



# 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 Priest:**  
Fr Prakash Menezes 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  
**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 - 11 am *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, 6 months' notice required.

2nd Sunday of Easter  
11th - 12th April 2015



## Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday

### Peace Be With You

Today's gospel tells us what happens when we come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

It was the evening of the first day of the week. That was the time the disciples came together to pray and to celebrate the Eucharist, the hour between light and darkness, twilight. They kept vigil, waiting together until they could see the sun rise and the morning star appear, which would announce the new day and the new life. When Christians are gathered in this way, Jesus comes in their midst and announces peace to them.

Peace is rally the deepest need of human beings. That peace was announced at the birth of Jesus: "**Peace on earth to people of God's good will,**" that is, "to the people whom God loves."

"Go in peace!" Jesus said to the blind man. "Go in peace!" he said to the woman caught in adultery. "My peace I give you!" he said to his disciples.

When Jesus wishes us peace, his wish is a creative word that effects what it wishes: *it gives us peace.* Every person cries out for peace. Every family cries out for peace. Every nation today begs for peace. It is the kind of peace only Jesus can give.

Peace is the right relationship between people and creation, creatures and the Creator. Peace affects all relationships. It is this right relationship which Jesus wishes us in every Eucharistic celebration. **This is the Easter present Jesus gives us and it is also the most precious present that you can give to someone.**

Today's Gospel Jesus offers and states it even three times: It is the peace of forgiveness, **the peace of God's ocean of mercy,** the peace of his nearness, the peace of your faith. Then all the rest will follow. Let us ask our Lord on this Divine Mercy Sunday for that inner peace that comes from **trusting in Jesus.** All shall be well.

Fr Raass SVD  
Parish Priest

## Evangelii Gaudium

"... it is becoming increasingly difficult to find local solutions for enormous global problems which overwhelm local politics with difficulties to resolve. If we really want to achieve a healthy world economy , what is needed at this juncture of history is a more efficient way of interacting with due regard for the sovereignty of each nation, ensures the economic well-being of all countries, not just of a few."

Par 206 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

**Daily Readings: starting 13 April**

**Mon:** Acts 4:23-31            Jn 3:1-8  
**Tues:** Acts 4:32-37          Jn 3:7-15  
**Wed:** Acts 5:17-26          Jn 3:16-21  
**Thur:** Acts 5:27-33          Jn 3:31-36  
**Fri:** Acts 5:34-42            Jn 6:1-15  
**Sat:** Acts 6:1-7                Jn 6:16-21  
**Sun:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
          1Jn 2:1-5                    Lk 24:35-48

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

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

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

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Words of Wisdom**

**Sing ALLELUIA!** Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves' and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over.'

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**Devotional Practices:**

**Prayers of the Holy Rosary**

Monday to Friday 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)

**Adoration**

Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

**Prayer Fellowship**

Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

**Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)**

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

**Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Holy Hour Adoration (Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Benediction)**

Once I read a story about St. Jean-Marie-Baptiste Vianney (The cure' of Ars) a 19th century French priest who once noticed a peasant come in to the church and stay for hours in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Saint asked this man what do you say during all that time before Jesus in the Eucharist? The Peasant replied, "**Nothing, I look at Him and He looks at me.**"

In the previous years the Missionaries of Charity & a few parishioners have been generous to include an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every second Saturday of the month at 12 Standley Crescent from 3-4pm. Many other parishioners have spent endless hours before the Blessed Sacrament since the beginning of the Catholic Church in Alice Springs. In the history of the Church we have had smart and holy people like Edith Stein, Thomas Aquinas, Blessed Pope John Paul II, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, St John Vianney, Mother Teresa and many other saints who, like Mary know how to "sit at the feet of Jesus".

OLSH Parish will begin a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition **EVERY FRIDAY from 6:00pm – 7:00pm** immediately after the evening Mass. We will begin on the Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker, **1<sup>st</sup> of May 2015.**

**COME AND BE HEALED BY THE ONE WHO LOVES YOU, WARTS AND ALL!**

**Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

On Saturday 11 April, the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, in St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope has officially convoked the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** with the publication of the Bull of Indiction, "Misericordiae vultus". The Jubilee Bull, aside from indicating the duration, opening and closing dates, and the main ways in which the Holy Year will unfold, constitutes the basic document for understanding the spirit in which it was convoked, as well as Pope Francis' intentions and the fruit he hopes the Year will bear. In the meantime **DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPREAD THE NEWS OF GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE TO ALL PEOPLES.**

**CARITAS COLLECTION – FOOD FOR LIFE!**

Please be informed that your collection boxes and packets of envelopes are now due. Place your Caritas offerings in any of the Sunday collection baskets when you're ready. Thank you very much!

**LITURGICAL NOTES**

In considering the Church as the 'home of the word', attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond. *Verbum Domini (2010) 52.*

When preaching takes place within the context of the liturgy, it is part of the offering made to the Father and a mediation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration. This context demands that preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life-changing communion with Christ in the Eucharist. *Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 138*

**Requiem Masses this Week**

16<sup>th</sup> April Thursday at 10:00am – Kumanjaye Ryder, R.I.P.

17<sup>th</sup> April Friday at 10:00am – Kumanjaye Turner, R.I.P.

*May their souls rest in eternal peace*

Please pray for the relatives of the deceased.

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to the parish community KODI TAKOTOHIWI, son of Blair Takotohiwi and Mandy Bonanni and GISELLA BRAMLEY, daughter of Paul Bramley and Jessica Bonanni, who will be baptised on Sunday, 12 April.

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

If you know any adult man or woman in Central Australia who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, **consciously and freely seek the living God** and enter the Catholic faith, please let them know that we will run the RCIA where they will be strengthened spiritually during a four stage preparation.

This programme is also for those who want to convert to Catholicism from another faith. At the proper time they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and all rites belonging to the Catechumenate.

There are many adults out there who are seeking to become Christians. Please request their name and contact number otherwise they may call the presbytery or **Sr Helen Kennedy FMM** – our parish **RCIA Director**.

The RCIA Liturgical Programme will begin on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015** and will run until mid-2016.

### Parish Prison Ministry

**“When I was in prison you visited me”- Jesus Christ**

OLSH Parish has been ministering at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre for many years on a weekly and monthly basis.

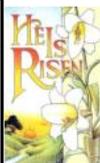
We are looking for twelve (12) volunteers to provide some pastoral care and Liturgy of the Word for our brothers and sisters locked up in jail. Did you know that Aboriginal people represent only 3% of the total population, yet more than 28% of Australia's prison populations are Aboriginal.

You don't need to have relatives in jail to pay them a visit. Jesus has stated clearly and unreservedly the direct relationship between him and prisoners.

Please inform one of the priests if God is calling you to take up this exciting challenge.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the Gospel as far east as India
- In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the name of Thomas means 'twin'..



### OLSH Parish On-Going Formation Programme

Please mark these dates and formative events in your diary:

<b>Workshop Speaker &amp; Facilitator</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Date &amp; Venue</b>
Fr Tim Norton SVD (Director of Nemi Programmes, Rome, Italy)	Intercultural & Interpersonal Relations	April 18 <sup>th</sup> at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm
Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)	'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership	July 18 <sup>th</sup> at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm

### WORLD YOUTH Day, 14<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016 **Krakow, Poland**

The 30<sup>th</sup> WYD will be celebrated internationally again next year in Krakow, Poland. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will be from **14<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016** and will take the footsteps of Pope John Paul II and other Polish Saints across the country, before experiencing the Days in the Diocese and WYD programs. Our Darwin pilgrims details will go online in April 2015 via the national website – [www.wyd.org.au](http://www.wyd.org.au)

This is a faith formational opportunity for any young person. Please contact any of the OLSH priests if you're interested. Otherwise please start praying for the Catholic Youth of Alice Springs (CYAS). Youth activities will begin soon.

### A Well-Trained Tongue:

#### **Formation in the Ministry of Reader (Lectors)**

OLSH Parish is looking for new lectors (readers) to assist at the **6:00pm** and **5:30pm Weekend Masses**. ALL new lectors MUST receive some training or formation provided by the parish team. If you are a regular worshipper at these times please do not hesitate to volunteer and be part of this sacred ministry of proclaiming God's word. Please contact any of the priests directly or Sr. Mary so we could arrange a suitable time for training.

♥ **Saint of the Week – St Martin (April 13)** ♥

### *Sing Alleluia*

**Cleaning:** 18 April **Group 3**

Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

**Counters:** 19 April 2015

Scott Lonard & Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 2,592.85 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 4,319.35 (for the parish)

Easter Offering \$ 675.00

Holy Land Collection \$ 1,568.90

Caritas Project Compassion \$ 2,374.70

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

### **Roster for weekend of 18-19 April 2015**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Sr Mary Wicks Binu Katherine	Rose Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann Marian Maddocks
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Mike Steller	Margaret McNaught Ruth Sexton	Fred Twohig Rita Steller Carmel Leonard
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Debbie Cook	Precy Taylor Bridget Knight	Carmela Guthhart Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Miguel Ociones	Cristina Buenviaje Andrzeys Skrzypiec	Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Entrance Antiphon:

4 Esdr 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom alleluia.

### First Reading:

Acts 4:32-35

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117

**R/** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

### Second Reading:

1 John 5:1-6

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

John 20:19-31

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.