Mothers' Praying for Your Children

Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Year of Mercy Planning Day

As you know Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has its center on the Mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy to commence on the 8th of *December, Tuesday, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*. We hope to maximize this window of opportunity and plan towards the conversion of hearts and minds to be merciful as God is merciful (cf.Lk 6:36).

How might we as OLSH Parish, families, schools, communities & individuals plan for the whole Year of Mercy from 8th Dec 2015 - 20th Nov 2016? Bishop Eugene will be announcing his pastoral program for the whole Diocese after his return from Rome. However, as a parish we need to come together for a **Mercy Planning Day on Monday 19th October at 5:00pm at the presbytery.**

If you have some God-given ideas or great insights on how to bring forth God's divine essence in Central Australia, then please come to the planning meeting or email us your ideas on olsh_parity_asp@bigpond.com

Synod on the Family (4th October – 25th October, Vatican)

There is a webpage promotional banner that has been prepared for the Synod on the Family on the ACBC Home page (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference), a hyperlink from this banner will take you to a series of resources.

A series of short videos (less than 2 min) have been produced of Archbishop Coleridge and Bishop Hurley speaking about the Synod. The videos are published on the ACBC website explaining what a Synod is and describing the processes that will take place: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod2015>. I'd be delighted if you could share the videos through your social networks. Otherwise please continue to pray for the Synod.

New Orders for Celebrating Confirmation and Matrimony

The Permanent Committee of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has approved that the revised Orders for Celebrating Confirmation and Matrimony "can be used" from the First Sunday of Advent, 29 November 2015, and "must be used" by the First Sunday of Lent, 14 February 2016.

Priests, RE Teachers, Couples and Liturgists can order copies of the revised liturgical books from St Pauls Publications, Strathfield NSW and Catholic retailers throughout the country. Digital versions of the revised Orders have been integrated into a CD-Rom Resource 'Labora Worship' from Liturgy Brisbane and the website www.liturgyhelp.com maintained by Creative Ministry Resources, Hobart.

World Mental Health Day, 10th October

This year, the theme is *Mental Health Begins with me!* World Mental Health Day is observed annually on 10 October. In 2015, the Church has sought to celebrate this day as an opportunity to encourage a true pastoral view that embraces out total community as the living Body of Christ. However the theme also aims to encourage all peoples to personal ownership of their mental health and well-being. *How can we as OLSH Parish support people living with the stigma of mental illness?*

"The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity" – Pope Francis

*Show unto us Lord, your loving kindness.
Grant us your salvation!*

WELCOME!

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.

**UPDATE ON THE
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

On Thursday evening, the new PPC met for their first meeting and election of office bearers.

Manfred Casseeram: Chairperson
Christine Grant: Vice Chairperson
Sue Marshal: Secretary.

The new council will also comprise the elected members of **Ben and Jan Gunner, Ruth Sexton and Dave Ives**, as well as existing members, Kath McGargill, Michele Castagna, Leanne Dieckmann and Belinda Pearson. Ngkarte Mikwekhene Community is still in the process of selecting a councilor. Co-opted members, Patricia Rademaker was elected as Social Media Rep. and Fred Twohig as Workplace Health and Safety Rep. Kevin Hickmott continues in his role as Parish Treasurer. Members already appointed by the Parish Priest are Br Mathew fms and Sr Mary Bennett RSM and one or two to be appointed and co-opted later on.

For your information, Michele Castagna has been given a new role in the parish as our **“Inclusive Officer”** to be the voice of people living with mental health challenges, people living with a disability, remote Catholics, elderly who are living at homes and other people experiencing some sort of separation from the Church. Her job is to promote at all levels the participation of all groups. More details later.

Our Congratulations to Manfred and his new leadership team for saying yes to assist us in the best interest of the parish.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2015

The Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement leaflets, **“For Those Who Have Come Across the Seas, Justice for Refugee and Asylum Seekers”**, are still available at the back of the Church including a 10 Steps Towards Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

Feel free to gather into small groups, extended families, work colleagues and other social avenues to discuss how we can effectively respond. Watch this space!

Did you know?

- Jesus is again quoting from the Torah or Law, this time the 10 Commandments also known as the Decalogue.
- At the time of Jesus, being a wealthy person was seen as a sign of God’s favour; a reward for being a righteous person. Jesus’ teaching here is a challenge to that attitude.
- The Church upholds the right to own private property, but this right comes with a responsibility to share our wealth with those who don not have the basic necessities of life. No one should be in need.

Cleaning: 17 October **Group 5**
Bernie O’Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counters: 18 October 2015
Mel & Cristina Buenviaje

Last Week’s Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,240.95 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,820.25 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

OLSH PARISH PICNIC – THANK YOU

We sincerely thank the Hospitality Committee, Social Justice Awareness Group, Fred & Lyn and members of the PPC who organised our parish picnic at Telegraph Station last Sunday. Of course a big thank you to those who cooked and brought in food and drinks for all to share.

We had more turn out than last year’s and we hope to double the number in 2016. It was a wonderful moment just to relax and play together.

Ongoing Adult Formation at OLSH Parish Feedback

“I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful opportunity OLSH Church had initiated by inviting guest speakers to enrich our spirituality in the parish. The guest speakers were very good and the topics they discussed were very much relevant to this day and age. The 1 ½ hours was short but the speakers were able to impart the most important points of their topics.

*On Monday night, Fr. Christian SVD gave a very clear insight on the relationship between the Church’s mission and the environment and discussed ways on how we in Alice Springs can make a difference towards achieving this goal. He also stressed out the beauty and relevance of Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’ on how to care for our common home which is the Earth. Fr. Lazar’s topic on Wednesday night was an eye opener as he discussed how the Church’s mission can be made more welcoming and appealing to everybody through understanding and acceptance of the various cultures. I particularly like his **TINA (There Is No Alternative)** and **TATA (There Are Thousands of Alternatives)** approaches.*

I believe the Church should not remain dormant but must endeavor all possible ways to reach out to everybody. As Francis of Assisi quoted: “Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words...”

Tinna C. Buenviaje, 8th October



Roster for weekend of 17 - 18 October 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Leonie Smith Matthew Smith	Leanne Dieckmann Rose Sabadin Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Mike Steller Fred Twohig Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Beth Madden	Anthony Hay Lennie Sumang	Helena Casseeram Carmela Guthart Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Pat Monaghan Cristina Buenviaje	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10th - 11th October 2015

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading:

Wisdom 7:7-11

In compassion to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 89:12-17

R/ Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 10:17-30

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.