



# 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 Twohig

### Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

### OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## 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

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal*

*Community Mass at South Terrace.*

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 18th - 19th July 2015

### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

How unique, how comforting! Jesus himself invites his disciples to take some rest. But immediately we have to notice that the 'plan fails'. The breathing spell is very short. For Jesus as well as for the disciples the hope for quiet and intimacy do not develop.

As soon as Jesus steps ashore he sees the large crowds and his heart is touched with pity. "Moved in his very bowels," he begins to teach them at length. For as the evangelists tells us, "**they were like sheep without a shepherd**".

I have always wondered what biblical rest means. Yes it is surprisingly active! I know a life of endless activity and travels takes more out of us than our personal resources allow. But Jesus could draw from a deep well of energy in his heart that could overcome tiredness. The prophet Isaiah was familiar with such experience when he wrote this poem: "**The Lord gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will gain their strength, they will sprout wings like eagles : though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire**" (is 40:29-32).

Jesus was deeply touched when he saw that the people were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Num 27:17; 1 Kings 22:17). Indeed the image is a direct criticism on the actual leaders, the kings. They do not carry out their task as true shepherds. But then in the first reading today the prophet raises his voice and we learn "**I will raise a virtuous Branch of David**" (Jeremiah 23). Here the Lord, the Good Shepherd takes the initiative and he plays the role of the shepherd through a new leader after his own heart.

There is one shepherd, the Lord himself! He is the new Joshua who relieves Moses and the second reading this weekend disclose to us what is the core of the shepherds task; by shedding his blood on the cross he has founded one new humanity, reconciled with God, and Jew and non-Jew at peace with one another; the original enmity between the two has been destroyed by the cross: "**He is our peace**".

The Gospel invites us to know ourselves as people who matter most to God and as objects of care and shepherding, but also as subjects, as participants in the shepherding action of Jesus Christ, the one who leads with truth, justice and integrity. We are both the flock, gathered from the ends of the earth, and a people in mission, called to gather, to teach, to heal – to be Christ in a world of hungers and yearnings.

*Fr Raass SVD*

**Parish Priests' Movements:** Fr Raass will be back in Darwin from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to facilitate staff retreats for two Catholic schools.

### Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

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

-- Have forthright and honest debates and policies; issues cannot be dealt with once and for all, but will need to be "reframed and enriched again and again" by everyone with plenty of different proposals because there is no one way to solve problems. (16, 60, 185)  
- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

### Daily Readings: starting 20 July

<b>Mon:</b> Ex 14:5-18	Mt 12:3-42
<b>Tues:</b> Ex 14:21-15:1	Mt 12:46-50
<b>Wed:</b> Ex Song 3:1-4	Jn 20:1-2,11-18
<b>Thur:</b> Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20	Mt 13:10-17
<b>Fri:</b> Ex 20:1-7	Mt 13:18-23
<b>Sat:</b> 2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
<b>Sun:</b> 2 Kg 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6	Jn 6:1-15

**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**

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

Veronica Edwards, Tilde Cabantog, Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xecall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux, Br Dan fms, Imelda Palmer

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Death Anniversary:** Yannick Casseeram

*May his soul rest in eternal peace.*



**Saint of the Week – [St James](#) (July 25)**

### 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

#### **Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship**

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration every Friday from 6-7pm at OLSH Church and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

#### **Prayer Fellowship**

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

#### **Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)**

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

#### **Legion of Mary**

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

#### **Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

### OLSH Parish Confirmation Day



Bishop Eugene Hurley of the Diocese of Darwin will be celebrating and conferring the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at the 9:30am Mass. This will be a joyful and prayerful occasion especially for the candidates, parents and sponsors. Some young people will also receive their First Holy Communion on this day. Please ask your family members to observe a prayerful celebration during the ceremony.

No cameras or video cameras will be used past the first step of the sanctuary during the ceremony, as these are too distracting (both for the candidates and the congregation). Please tell your family members in advance so that they are not offended on the day. Bishop Eugene will be available for photos with the children after the ceremony.

### Dinner, Social, Q & A With Bishop Eugene

In the evening of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 6:00pm, the OLSH Parish Council invites any parishioner especially young people who want to dine with Bishop Eugene at the parish courtyard. This is an opportunity for you to relax and ask your questions around the campfire. We need to know if you are coming so please RSVP Mel at the parish office before Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> July. Please bring a plate.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

After the weekly Inquiry Gatherings, which commenced on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, our group express their readiness for the next stage of the RCIA Process. This is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9.30am Mass when the following Rites are planned to occur:

- **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens: Jayden Tha and Mika Kuriyama**
- **Rite of Welcoming Candidates: Nick Guthrie, Eric Robertson, Michelle Swan and Kim Brown**

Each of the six have a particular member of the OLSH community to be their Companion during these following months of preparation.

All parishioners are invited to support these new members by your prayers and faith witness. Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at the morning tea following this 9:30am mass on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.— Sr Helen FMM

### Social Justice Awareness Group AGM

On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July** the OLSH Parish Social Justice Awareness Group will be holding their first Annual General Meeting at the **Parish House from 4pm to 5:15pm**. It will be a time to reflect upon what has happened since the current Group began, to look at our Mission, Vision and Objective Statements and to plan for the next 12 months. If you wish to attend, you are very welcomed.

- Sr. Kathleen, Chairperson.

### Funeral Rites this Week

Mary Hessling, RIP, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am

Serena Drover, RIP, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am

Aileen Shaw, RIP, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

*Please pray for the repose of their souls  
and the grieving families left behind.*

### 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.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

**OLSH PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS GROUP**

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated this year on September 27. The title of the 2015-2016 Statement is **“For Those Who’ve Come Across the Seas: Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers”**....The Statement reminds us of the nearly 60 million people around the world who are displaced from their homes and of the war and violence devastating countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

When people come to us seeking refuge, can we in conscience respond to them with cruel and self-defeating policies, such as offshore processing and indefinite detention? This Social Justice Statement is inspired by the example of Pope Francis on his 2013 visit to the Mediterranean island of Lampedusa, where he met survivors of a refugee tragedy and mourned and prayer for those who had died.

Inspired by the example of Pope Francis, Australia’s Bishops ask how we can show leadership both here and overseas in forging a humane response to the challenge of refugees”.

*From a letter written by Archbishop Denis Hart, President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. 2 July 2015.*

**Readers, Commentators and Extraordinary Minsters of Holy Communion** are invited to collect their brochures from the foyer of the church this weekend. The brochures are in envelopes with each one’s name on it. - Sr Mary

**The St Vincent de Paul Society** wishes to advise parishioners of new publications that recently arrived, including several about Pope Francis. These are on sale from the bookstand at the back of the Church. Payment can be made through the St Vincent de Paul box beside the bookstand. Sales assist the work of the Society. Thank you  
- Lesley Reilly

**“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”**



*Psalm 22*

**Parish Notice Board**

**A humble reminder to please ask for permission from the Parish Priest before you place any posters, pamphlets or advertisement on the Parish Notice Board or on the tables. Thank you.**

**Cleaning: 25 July Group 8**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje  
**Counters: 26 July 2015**  
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Last Week’s Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,468.90 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 2,208.10 (for the parish)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

**New Diocesan Vision for Youth Ministry**  
(Encounter, Engage Evangelise)

The Diocese of Darwin had recently released our Vision for Youth Ministry. This Vision will shape a way forward for us to better respond to the call of Anointed and Sent, to encourage young people to encounter, engage and evangelise in the vibrant life of our faith community here at OLSH parish. **“Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission!** (Pope Francis to young people in 2013).

There are some copies of this Vision at the back of the church. In the meantime, our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs are meeting ever Fridays at 6:30pm for Bible Studies, social and formation activities. All young people over 18 are invited to participate. Any young people less than 18 years are expected to be accompanied by a parent or arrive with a signed letter of consent. Parents encourage your young people to attend.

**Australian Church Women’s World Community Day Service** “Building For Peace and Reconciliation,” will be hosted by the Anglican Church on Friday 31 July 2015 at 7pm. All are welcome to help celebrate this ecumenical and prayerful time. For further information on Australian Church Women or this event, please contact our representative Rita Steller on 8959 5397. Thank you.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE.**

Bishop Eugene is keen that the diocese be aware of the nature and aims of the Year of Consecrated Life. Please taken a prayer card at the back of the Church and pray in thanksgiving for the gift of religious life at OLSH Parish. Maybe during the course of the Year we will be able to mark it by a more solemn occasion in the parish.

**‘DON’T MESS WITH MARRIAGE’**

What is the formal teaching of the Church on the Sacrament of Marriage? Take a booklet home and please discuss it in your family. You may also take one for your neighbour.

**Planned Giving** — Our Parish is everyone’s responsibility. If you wish to take part in the planned giving towards OLSH Parish, please contact the parish office 89521049 for a Planned Giving Pledge Form. Thank you.

**Roster for weekend of 25-26 July 2015**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Sue Bain Leonie Smith	Leanne Dieckmann Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Patricia Rademaker Jo Molin	Fred Twohig Rita Steller Greg Gilbert
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Bro. Tony Caddy	Pauline Otieno Debbie Cooke	Mark Bensted Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Mike Ociones	Mike Williams Cristina Buenviaje	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Mel Buenviaje

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help, The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading:**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 22

**R/** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 2:13-18

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 6:30-34

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayer of the Faithful** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.