



# 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

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD  
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**Parish Treasurer**  
Mr Kevin Hickmott

**OLSH College Principal**  
Br. Tony Caddy FMS

**St. Joseph's Flexible Centre**  
Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

**Sunday School Catechists**  
Anileen and Mark Bensted

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**Smart-Loving Ministry**  
Mr & Mrs Tabadda

## 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 Indige-  
nous Community Mass

**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass**  
3rd Sunday of every month  
Every 3rd Sunday of the month



## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

"Love endures all things. This means that love bears every trial with a positive attitude. It stands firm in hostile surroundings. This "endurance" involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour. It shows a certain dogged heroism, a power to resist every negative current, an irrepressible commitment to goodness. Here I think of the words of Martin Luther King, who met every kind of trial and tribulation with fraternal love: *"The person who hates you most has some good in him; even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it. And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls 'the image of God', you begin to love him in spite of [everything]. No matter what he does, you see God's image there.*

*Pope Francis, Ch. 4#118, Amoris Laetitia.*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B  
17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## "SIR, WE SHOULD LIKE TO SEE JESUS"

The unusual timing of engraced moments in life and how it could be a moment of grace and decision.

Jesus the Christ must have been baffled by the timing of His Father breaking into his life at the arrival of the Greeks. When Jesus hears from Phillip and Andrew about the Greek's arrival he recognizes that his life must now change completely: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:20).

What makes this timing strange is that Jesus' life, with some notable exceptions, is spent in the Jewish world. It is his culture, his background. But now the Greeks enter the scene at a very Jewish moment - Passover. Now you could not get a better timing than this! The Greeks signalled a turning point in which the Jewish people have begun to reject Jesus as their Saviour and so now the gospel would go out to the Greeks (Gentiles) as well as the Jews. Salvation would now be proclaimed to the whole world.

This is expressed by the Greeks in one of the most extraordinary requests of the entire Gospel, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus". Jesus' discourse that follows is, in part, a response to this request. If you wish to see Jesus, then this is what you will and must see and learn accept - the Suffering Servant.

Any theology of St John has this goal - to see the Logos Made Flesh; to see the Mystery we call God made flesh and to experience Him through his Paschal Mystery, through his life, death and resurrection. There is no other way - to see Jesus and His glory, look at the Cross.

"We wish to see Jesus" are appropriate words for all churches to remember during Lent, for every Christian to keep in mind. We gather every Sunday with the aim of seeing, listening and constantly nourished by Jesus.

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 19 March 2018**  
**Mon:** 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16  
Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24  
**Tues:** Num 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30  
**Wed:** Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28 Jn 8:31-42  
**Thu:** Gen 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59  
**Fri:** Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42  
**Sat:** Ezek 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56  
**Sun:** (Entrance Mk 11:1-10)  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15,47  
**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**

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

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.

*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**  
Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**  
Every Sunday from 9:20am

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

**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF LAMENT AT OLSH PARISH**

 On Monday evening in Holy Week, 26th March at 7.00 pm, we as a faith community, are gathering in the courtyard in quiet prayerful lament to acknowledge the pain and grief as revealed through the Royal Commission into Child Sexual of Children, to listen to each other and to pray for healing for those who have been abused, those were in positions of authority who failed to care and for all who have been affected by the sin of the abuse. All are welcome.

*(P.S. Our Catholic faithful in Australia including our parish have experienced a tremendous amount of grief and anguish post-Royal Commission. I know that many of you, though not always expressing it, carry great burdens that fill you with grief. This service is for each of us – a humble & bold attempt by your Parish Leadership Team to open this subject for discourse with God & each other whilst respecting everyone's privacy on this sacred path. This service is also for those who come with carefree hearts to "weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15) and help "bear one another's burdens" (Gal 6:2).*

*– Fr Raass, PP.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation**

 Please do not come just because you have to. If you see things as obligatory, you are already missing the spirit. Don't just confess but ask God to heal you because another dimension of the Sacrament is empowerment. God's grace will help us overcome our weakness and provide an ongoing renewal and conversion. OLSH Parish will again provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm** during the Holy Week. Don't miss it!

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 6:15pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross, March 30 <sup>th</sup> 10am @ two venues - Main Church & Todd River	

**NO HOLY MASS**

 All priests are expected in Darwin next week, Mon 19 March – Thurs 22 March for their annual Chrism Mass and Clergy Conference with Bishop Eugene. There will be no Mass celebrated from Monday evening to Thursday morning. However, our Lay Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be conducting the Liturgy of the Word and distributing Holy Communion during our absence – *Fr Raass*

**Did You Know?**

- In the gospels, Jesus often refers to himself as the Son of Man, a mysterious expression that both reveals and conceals his identity. It is a term which comes from the Book of Daniel.
- The festival referred to in the Gospel was the Passover (Jn 12:1). Observant Jews were able to come from far and wide to celebrate this great festival at the Temple in Jerusalem. The city was overflowing with pilgrims from many lands and regions.
- This is exactly what Jesus did on his final Passover visit to Jerusalem. After celebrating the meal he was returning to Bethany where his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. On the way, he stopped to pray at the Garden of Gethsemane and there accepted his fate.
- The Passover is one of the three great pilgrimage festivals of Judaism.

**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.

**RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS**



Our Elect, *Douglas Baillie and Peter Martin* have expressed their readiness for the next stage of their RCIA Journey.

- **3rd Rite of Strengthening: at 7.30am Mass 18/3/2018 & Presentation of the Lord's Prayer;**
- **Sacraments of Initiation Easter Vigil 31/3/2018**

All parishioners are invited to support our new members of OLSH Parish by your prayers and faith witness.

*Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Directress*



**Charismatic Healing Retreat**

The Agape Team from India has arrived and it's not too late to join the rest of the sessions on Sunday 18th March beginning with the 11am Charismatic Healing Mass until 8pm. Bring your family and friends and don't be afraid. You just never know what's instore for you.

**Re-Launch of the Youth Ministry: YEAR OF YOUTH**



OLSH PARISH will re-launch the Year of Youth this **Sunday 18 March 2018** at all Masses. We have formed a Year of Youth Action Team to assist our current & new Youth Coordinators and Chaplain Fr Alex to help steer the parish youth programme this year and beyond. Thank you sincerely to parishioners & CYAS who took part in the half-day workshop this weekend.



**Ecumenical Lenten Services**

Thank you to all parishioners who have been attending the Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Services. Your recognition of 'one baptism, one Lord, one Spirit and One Father of us all' is a testimony of your openness to Jesus' priestly prayer, "Father, may they be one, as we are one". Jn 17:21

Wednesday 21st March

Lutheran Church

**ONGOING LENTEN GROUPS**

Sr Helen Kennedy FMM, Tuesdays 7:00pm,  
Venue: St Francis, 1 Adamson Ave.

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Fr Raass SVD Saturdays, 9:00am, Venue: Presbytery



Please refer to the back of the Church for all the Liturgies & Masses during the Holy Week and Holy Triduum 2018.

**Cleaning:** March 24, 2018 **Group 4**  
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

**Counters:** March 25, 2018  
Eric & Kath McGargill

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,863.35 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$765.60 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,945.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**Palm Sunday Request**



Is anyone able to assist in providing large palms for the church on Palm Sunday?

We are also looking for smaller palm, olive and gums leaves for individual use during the Masses on Palm Sunday.

**The Easter Triduum Sign up Sheets**

Once again, as we prepare to celebrate the Easter ceremonies, we will need many experienced readers and Communion ministers over the Triduum. Please fill in the sign-up sheets at the back of the church if you are available for the various liturgies. Thank you.

If you are able to assist with either of these requests please contact Sr Anne 0407 776 851.

**Neighbour Day** is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging



people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. Neighbour Day falls on Palm Sunday, 25 March. The principal aim of Neighbour Day is to build better relationships with the people who live around us, especially the elderly and vulnerable. This year's theme is *The importance of supportive neighbourhood for children and young people*. (<http://www.neighbourday.org>)

**Five Top Ideas to Celebrate your Community**

1. Host a simple BBQ / sausage sizzle with neighbours
2. Organise a game of cricket, frisbee, soccer, boules (yes, anything really!) on the local oval
3. Plan a 'bring a plate' street party
4. Very neighbourly Bake-Off - Everyone can bring something they have baked to share and the tastiest cake could get an award
5. Have a party on your front lawn or perhaps meet for afternoon tea in the back paddock

**St Gregorios Jacobite Syrian Church**

The Jacobite Syrian Church will be using the Presbytery Chapel and JP2 Hall during the Holy Week celebrations. The parish also welcomes Fr Johns Abraham to conduct the Holy Week liturgies.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE PARISH SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE**  
*21-Days*

The doors are still open to parishioners wanting to join this spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy this October 2018. Booking forms are available in the Parish Office. \$1000 booking deposit is needed to secure booking. Don't miss this genuine experience and an opportunity for renewal.

**Roster for weekend of 24 -25 March 2018**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Losana Hay Cindy Decosta	Pane Komene R Fernandes Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Mike Steller	Ruth Sexton Tony Whitelum	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Jenny Dietrich Jeremy Jones	Oria Chiwariro Mark Bensted Richelle Tabbada
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Aileen Batimana	Goury Nair Pauline Otieno Debbie Cooke

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B**  
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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

Ps 42:1-2

**First Reading:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 50:3-4

R/ Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Second Reading:**

Hebrews 5:7-9

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation. The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 12:26

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**

John 12:20-33

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Jn 12:24

Amen, Amen I say to you. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (to begin after Easter 2018)**

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this Sunday: 25th March 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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