



# 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.

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 4th - 5th July 2015

### JESUS TOO MUCH LIKE US?

It is easy to point an indignant finger at Jesus' unbelieving fellow villagers of Nazareth (Mark 6:1-6). How is it possible, we think, that people say a radical no to a message for which they have been waiting for ages and on which their present and future salvation depends.

Part of the difficulty we are facing is that *God's plans and ways are divine yet simply human*. When God comes to encounter people, he does not want to impress them and overawe them with his divine glory, because he does not come to prove his tremendous power and overbearing greatness but **to create love**. That is why he comes to us in a small way. Jesus rejected prestige, wealth and power (Mathew 4:1-11). He humbled himself and decided to live next door to us (Philippians 2:8).

So people ask how this young man from our street can be full of wisdom and power? How could God speak in ordinary, everyday words? That sounds too unlikely. We know his voice and message and what it tells us we already know for a long time, for it is so ordinary that we cannot pay attention to it.

Maybe you and I may need to change our image of God. For God reveals himself the way he chooses, and that is precisely the point: **he does so in a human way**. If one does not accept people, one will not encounter God either, not even on Sundays in church. God wants to be heard through a human mouthpiece and to distribute his graces through human hands. Of course we all would like what is holy and sacred coming to us in an exalted way, like a breath straight from God. Many would like to meet the Church as the perfect Bride, without spot or wrinkle. But Jesus was the son of a carpenter and not the most prominent nor the most impressive figure of the region; he was a man born in a stable surrounded by animals; he ate and drank with tax collectors and with ordinary and poor people.

Today the Roman Catholic Church appears not be a very impressive maidservant, with her many faults and shortcomings. We know that some priests, sisters, bishops and parishioners are not glorious examples of the faith of the apostles. We know lay people have their personal peculiarities and troubles. Our invitation is to learn to accept that God can come, and in fact does come, in poverty and weakness. God's power is at best in weakness (2 Cor 12)...in the hungry, the destitute, the helpless ice addict, the widow and the divorcee. "Blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me" (Mt 11:6).

Let's not give up on humanity. In Jesus' humanity he showed God's face because "he was a good man."

Fr Raass SVD, Parish Priest

### Evangelii Gaudium

"To be faithful, to be creative, we need to be able to change. To change! And why must I change? So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel. To stay close to God, we need to know how to set out; we must not be afraid to set out."

"Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good.

- Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

**Daily Readings: starting 06 July**

**Mon:** Gen 28:10-22 Mt 9:18-26  
**Tues:** Gen 32:23-33 Mt 9:32-38  
**Wed:** Gen 41:55-57,42:5-7,17-24 Mt 10:1-7  
**Thur:** Gen 44:18-21,23-29,45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15  
**Fri:** Gen 46:1-7,28-30 Jn 20:24-29  
**Sat:** Gen 49:29-33, 50:15-26 Mt 10: 24-33  
**Sun:** Amos 7:12-15  
Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

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

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

Tilde Cabantog, Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Hefferman, 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, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, 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.*

'God is my strong refuge; He makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer and sets me securely on the heights.'

2 Sam 22:33-34

**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

**Good Works – The Catholic Church as an Employer in Australia**

The Catholic Church is one of Australia's largest employers with over 180,000 employees spread across a range of dioceses, congregations and agencies, employing two percent of the Australian workforce. The Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations (ACCER) has published a handbook for Catholic employers and employees, entitled **Good Works: the Catholic Church as an employer in Australia**. This book provides details of previous encyclicals about work and theology that underpins it including the mutual obligations of workers and employers. You can download a copy of the book from the ACCER website: [www.acer.asn.au](http://www.acer.asn.au) or call Jane on 03 99343355.

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY,**  
**4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> July**

This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday under the theme of – **The Heart of Jesus Beats Within Us All**. Frs Olivier & Prakash with four Arrernte elders are in Darwin for the NATSICC Assembly. The land, known as Australia, is sacred to all indigenous Australians. It is Sacred in their beliefs, culture and spirituality. It is also sacred to their Faith. When Saint John Paul II visited Alice Springs in 1986, he said that Australia can never be the Australia God wants it to be until the Aboriginal people have taken their place amongst us. This is still yet to happen. We only have to look at the deplorable statistics on so many social barometers. OLSH Parish will continue to engage in deep listening with respect to culture, land and indigenous spirituality. May we all make time to walk alongside our indigenous brothers and sisters so that everyone is welcomed, respected and celebrated. There will also be a special collection today at the end of the Mass, as required by Bishop Eugene, to assist in the work of Reconciliation. Please give generously.

**On Care for our Common Home - Pope Francis.**

Global Inequality: ...The deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet: "Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest....water pollution particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water; and rises in the sea level mainly affect impoverished coastal populations who have nowhere else to go....Today we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as *to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.....we need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There is no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalisation of indifference' (Par 48-52). The Pope's encyclical is available on the Vatican website. How do you see OLSH Parish attending to the insights, challenges and world-view offered by Pope Francis? Is there anything we can do together.

*- OLSH Parish Social Justice Awareness Group*

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."  
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV



**Saint of the Week – [St Benedict, abbot](#) (July 11)**



**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.

### Minor Liturgical Improvements Begin

Please be advised that the improvements in our celebration of the Holy Mass according to the rubrics of the Roman Rite will come into effect this weekend.

**Commentators, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers** are humbly reminded of the following improvements from the recent workshops (re last week's bulletin)

1. The Commentator's role remains except there will be no more commentaries on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gospel readings.
2. The Prayers of the Faithful will be read from the pulpit by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader.
3. The Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will only come up after the priest has received Holy Communion.
4. A humble reminder that everyone is invited to take and drink from the chalice. The Church highly discourages *intinction* or dipping the consecrated hosts into the chalice.

### Embracing the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has proclaimed an **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8<sup>th</sup> December 2015) to the Feast of Christ the King (20<sup>th</sup> November 2016)**. The upcoming Jubilee Year could be an opportunity for OLSH Parish to offer a number of initiatives to help us gaze and grow in the merciful heart of Christ.

Watch this space!

### Newly Married

Congratulations to *Caterina Maria Golotta & Michael Christopher Williams* on their wedding day, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Best wishes and may the coming years be filled with love, laughter and happiness. We are so very proud of you both. Enjoy this special moment.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- There is great debate about the relationship of 'the brothers of the Lord' to Jesus. Some scholars suggest that they were in fact literal brothers (or half brothers or step-brothers), while other scholars point out that it was common practice to refer to cousins and even more distant relations as 'brothers'. The Catholic Church holds that Jesus was the only child of Mary, the virgin mother of Christ.
- The reference to Jesus as 'son of Mary' was a slur on his legitimacy because, in Jesus' time, people were usually identified as the child of their father.
- The man referred to here as 'James, the brother of the Lord', later became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem.

### **Cleaning: 11 July Group 7**

Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

**Counters: 12 July 2015**

Eric & Kath McGargill

### **Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,375.80 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$3,617.40 (for the parish)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator	Theme	Date & Venue
Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)	'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership	18 July at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm

### 'The Joy of the Gospel' Parish Workshop

A reminder to all parishioners that that Fr Noel Connolly will be conducting a workshop on Pope Francis 'The Joy of the Gospel' on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at St Francis' Pastoral Centre**, Alice Springs, from 9:00-3:30pm. Donations only.

### Campfire in the Heart

Sue and David Woods wish to invite you to an Open Day at Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd, Alice Springs from 2pm - 4 pm on Saturday 11th July. Enjoy scones and conversations around the Campfire. Labyrinth Walk at 3pm.

### OLSH PARISH SIMPSON GAP SOCIAL RIDE

**WHEN:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of July

**SCHEDULE:** 8:30am gather at Flynn's Grave

9:00am commence ride

10:00am brunch at Simpsons Gap

11:00am return to Flynn's Grave.

To register email Fred Twohig – ftwohig@bigpond.net.au

### Sacrament of Confirmation

A humble reminder that Bishop Eugene will be administering the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 26th July at the 9:30am Mass**. All confirmandis and sponsors are asked to prepare and arrive early at least by 9:00am.

### Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

The Young Adults of the Parish are highly encouraged to join the newly formed Youth Group which meets every **Friday at 6:30 pm in the JP II Hall**. Please come along and let us work together to **"make a difference."**

*My GRACE is enough for you.*

### **Roster for weekend of 11-12 July 2015**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Leonie Smith Matthew Smith	Rose Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Kath McGargill	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Mike Steller Rita Steller Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Beth Madden	Anthony Hay Lennie Sumang	Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp Carmela Guthart
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Miguel Ociones	Cristina Buenviaje Pat Monaghan	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Mel Buenviaje

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

**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:**

Ezekiel 2:2-5

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now, they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels will know there is a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 122

**R/** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

**Second Reading:**

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Mark 6:1-6

*A prophet is despised in his country.*

Jesus went to his home town, and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is despised only in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.