



# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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*Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' love bringing justice, compassion and charity to all creation.*



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Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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## Parish Treasurer

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## OLSH College Principal

Br Tony Caddy FMS

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Mrs Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

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## Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

## Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm; Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm;

## Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Indigenous Community Mass

## Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin

"It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation... Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation." (LS n. 236)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C  
1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

## 'Stand erect, hold your heads high, for your liberation is at hand.'

This Sunday each year the Church invites us to embark on a great journey the journey of the Liturgical Year.

When we start the liturgical year, we are setting out to follow in the footsteps of Christ. In the course of the year, the whole of his life and teaching will pass before us. We will revisit all the mysteries of his time on earth: from his expectation, to his birth, his life, death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit.

In the course of the year, we will relive his whole story. But we have heard the story many times. Hence, there is a danger that we may see it as old and stale. We must try and see it as new and present and alive. It's not like playing an old video. The celebration of each feast brings back the event in its original clarity and vitality, never allowing it to grow cold and lifeless or fade into oblivion.

Besides, we are not spectators but actors in all of this. The mysteries of Christ's life are represented in such a way that we are drawn into them, and become participants in them. That makes it more demanding, but more enriching and exciting too. God is not just a God of the past, but of the present and the future.

Each year we ought to hear the Christ story better, understand it more deeply, and make it more our own. In hearing his story we ought to hear our own stories too. Our stories merge with his and are illuminated by it. His story enables us to live our own story more fully and more joyfully.

Today the readings concentrate on the second coming of Christ and the end of the world. The early Christians believed that the Second Coming was near, and would be preceded by cosmic signs. We are not so sure about that. All the false prophets speak of the end as a time of gloom and doom. But Jesus spoke of it as a day of liberation and salvation for his followers. The world is not heading for catastrophe or mere ending. God has a goal for the world. That goal is the coming of God's Kingdom in all its glory. Therefore, we should not be afraid of the Lord's coming, but await it with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

May you all have a good week and I invite you to prepare your heart to receive Jesus!

Fr. Alex 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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 03 December 2018**

**Mon:** Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11  
**Tues:** Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24  
**Wed:** Is 25:6-10 Mt 15:29-37  
**Thu:** Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27  
**Fri:** Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31  
**Sat:** Gen 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
**Sun:** Baruch 5:1-9 Lk 3:1-6  
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
 + Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Virgie Gomugda Golfo, Tom Wyatt, Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**Death Anniversary**

Alison Lillis—December 03

*May her soul rest in peace*

**Ecumenical Christmas Carols at ANZAC Oval**

**Sunday, 2 December 7:00pm start**

The Alice Springs Ecumenical Christmas Carols fall on Sunday, 2 Dec. Gates will open at 5:00pm for 7:00pm start. OLSH Parish is taking part. Bring your families to ANZAC Oval. Please call Fr Oli to help out on

**Did You Know?**

- ◆ Today begins the cycle of readings for the Year C in the lectionary. This means that most of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke.
- ◆ The Advent Wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.
- ◆ The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.

The Summit

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment, one month's notice required. 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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

**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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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 -7:00pm

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Prayer**

**Repeat the Gospel Acclamation often this week:**

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,*

*and grant us your salvation.*

**OLSH Ramp Update**

The PPC in conjunction with the Building Committee have selected the contractors to carry out the construction of the ramps.

The external ramp will be constructed by Ghost Gum Enterprises and the internal ramp by Bluedust NT.

We are now waiting on building approval.

It has been decided that we wait until the new year before commencing the work.

Thank you, Fred Twohig

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THE PLENARY 2020. BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOUR WISH TO BE IN AUSTRALIA.

### Exploring the Word

Luke's Gospel is written for a Gentile Church community who are caught in between times. The early Christians believed that Christ's second coming was imminent—that Jesus would return soon as the Lord of Glory. As time passed, they had to rethink this belief. In this text, Luke addresses a community who are able to contemplate the past history of Jesus and the Church while looking forward to his future coming as the Son of Man. The text deals with how a Christian is to live the 'in between time'. They must be attentive to the gospel and live in readiness to meet their God. They must not be distracted by the cares and snares of the world, but be ready to stand confidently before the Son of Man.

The Summit

### Making Connections

This week, be attentive to the time you spend in waiting—in traffic, in a shop, on the phone. Use these small moments of waiting to prepare yourself for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

The Summit

### November: To Pray for the Dead

November is the month the Church invites and urges Catholics to pray for the faithful departed. The Book of Life is thus placed on the Offertory Table of the OLSH Church. For those who would like us to pray for the souls of their loved ones, relatives and friends, please feel free to write their names in the Book. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

### Planned Giving Campaign

We thank those parishioners who have opted for the planned giving programme to help the parish and Diocese. There are more planned giving cards at the back of the church. Encourage others to renew their financial commitment too.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"*, Jesus Christ.

### **Cleaning: December 08 Group 6**

Jo Black, Kate Kelly

### **Counters: December 09, 2018**

Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

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

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,510.45 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$991.00 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,196.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

### Play Group

#### **Friday's 9:00am to 11:00am**

For Mothers/Fathers come along with your babies/children for a relaxed fun time in the presbytery courtyard and JPII hall.

Children can play and parents can mingle. Every Friday from 9:00am to 11:00am.

For inquiries please contact **Caterina on 0457696187** or [caterinawilliams37@gmail.com](mailto:caterinawilliams37@gmail.com)



### ADVENT SEASON COMING UP

Advent for the year 2018 begins on Sunday, December 2nd. Advent, for Western Christians starts the season for preparing for the coming of the Messiah and the celebration of Christmas with the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent always commences on the fourth Sunday before Christmas or the closest Sunday to St Andrew's Day which falls on November 30th each year and ending on the first Mass of Christmas (Vigil Mass) on Christmas Eve.

OLSH PARISH will celebrate two 2<sup>nd</sup> Rites of Reconciliation on **Tuesdays, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm**. All priests will be available to hear Confessions.

### Eco-actions

At mass, rekindle a renewed sense of participation and rediscover a deeper meaning of the different parts of the mass. In particular, remember God's provision for all creation during the offering of the bread and wine. Pray for the people working in the production of goods. When the Eucharistic Prayer is being prayed, call to mind the praises of all creation, the suffering of our fellow humans, and the violence perpetrated to our fellow creatures.

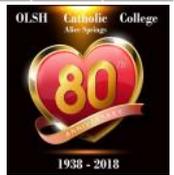
From the book "*Living Laudato Si*" by Manny Bautista

### **Roster for weekend of December 08 - 09, 2018**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Kate Kingston Leonie Smith	David Fernandes Rosalia Fernandes Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Kath McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	Mike Steller John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Tony Hay R Tabbada	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Br James Hodge
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Joel Tolentino Tinna Buenviaje	Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives Thomas J John



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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**First Reading:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

'See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity. The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14

**R/** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Second Reading:**

Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus. The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Ps 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamor of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.' The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 84:1-3

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**

(to continue in Feb 2019)

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: December 02, 2018

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps**

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

**Parish Children's Choir**

TBA

**Children's Sunday School**

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m dr)**

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Parish Council Meetings**

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, JP2 Hall

**Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry**

3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

**Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs)**

4th Friday of the month

**Finance Team Ministry**

1st Saturday from 8:00am-9:30am

**CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)**

Sundays from 3:30pm-4:30pm

**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 the main Church.

**Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)**

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....

**Parish Soup Van Ministry**

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?*

**"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8**

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