

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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Monday to Friday
8:30 am - 12 noon
Saturday and Sunday—Closed

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Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele 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 *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.



Jubilee Year of Mercy “Merciful like the Father”

“Our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society’s most neglected members.” Pope Francis,
Question: How close are we to the poor, forgotten and the outcast in Central Australia?

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
4th – 5th June 2016

Young Man, I Tell You, Arise!

The story in Luke’s Gospel this weekend is a story of the Self. Within me I have something which is dead and a feeling of mourning. Within me is a healing, challenging, comforting dimension too – Jesus Christ who lives within all our hearts. And within me is someone who looks at reality and feels a need to praise the God who “has visited his people”.

Question: Has anything died within you, something you think is no longer part of you? Simply be honest with yourself.

1. *Has your idealism to change the world died, yes or no?*
2. *Has forgiveness given way to a hardened heart and years of holding onto personal grudges, yes or no?*
3. *Has love, a healthy dose of ambition, self-less involvement in parish life & politics died, yes or no?*
4. *Has your marriage failed, yes or no?*

If we answer yes to any of the above than something has died within, and like the widowed mother, we mourn.

OLSH Parish has gone through lots of changes in structure, demographics, personnel and vision since the 1920s. For many parishioners these constant shifts in parish life could mean withdrawal to family isolationism. Like the dead man carried into town, we let ourselves be carried around not by others but by ourselves. We are like the ‘walking dead’!

But we also know that there is a dimension to us like Jesus. *Is there anything within us that is healing, forgiving, energetic, loving, yes or no?*

Now find the Jesus who lives within you and ask Jesus to approach the ‘dead person or thing’ within. Do it gently. Don’t be afraid to confront the dead and the smell of corpses within. Now see what happens when your allow your Jesus’ side meet the other dead side of yourself?

Friends, we must walk the earth, not in dream world, but with ourselves, with people who have death within, mourning within, and Jesus within. We are called to confront the terrible and affirm the beautiful in our lives, and praise what God has done.

God in Jesus has visited us 2000 years ago and his Holy Spirit still walks the razor’s edge of everyday living with us. When grace and death meet – grace will say to the dead. “I tell you to get up”.

Fr Raass SVD

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 6 June 2016

Mon: 1 Kg 17:1-6 Mt 5:1-12
Tues: 1 Kg 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16
Wed: 1 Kg 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19
Thur: 1 Kg 18:41-46 Mt 5:20-26
Fri: 1 Kg 19:9,11-16 Mt 5:27-32
Sat: Acts 11:21-26,13:1-3 Mt 10:7-13
Sun: 2 Sam 12:7-10,13
Gal 2:16,19-21 Lk 7:36-8:3

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, and Helena Monaghan

May the Lord grant them healing.

Reminder to all Lectors/Readers

- Prepare yourself spiritually a week prior to reading from the pulpit.
- Read the text many times and familiarize yourself with the words, geography, spirit of the text, names, history etc.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's inspiration and assistance or practise personal *Lectio Divina* weekly.
- Dress appropriately.
- Pause before and after the ending, "*This is the Word of the Lord*". Do not rush into the Psalm or the next reading.
- Proclaim his word, don't just read it!
- Thank God always for the grace you have been given to proclaim his word.

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

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

Adult Faith & Culture Discussion
Mondays only from 6:30pm: 06 June start

Falling in Love & Staying in Love



On Saturday 25th June, OLSH Parish will celebrate the Nuptial Mass for *Peta Therese Steller and Douglas Murdoch Baillie*. We wish them well and may God's love be proclaimed through the living and concrete expressions of their conjugal love.

Congratulations and THANK YOU!

The PPC, OLSH Sisters and your priests would like to say thank you so much to all who contributed to Sr Margaret Reis Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 28th May. Our special gratitude goes to the Jenny M, Melanie and her hardworking Hospitality Team, Paul and the Choir, Sue Bain and the cleaners, OLSH Associates & OLSH College, Vinnies, Leon and the Hay family. It was a superb community celebrations. Thank you all.

Prison Fellowship

"When I was in prison you visited me", Jesus Christ. The Prison Fellowship ministry are in need for volunteers to assist in the Visitors Centre on Sunday afternoons, between 11.30am and 4pm and all day on Saturday's. Saturday's can be split into morning and afternoon shifts to help this work for both the Visitors Centre and the volunteers' availability. Volunteers may be required to assist families or individuals visiting the prison to fill out the appropriate forms required for their visit. Volunteers may also be required to complete entry requirements to allow them to volunteer in the Visitors Centre. Please call Enid Harland on 8955 1202; mobile Ph: 0448 186 521; Email: charland@bigpond.net.au

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent De Paul Society NT will be conducting the annual Winter Appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 4-5 June. The focus of the appeal is support for women, often with children, facing homelessness in the NT. OLSH Vinnies Conference members will be at the church doors at the end of Mass with our blue buckets. The OLSH Conference very much appreciates the generous support the Parish has provided in past years to Vinnies appeals - your donations help Vinnies to help those who are homeless and doing it rough, by providing shelter, security, essential items and other assistance. Also, 23 June is the Vinnies CEO Sleepout at Traeger Park. There is a Vinnies Alice Springs team, led by Beth Madden, sleeping out this year and we would love your support - you can donate at <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/>

Telephone Tree Ministry

G'day all you lovely peoples

The Telephone Tree is suffering from lack of people contact. Don't be shy, pop in and see me for a friendly chat. The parish is anxious to provide access and inclusion to older person and those who believe their points of view are not considered or listened to. It maybe that only 5 minutes of your time is needed. Also, if you have the name and telephone number of any person you may know who is housebound or who have no means of transport please inform me so I can ring them to offer the hand of God. This ministry is much needed, so be bold and step up to the plate. **Thursday morning from 10:30 till 11:45am** would be great. If an earlier appointment is more accessible please leave your name and number at the presbytery on 89521049 and I will be in contact with you asap. God bless. *Michele.*

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.

**Indigenous Theological Education
Central Australia (ITECA)**

For your information, the Catholics, Uniting Church, Anglicans and Lutherans are about to finalise a Constitution of ITECA in Central Australia to empower and train Indigenous people in Central Australia for Christian leadership; to offer community development and leadership training to Indigenous people in Central Australia; to foster mutual Christian understanding and action among the various churches in Central Australia and to establish; maintain a college, known as *Ntyethe Learning Community* to fulfil the objects and to enter into a cooperative arrangement with Nungalinga College, Darwin by means of a Memorandum of Agreement. We have successfully taught two theological courses last year and another course on Certificate III in theology is coming up on 'God's Story' from **Monday 13th June to Friday 17th June at 40 south terrace**. The new Ntyethe "Spark" Learning Centre is also open to any financial help. Thank you.



Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation

For your information, Bishop Eugene will once again administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday 14th August at the 9:30am Mass**. First Communion will also take place on this special day. All candidates and sponsors are asked to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal on Friday 12th August from 3:00pm-4:00pm.

Parish Dinner

Due to the business of pastoral activities, our parish dinner due for next week is now post-poned to a later date. Our humble apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused. We will keep you informed. If you are free please lend a hand to the Hospitality Team. Thank you.

World Environment Day

World Environment Day, this Sunday 5th June is celebrated every year to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. It is run by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). SJAGers is running a workshop on Pope Francis' Laudato Si' at the presbytery starting next Monday 6th. ALL WELCOME

Prayer at Home

May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right.

Cleaning: 11 June 2016 **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde
Counters: 12 June 2016
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught
Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,361.05 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 751.85 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,245.00
Thank you for your generosity!

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

Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

Workshop: Child Protection Law Education

Saturday June 4th from 3-4pm. By Julia Parkin, Community Legal Education Solicitor at the Central Australian Women's Legal and Relationship Australia. Venue: Parish JP2 Hall. Parents, Care-givers and interested parishioners welcome.

Workshop: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Monday 6th June from 5:30pm-6:30pm, Venue: St Francis. By St Anne Surtees, Parish Liturgy Coordinator

Workshops: Exploring the Six Chapters of Laudato Si', Venue: JP2 Hall

Mondays only starting 6th June – 11th July from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Mr Chris Hawke & Fr Raass as Facilitators. Topics to be covered: What is happening to our common Home? The Gospel of Creation; The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis; Integral Ecology; Lines of Approach and Action; Ecological Education and Spirituality. This is an initiative of our Social Justice Awareness Group.

Theological Course: Ntyethe "Sparks" Learning Community (Indigenous Theological Education) at 40 South Terrace for indigenous Australians only. Monday 13th June – Friday 17th for Certificate III in Theology. Lecturer: Dr Jude Long, Nungalinga College. This is an ecumenical initiative amongst Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans and Uniting Churches.

Workshop: Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care Monday 18th July, 4:30pm – 6:15pm (for Parish Council and Finance Team only), Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earthcare Australia.

Talk/Input: Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care: Tuesday 19th July, 7:00pm – 8:15pm (for all parishioners & other churches) Venue: OLSH Church. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earth-Care Australia

Workshop: What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm . By Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (Donations only).

Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday) By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of Center Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane. Venue and Costs: TBA

Roster for weekend of 11 - 12 June 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Alf Goody Sue Bain	M Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30 am	Mike Steller	Mike Steller Kath McGargill	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Bro. M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	David Genetti A Skrzypiec	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 26:1-2

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading:

1 Kings 17:17-24

The son of the mistress of the house fell sick; his illness was so severe that in the end he had no breath left in him. And the woman said to Elijah, 'What quarrel have you with me, man of God? Have you come here to bring my sins home to me and kill my son?' 'Give me your son,' he said, and taking him from her lap, carried him to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, do you mean to bring grief to the widow who is looking after me by killing her son?' He stretched himself on the child three times and cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, may the soul of this child, I beg you, come into him again!' The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah and the soul of the child returned to him again and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. 'Look,' Elijah said 'your son is alive.' And the woman replied, 'Now I know you are a man of God and the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth itself.'

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:

Gal 1:11-19

The Good News I preached is not a human message that I was given by men, it is something I learnt only through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You must have heard of my career as a practicing Jew, how merciless I was in persecuting the Church of God, how much damage I did to it, how I stood out among other Jews of my generation, and how enthusiastic I was for the traditions of my ancestors. Then God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach the Good News about him to pagans. I did not stop to discuss this with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were already apostles before me, but I went off to Arabia at once and later went straight back from there to Damascus. Even when after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days, I did not see any of the other apostles; I only saw James, the brother of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with him. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 17:3

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

Mondays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

(to begin on 6th June 2016 on Laudato Si')

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm - 7:30pm &

on these Sundays: 3rd June, 21 Aug, 6th Oct,

27th Nov, Jan 15th 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

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

CAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)

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

Social Justice Awareness Group

Last Sunday of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more? Call the presbytery and participate in God's Mission.