

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.



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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Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday—Closed

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Ms Michelle Castagna

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.*

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy “Merciful like the Father”



“There is an aspect of mercy that goes beyond the confines of the Church. It relates us to Judaism and Islam, both of which consider mercy to be one of God's most important attributes. The pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy...and Islam attributes to the Creator the name “Merciful and Kind”. Muslims too believe that no one can place a limit on divine mercy because its doors are always open”. Question for Week 3 of Easter: *How do you perceive Jews and Muslims? When was the last time you fostered encounter with Jews and Muslims? Is there a window of open-mindedness and respect in your heart?*

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C
9th - 10th April 2016

Do you Love Me? Do you love Me? Do you love Me?

The three-fold question of Jesus to Peter and to all of us emphasizes the seriousness of Jesus' enquiry. *Do you love Jesus? Do I love Jesus? Do we love Jesus?* Seriously, what is your personal response to Jesus' enquiry? Take some time now...

I have no doubt that you and I will say “Yes” like Peter and many others in the world today. But are we casually saying “Yes” when those close to us ask us if we love Jesus? Friends, to love Jesus is not just a single response – it takes a lifetime of service. But I believe the real proof of it is demonstrated when we stick by them when the going gets tough.

Many years ago I watched *Fiddler on the Roof*, where Tevye asks his wife if she loves him. She does not say “yes” or “no”; she just enumerates how she has fed him, raised his children, and shared his bed all those years. Didn't that say “yes” to Tevye's question?

Peter, too, is told that his love will cost him. Feeding the sheep—ministering to people—takes time, energy, sacrifice, money and many other risk-taking adventures. In Peter's case, it meant giving up his very life.

It is now fourteen years since I responded “Yes” to Jesus when I made my final promise to live a priestly life of poverty, chastity and obedience. I have come to realise that my “Yes” fourteen years ago was a little naïve to say the least. Ask me today and I will still say “Yes to Jesus” but with so much truth, depth and experiences of trying and trying...and trying again. My “Yes to Jesus” now embraces much more of my life's twists and turns and to tell you the truth—it does not get any easier. However like the apostles I will continue to try and remain faithful to this kind of lifestyle with God's help and I hope the same for all of you.

So many people today continue to risk imprisonment for harbouring refugees fleeing for their lives. Many others in this parish are still committing their lives to attending Mass, helping out at the Vinnies, being charitable with their time and energy for a Working Bee on a Saturday, visiting the sick and the elderly. And there are others who just cannot get enough of Jesus in their lives!

In whatever and however you respond to Jesus today, may it be authentic enough for you to rejoice in the freedom that comes from such a fidelity. Please do not give up on yourself, your faith, others and God. Keep following the Risen Christ and you will be counted amongst the immense number of people in the Book of Revelation 5:11-14 praising and glorifying God for ever and ever.

Fr Raass

Daily Readings: starting 11 April 2016

Mon: Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tues: Acts 7:51-8:1	Jn 6:30-35
Wed: Acts 8:1-8	Jn 6:35-40
Thur: Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sat: Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69
Sun: Acts 13:14,43-52	
Apoc 7:9,14-17	Jn 10:27-30

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta and Helena Monaghan, Bernadette Dowd

May the Lord grant them healing.

SACRED SILENCE, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration.

- ◆ For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves;
- ◆ whereas after a reading or after the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard;
- ◆ then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus' triple repetition of his question to Peter, "Do you love me?" echoes the three denials of Jesus by Peter on the morning of his execution.
- The Greek word for fish, 'ichthus', is an acronym of 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'. The fish was an early symbol used by Christians.

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph's 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

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

EASTER TIME



The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluias* is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter. Singing *ALLELUIA!* St Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over".

Saint John Paul II Visit Anniversary Mass



The Bishops have informed OLSH parish of their intention to celebrate with us the 30th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II visit to Alice Springs. The 30th Anniversary Mass will be held at on **Thursday 21st April at 3:30pm, BLATHERSKITE PARK, Alice Springs**, where he gave his most quoted speech ever to all Australians.

ALL WELCOME.

Review of OLSH Parish Vision and Mission Statement

One of the main functions of the Parish Pastoral Council is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. Part of this responsibility is to assist the priests in setting up the focus and spirit of the parish. To ensure that our Vision and Mission Statements remain current, it needs to be reviewed and the time is at hand.

At the request of Fr Raass, a small Pastoral Council sub-group has already begun deliberating on the best processes and feedback to the whole Parish Council and then to the parish body. It involves careful preparation and consultation of the community, evaluation of the previous Statements, demographics, resources, spiritual preparation, staff and structures.

2016 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count)

At the request of Australian Catholic Bishops (Pastoral Research Office), a Mass Count will take place over four weekends in May starting on Saturday 30th April. As in 2011, the data collected for the 2016 Count will be entered online, with the added advantage this time around of mobile compatibility, meaning data can be entered using most mobile devices. Mass attendances for the whole of Australia are collected once every five years.

The National Attendance Count reveals that, in 2011, the number of people at Mass in Australia on a typical weekend was about 662,000, or 12.2 per cent of the Catholic population of 5.4 million as determined by the 2011 Australian Census (NCLS). It means that more than **4,500,000 baptised Catholics in Australia are not receiving the greatest treasure of our Catholic faith**. Our Parish Councillors will conduct the Count at every Mass in May.

Ongoing Formation

Please be advised that planning is underway to run another ongoing formation for

1. All Extra-ordinary Ministers for Holy Communion,
2. All Lectors (Readers)
3. All Musicians & Choirs
4. Parish Hospitality Team

It is highly recommended that ALL will attend. Dates and times will be announced later.

WELCOME!

MARIA ALEXA KUSTRIN, daughter of Stanko and Myrla Kustrin and SHANELLE CLAIRE PERERA, daughter of Naminda Perera and Ruwangi De Silva who will be baptised on Sunday, 10 April.

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.

Year of Mercy Adult Workshops & Retreats, OLSH Parish

This is an opportunity for all parishioners to deepen your Catholic faith, offer an alternative vision to our society and show that the Kingdom of God is possible and attractive as ever before. We are blessed to have top speakers and facilitators in 2016. C'mon, life is too precious to be lived in mediocrity.

Monday, 2nd May, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Liturgical Concert : **‘Singing for Mercy’**. *All invited*
At OLSH Church. (*Donations only*) by Fr Rob Galea, songwriter, Founder of Stronger Youth Programme, Eight musical projects, Maltese priest.

Saturday, 21st May, 9am-4:00pm

Workshop: **The Ecological Blessing of Mercy**
All invited at St Francis Centre (*Donations only*) by Sr Veronica Lawson, PhD, RSM, Author & Biblical scholar, taught for 27 years at ACU.

Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm

Workshop & Seminar: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy?** *All invited* at St Francis Centre (*Donations only*) by Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA

Friday 7th October (pm) Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)

Spiritual Retreat: **Parish Retreat In this Year of Mercy:**
Venue and Costs: TBA
To be facilitated by Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of CenterCare Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane.

Do you have a Bible?

The presbytery is giving away free Bibles for those who do not have one. Mind you, it is the New King James Version, with the absence of “thees” and “thous”, and it does not have the Deuterocanonical books and therefore not a Catholic edition of the Bible. The 27 Books of the NT are all contained in the NKJV. It is for personal use only. But then...a Protestant or Catholic edition of the Bible is better than no Bible at all!

Cleaning: 16 April 2016 **Group 7**
Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

Counters: 17 April 2016
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week’s Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,741.30 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 920.35 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,215.00
Caritas Australia: \$ 259.65

Thank you for your generosity!

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



Vinnie’s Food Van – Volunteers Needed

St Vincent de Paul operates a food van each week - Mondays to Fridays. The Food Van service provides a light meal, soup, tea, coffee and cordial from Monday to Friday between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. It also provides an opportunity to build an understanding with people, who are experiencing homelessness or isolation. We again are in need of additional volunteers or, ideally, groups such as the above.

This is an opportunity for volunteers (particularly government or service organisations) to do something more for the community, and understand other people’s lives more personally. Individual volunteers are also very much welcomed.

For those interested please contact Bruce Clifford on Phone 89522172, Mobile 0498 097 480. Email: brucejoyceclifford@bigpond.com or Beth Madden, Phone 89534955, Mobile 0458581258, Email: ejmadden@internode.on.net

Some Volunteers will be speaking in this weekend’s Masses.

Ecumenical Relations

The Reality Will Graham event is coming up soon and there are rehearsals for Choir and Musicians coming up. If you are interested in being a part of the event, feel free to attend rehearsals every **Wednesday** commencing on **9th April at 7pm** for both band and choir, and this will be every week up until the REALITY event 20-22nd May.

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs (CYAS)



The Parish Council has approved our Parish CYAS logo as proposed by the Leadership Team.

“The colour (orange-red) represents us here in central Australia with the earthy ground colour for red centre and to match the bricks of our exterior of our church, with the cross at the top and shapes into a church to represent we are united in one with Gods love.

We are looking at quotes to print onto T-Shirts and Polo shirts to utilise for uniforms and be more exposed formally to our community and especially the younger networks. The logo is ready for use in letterheads, media etc”, CYAS Leadership Team. Please continue to support them.

Roster for weekend of 16 - 17 April 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6pm pm	Greg Gilbert	Alf Goody Leonie Smith	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Rowena Russell Dilushi Fonseca	Cristy Genetti M Lillecrapp H Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	A Skrzypiec David Genetti	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' And they had the apostles called in, gave orders for them to be flogged, warned them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13

R/ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading:

Apoc 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing'. Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever'. And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 21: 1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing'. They replied, 'We'll come with you'. They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something'. So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord'. At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught'. Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast'. None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you'. Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs'. A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you'. Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep'. Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you'. Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 21:12-13

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it them, alleluia.