

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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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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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 Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



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

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“The family is a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected. Families have the right to be able to count on an adequate family policy on the part of the public authorities in the juridical, economic, social and fiscal domains” *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.2, #43. **Question: How can we assist families who are having problems related to insecure work and lack of job opportunities?**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

24th - 25th June 2017

OVERCOME ALL YOUR FEARS

“Do not be afraid”, Jesus instructed the twelve disciples (Mathew 10:26-33).

As Catholics we are invited not to let anyone intimidate us and in this way silence us. Unhampered by fear and daunted by authority, we have to speak out freely. You and I have to be bold to proclaim from the rooftops all that Jesus has told us. We should not timidly protect ourselves in the hope that we will escape notice. Whatever it is, you and I have to speak out, to show our true colours, even when it is risky and disadvantageous to do so. In this context, words such as diplomacy and pragmatism are irrelevant words for the Church. Imagine if everything is covered up so as not to disturb the peace? The Church can never become the light & salt of the world that it is called to be if everything is covered up and hidden. We lose our credibility.

The true life of a person belongs to God. Full stop. Our life and salvation depend on this conviction. Only when we hold that each person without exceptions is made in the image of God can there be a future worthy of human beings. People are safe with God. But the images we see on television are beyond explanation. The many dead in Syria and in previous world wars are an act of defiance against God's face. Yes, God has a face in all of us. If in the name of God people are trampled upon in whatever way, this can never serve God, whom Jesus called Our Father. Any attitude, word or deed, that lessens the dignity of a fellow human being or a group of people is contrary to the values of God's Kingdom.

Every Catholic, every Christian and every Church of Jesus must stand up for human dignity. When we risk our life for the love and concern for the Muslim, the unborn, neighbour, woman, man, black & white, Aborigine and refugee, we will be frightened. There is a high possibility of suffering, loss of face and possessions and even death. The fear is real and we will fall into the ground many times like Jesus. But we have to learn from the Master.

Jesus knows in the depths of His being that there is no need to be afraid. Jesus continued to trust His Father in the face of suffering and death. Just like Jeremiah 20:10-13 who experienced a massive tragedy when people rejected him for speaking up in God's name. Still, he kept trusting in the Lord. He was not afraid because he knew that there is a better life after death, a life that is sweeter than the life before. “But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero...I have committed my cause to you”, Jer 20:13.

There are obvious times and places to speak up - take a stand and fight a good fight. My fellow parishioners, the Gospel does not erect monuments in honour of fanatics, dictators, cowards, bullies & oppressors. The Gospel is disarming and honours heroes without glory. This is the only heroism which God recognises. *Fr Raass PP*

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 26 June 2017

Mon: Gen 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5
Tues: Gen 13:2,5-18 Mt 7:6,1214
Wed: Gen 15:1-12,17-18 Mt 7:15-20
Thu: Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Fri: Gen 17:1,9-10,15-22 Mt 8:1-4
Sat: Gen 18:1-158 Mt 8:5-17
Sun: 2 Kg 4:8-11,14-16 Mt 10:37-42
Rom 6:3-4,8-11

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

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 Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin.

May the Lord grant them healing

1st Death Anniversary

Jillna Conway

May her soul rest in peace

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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 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

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:30pm

Mothers Praying for Your Children

1st and 3rd Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am



OLSH Parish Golden Jubilee Preparations, 1969-2019

All parishioners who worship at OLSH Church have a sacred obligation to those who conceived, planned, and built this great church in Central Australia, and to future generations who will Worship, Celebrate the Sacraments and Bury those who have died, from within its walls. For these reasons, the Parish Council is asking your financial & prayerful support for the few proposed church maintenance projects already. Mentioned. We will prioritise them. Our 1st proposal now is to build a **Wheelchair Access Ramp** to the lectern area for parishioners with a disability and as recommended by the Bishops Conference for Pastoral Life. The consultation now begins so please send your views, objections, ideas etc to any of the PPC members. You will be presented with some drawings.

LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC ARRERENTE BIBLE (Short Version)



Imagine opening your Bible knowing that it's missing chapters and even whole books. This is the experience of many of Australia's 55,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who speak an Indigenous language and more. The 2006 census tells us that 73% of Indigenous people are affiliated with a Christian denomination. So their need for God's word is real. Yet no more than 20% have the complete Bible in their heart language. This is the case for this upcoming launch of the shortened version of the Arrernte Bible. On Sunday 2nd July at the 11:00am Mass, OLSH Parish will officially launch the entire 27 books of the New Testament and 3 Old Testament books. This will be a combined Mass with Santa Teresa Parish.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.



Couples for Christ (A new parish Year of the Family Initiative)

As advertised two weeks ago, the *Couples for Christ* will run a Christian Life Program workshop from 9:30am - 3:30pm on two weekends, Saturdays 1st and 2nd July and 8th & 9th July at St Francis Centre. Any married Catholic couple or other Christian couples can become members of CFC. It is the hope of the parish, that couple-participants deepen their married love for each other for the sake of the family, dedicate themselves to the Lord, commit to participating actively in the life of the community and in OLSH parish life. This is an initiative of the parish in this Year of the Family.

All married couples are warmly invited. And...the four CFC families from Darwin are requesting accommodation for 1 week. Any chance?

Aboriginal Diocesan Pastoral Council




Fr Olivier and three Catholic Arrernte elders will travel to Nungalinya College, Darwin, this Monday 26th June - 30th June for the annual Aboriginal Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting with Bishop Eugene and other representatives from the Diocese. Let's continue to support our Arrernte mob in their struggles and giftedness.

Only in **SILENCE** can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence.
Verbum Domini (2010) 66

WELCOME!

To KALYANI-ARLEETA SEHGAL - daughter of Sankalp and Narina Louise Sehgal who was baptised on Saturday 24 June and ELSA ANNE HAY - daughter of Leon and Tara Hay

OLSH Parish also 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.

Important Parish & Diocesan Date June & July		YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS			
Launch of Eastern/Central Arrernte Bible	NATSICC/NAIDOC Sunday Mass, 2nd July 11:00am @ main church	FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Youth Breakaway Camp Retreat,	29th June – 4 th July 2017, Riyala. Contact Maria or Fr Prakash	Fr Raass & Participants	Mondays 26 June; 3, 10, 17, 31 July; 14, 21, 28 Aug; 4 Sep	The Joy of Love Amoris Laetitia 7:00pm-8:30pm	JP2 Hall
Aboriginal Diocesan Pastoral Council	26th June – 30 th June, Darwin				
Couples for Christ 4-Day Workshop	1&2 July 9:30am - 3:30pm St Francis Centre, Workshop	Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday 7th August 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Diocesan Leadership Conference	18th July – 20 th July Darwin	Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 th – Sunday 20 th , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	St Francis
 Catholic Youth (CYAS) Travel to Rivala, Darwin Our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs will travel to Riyala, Darwin, for their annual spiritual retreat from Thursday 29 th June – Tuesday 4 th July. Please pray for a safe travel and an awesome time together with Jesus and each other.		NATSICC MASS, 2ND July  OLSH parish will celebrate NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) & NAIDOC celebrations at all Masses next weekend. Special liturgies have been submitted by the national body where we seek to encourage and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's spirituality and presence in the Catholic Church. FYI, NATSICC is represented on a number of national organizations including National Council of Churches in Australia, Caritas Australia, and the Australian Catholic Social Justice Commission. It also participates in Nungalinga College, Darwin works in various working parties on significant projects.			
Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to Holy Land & Italy, October 2018  So far a good number of parishioners have expressed a strong interest in participating and have submitted their names. There is still time for you to think & pray about it. Please see notice board for more information.		Saint of the Week St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr - Wed 28 June Solemnity of the Week Sts PETER and PAUL - Thurs 29 June			
OLSH PARISH WISHES ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT OLSH COLLEGE & ST JOSEPH'S A WELL EARNED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. GET REFRESHED, DRIVE SAFELY AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.		COMING UP IN SUMMER As requested by many parishioners, we will be showing great Christian movies fortnightly in the courtyard on Fridays with free popcorn, ice cream and admission. Bring your friends along and relax. Watch this space...			
Helpful PRAYER For the times I am disheartened: Be with me, Lord. For the times I run out of words: Be with me, Lord. For the times I rejoice: Be with me, Lord. For the times ... (pause for own intentions) Be with me, Lord		Roster for weekend of 01 - 02 July 2017			
Cleaning: July 01, 2017 Group 1 Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje Counters: July 02, 2017 Margaret McNaught Last Week's Collections: 1 st Collection: \$1,366.80 (for the presbytery) 2 nd Collection: \$1,021.85 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$1,114.00 Special Collection Peter's Pence: \$423.35 <i>Thank you for your time and kind generosity!</i>			Commentator	Readers	Ministers
		Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
		Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
		Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	David Genetti Virginia Loy	Cristy Genetti Losana Hay Bruce Were
Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.		Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ocones	Denise Simon Jenny Dietrich	Sammy Nobleza Pane Komene Mel Buenviaje

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Entrance Antiphon:

cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, 'Terror from every side!' Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall. 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 68:8-10,14,17,33-35

R/ Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

John 15:26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mt 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
26th June, 3,10,17,31 July, 14,21,28 Aug, 4 Sep

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 30th July, 2017, 17th September, 2017

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

Yuendumu Aboriginal Mission (5hrs drive)
2nd Wednesday of the month

Children's Sunday School
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-
7:00pm

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries
Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Parish Council Meetings
1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs
Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall

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)
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

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 40
South Terrace and the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and partici-
pate 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*