



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”

“There is a Marian “style” to the Church’s work of evangelization. Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that tenderness and humility are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves. Contemplating Mary, we realize that she praised God for “bringing down the mighty from their thrones” and “sending the rich away empty” (Lk 1:52-53), Pope Francis. Question: Are we able to recognise the traces of God’s Spirit in events great and small?”

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
8th - 9th October 2016

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph’s Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred C.

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 *Aboriginal 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.

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.

LOOK WHO IS TEACHING US GRATITUDE

The most alien, the most detested, the most heretical is the one who understands the secret of the Good News.

This Gospel we hear of the call to give thanks (Lk 17:11-19). BUT it is the Samaritan NOT THE JEWS who returns to say, ‘Thank You, Jesus’. He prostrated himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked God. You see the scandal in this passage lies in the fact that Jesus praises the Samaritan, an outcast from the Jewish race for coming to Jesus. Remember Jesus’ encounter of the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob. Jesus says, “Believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this Mount Garizim nor in Jerusalem” (John 4).

The stranger is called to salvation and enters the Kingdom when apparently everything – his leprosy, his race – shut him out of these. Just imagine, a leper, becomes a model of the person of faith. Not only had his faith healed him but it has also saved him.

“*The lepers stood some way off...*”. For centuries violent hatred prevented the two groups from associating with each other, but their common affliction brought these lost people together: now they were all outcasts. Jesus does not discriminate and all the lepers were cleansed. Jesus creates love where hatred flows. He erases humiliating labels, remodels disfigured faces and restores twisted hearts.

Now comes the most startling incident of this scene. While the nine Jews go to see the priest in order to be integrated into Jewish society, the Samaritan is alone again, separated from the Jews. “*He simply turned back praising God at the top of his voice*”. The Samaritan has now seen the gentle look, felt the compassionate welcome of open arms, the smile of God who is a friend taking his side. He was bursting for gratitude which of course, scandalised and ridiculed the other priests and the nine Jews.

Everyone can become pure and can give thanks, even those whom we have denied the right to enter the Kingdom. You who think that you are a sinner, a stranger, a person with a disability, you who feel you are an outcast, never forget the lesson of the gospel today: prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God ahead of the just (Mathew 21:31), and the first to pass the gate of the a new world will be a crucified bandit (Lk 23:43).

Fr Raass SVD

Parish Priest

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.

Daily Readings: starting 10 October 2016

Mon: Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 Lk 11:29-32
Tues: Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41
Wed: Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46
Thur: Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12
Sun: Ex 17:8-13
2 Tim 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan, Clare Lorkin and Rose Almanza.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Ochre Cards (Police Check)

Please be reminded if you are volunteering on behalf of OLSH parish and have potential or direct access to associating with children under 18, you need an Ochre Card. **No Exceptions.**

Diocesan Clergy Retreat (Looking ahead)

All priests are expected in Darwin from the 24th – 28th October for their annual spiritual retreat with Bishop Eugene Hurley. There will be **NO MASSES** during this week except for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word by a group of lay ministers.

FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND MERCY ARE POSSIBLE.

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

Thursday night at 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

Mission Sunday 2016

This year we celebrate World Mission Sunday on 16 October. On this day, Catholics all over the world are called to reflect on and recommit ourselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer, sacrifice and personal involvement. In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are all called to be the true face of God by bringing the message of love, forgiveness and tenderness to those who have not yet experienced the love of our God.

Pope Francis in his World Mission Day message says – *“This merciful love, as in the early days of the Church, is witnessed to by many men and women of every age and condition. The considerable and growing presence of women in the missionary world, working alongside their male counterparts, is a significant sign of God’s maternal love. Women, lay and religious, and today even many families, carry out their missionary vocation in various forms: from announcing the Gospel to charitable service.”*

What can you do for God on Mission Sunday? One practical way is to visit one of the many Aboriginal camps in Alice Springs and see where the Spirit leads?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Congratulations to Gemma O’Brian, Sarah Nankivell and Luke Highfold for saying yes to the Order of Catechumens. The celebration last week manifested their desire publicly and marked their reception and first consecration by the Church. Let’s continue to pray for them as nourish themselves with the word of God and other sacramentals.

Parish Pastoral Council Deliberations

1. 4th OLSH Parish Vision Planning for PPC, Traegar Campus, Oct 29th 2-4pm.
2. Sr Rose facilitated workshops for our three Safeguarding Officers, PPC and Clergy this week.
3. Planning is now underway for the 30th Anniversary of Saint John Paul 2 Visit to Central Australia, 29th November 1986. Where are we now in the light of his famous address?
4. General discussion on the history of OLSH parish’s involvement with local Aboriginal peoples and Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Catholic Community.
5. Ongoing investigation on solar panels for the Catholic vicinity.
6. Social Justice Review and Planning for 2017 to be held on Sunday 27th Nov from 3-5pm. All welcome.
7. New Election for PPC members to begin soon.
8. Ecumenical Xmas Carols, Alice Springs, Sunday 4th Dec, 7pm. OLSH Parish is participating. Need singers and musicians for a combined choir.
9. End of Jubilee Year of Mercy celebrations to combine with OLSH Parish retreat & Feast of Christ the King, 20th Nov.
10. Jubilee for Prisoners as requested by Pope Francis, Sunday 6th November. There is a possibility of inviting our brothers/sisters from the Alice Springs Correctional Centre. God wills!
11. A programme for the upcoming Season of Advent will be advertised soon

Head of Campus Tours – Tuesday 11th October 2016

8:30-11:00am

◆ Come and visit Bath Street Campus and see the campus in action.
◆ Enrolment enquiries open for 2017. OLSH College caters for the development of academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs. Term 3 concluded on 23rd September and school returns on Monday 10th October. Bath Street Campus is open on Friday 7th October.
◆ Contact Karen or Anne at the Bath Street Campus office on 8950 6400 for campus tour information.

Welcome!

We welcome 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.

**MONDAY ADULT FAITH & SPIRITUAL
FORMATION**

A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy

Monday 10 th October	Social Justice Statement 2016	A Place at Table
Monday 17 th October	Compassion for a Stranger	The Good Samaritan (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 24 th October	Who is Forgiven More Loves More	The Two Debtors and their Creditors (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 31 st October	God Is Looking For Us	Finding the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Monday 7 th November	Extreme Compassion	The Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32)
Monday 14 th November	The Opposite of Mercy	The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:1-21)

Come, Learn, Share & Celebrate from 7pm-8:30pm



**Ten Steps to Creating a Place At Table
(Social Justice Statement 2016)**

1. Give thanks for the gift of long-life in this modern Australia.
2. Get informed about what living longer is all about.
3. Help OLSH parish include older people in the life of the Church.
4. Visit elderly people at OLD Timers, Hetti Perking or at home.
5. Assist with activities in retirement facilities.
6. Older people, volunteer your time and talent ('Old Age is a vocation', Pope Francis)
7. Listen to the stories and life experience of older people.
8. Find out the social justice implications of growing old. E.g. policies of government.
9. Make a plan in case of illness or frailty or sudden death.
10. Join in events over the coming year which helps shape our society.

Cleaning: 15 October 2016 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas, Biji

Counters: 16 October 2016
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$ 1,389.60 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$ 1,113.55 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$ 1,090.00

Thank you for your generosity!

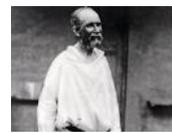
Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.

Meet our Parish Safeguarding Officers



Mr George Tetteh Ms Pane Komene Mr Manfred Casseram

The Catholic Diocese of Darwin, consistent with Gospel values and its Mission Statement, follows the example of Jesus in respecting the dignity of every child, young person and vulnerable adult. Our OLSH Parish Safeguarding Officers will work together with the diocesan family for the prevention of any form of abuse, neglect or exploitation – physical, sexual, emotional or spiritual – within our parish community. However the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is **EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**



**Centenary of the death of Blessed Brother
Charles de Foucauld 2016**

Have you heard of this saintly Brother? Blessed Charles de Foucauld, the French priest of the Sahara Desert, spent his last day within the walls of his fortified hermitage in Tamanrasset, 4,600 feet above sea level in the Hoggar Mountains of southern Algeria. Toward evening he heard three knocks on the door. Charles opened it expecting a delivery of mail, but instead bandits roughly dragged him outside. They tied his hands behind his back and forced him to kneel. His humble home, his sanctuary of prayer, was ransacked. The young man who was guarding Charles panicked. He pulled the trigger of his rifle and shot Charles in the head. Charles made no sound. He slowly crumpled to the sandy earth and died. The date was December 1, 1916.

Although he is not widely known, the life of Charles de Foucauld has influenced people around the world, including Srs Magali LSJ and Sr Claire-Marcelle LSJ. These two members of the Little Sisters of Jesus have ministered in Central Australia for 60 years! Preparations to mark the 100th anniversary of his death have already begun in the parish and will fall on Saturday 26th November at the 11:00am. Any volunteers!

“Be loving, gentle, humble, with all human-beings. This is what we have learned from Jesus, not to be aggressive towards anyone. Jesus taught us to go out like lambs among wolves”
— Charles de Foucauld

Roster for weekend of 15 - 16 October 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Mike Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Dilushi Fonseca Rowena Russell	Bro. M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Jenny Dietrich David Genetti	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129:3-4

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

First Reading:

Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god accept the Lord.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 97

R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading:

Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus .
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 33:11

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

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
Theme & dates - refer to bulletin

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,
2016 and 15th Jan 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

Telephone Tree Ministry
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

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 10:00am-11:00am

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.*