

# 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.

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 8th - 9th August 2015

### BREAD AND WORD

It is easy to understand the frantic flight of the Prophet Elijah, his tiredness and his thoughts about dying. Ardently in love as he was with both God and his people, he had witnessed the betrayal of the people, the prophets killed; he is now the only surviving prophet, a condemned and hunted man.

Elijah wants to throw in the towel and give up the fight. But the Lord does not accept his resignation. The Lord gives him his marching orders: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you" (1 Kings 19:4-8). He ate and drank and now like a person raised up; he regains his trust in God.

"Eat my flesh" is also the order of Jesus when his audience is upset and distraught by his teaching and they want to abandon him. To understand the Son, one has to eat his Word. It is a Word that is flesh, a Word that is a person, a Word that is food. To eat the Word of Jesus is to identify oneself with his person and to accept and shoulder his Cause.

This unbreakable relationship between the Word and the person is deeply biblical. In the prologue of St John we hear, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us" (John 1: 1-18). Already in the Old Testament, the Hebrews were 'eating and digesting' the Torah ("instruction from God") slowly and daily, while at the same time they were eating the manna sent by God not Moses (John 6:32). The word and manna sustained them as they fled from slavery and finally led them to discover the mystery of the covenant.

Every Sunday and weekday you are invited to 'Take and eat, this is my body'! These few words were uttered a couple of hours before Jesus died. What would become of the Bread if it were not united with his Word? A miracle food, a secret hidden recipe to satisfy our artificial hungers, and a drug to appease our desires. The holy Bread needs the Word so that it can become life-giving food that commits us and leads us to action. In fact the holy Word and the holy Bread are joined together united by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. The reason why the Catholics are reminded to be present at the beginning of the Mass for the Liturgy of the Word and not simply to rock up at Communion time! Our desire for the Eucharist should be equal to our desire for the Word so that it can shift from what we have often made it, the bread of angels to the bread that is broken for the a new world.

*How could the Word incite us to give the loving help to people if the broken Bread did not become the Sacrament of a Life that is given? How could the Word proclaim to us the mercy of the Father if we were not brought together at the table of reconciled sinners?*

Fr Raass, Parish Priest

### Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

*A call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.*

"Promote green construction with energy efficient homes and buildings."  
Paragraphs 26, 180

- Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

### Daily Readings: starting 10 August

**Mon:** 2 Cor 9:6-10                      Jn 12:24-26  
**Tues:** Deut 31:1-8                        Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14  
**Wed:** Deut 34:1-12                        Mt 18:15-20  
**Thur:** Joshua 3:7-11,13-17                Mk 18:21-19:1  
**Fri:** Joshua 24:1-13                        Mt 19:3-12  
**Sat:** Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10  
1 Cor 15:20-26                                Lk 1:39-56  
**Sun:** Prov 9:1-6  
Eph 5:15-20                                    Jn 6:51-58

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



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

Veronica Edwards, Tilde Cabantog, Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Turkey, Philip Ponodo, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, 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.*

**Death Anniversary:** Dexter Guevara (Aug 10)

*May his soul and the souls of all our dearly departed rest in peace.*

### 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**  
Every Fridays from 6-7pm 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

**Weekly Bible Sharing**  
Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:30pm

**Mothers' Praying for Your Children**  
Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

**Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**  
Monday to Friday 6:45am

### Assumption of Our Lady

On **Saturday, 15 August 2015** the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times. The Solemnity of the Assumption is a holy day of obligation in Australia and New Zealand; a Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation. OLSH College will celebrate it on the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August for the sake of parents, staff and students at OLSH Church. Parents and benefactors are invited to attend:

9:00am Bath Street Assumption Mass  
10:30am Traegar Campus Assumption Mass  
1:30pm Sadadeen Campus Assumption Mass

### His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana



OLSH Parish is delighted to host the upcoming official visit of His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana to Central Australia. His Excellency is the new Apostolic Nuncio to Australia appointed by Pope Francis. We have confirmation that **His Excellency will be celebrating the Holy Mass at OLSH Church on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 6:00pm.** All parishioners are invited to participate at this Mass followed by a

prepared banquet at Bath Street Hall. The Parish Council and Hospitality Committee will start selling tickets for this special banquet at \$10 per adult and \$5 per child for food preparation. But do not let the amount deter any parishioner or family. You can still attend the banquet.

### Apostolic Nuncio To Meet With Clergy and Religious

His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yllana desires to meet with all clergy and religious working in Central Australia on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** for an informal dinner at the Presbytery Courtyard. All religious orders are invited and please bring a plate.

### 2015 Catholic Mission/Propagation of the Faith Appeal, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August

This year's appeal is inspired by the Gospel of St Matthew, *"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"*.

For your information, one-third of the funds collected on Mission Sunday and Propagation of the Faith is retained by Catholic Mission for distribution within Australia including the Diocese of Darwin. Special envelopes will be prepared as well as the blue buckets at the end of all Masses on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Please come prepared.

### 23rd Annual Cross Of Redemption Over Australia

The national Marian prayer group Cross-Over Australia will visit OLSH parish again arriving on **Monday 17th August with a special Mass at 5:30pm.** All are welcome to join the group for Rosaries, Benediction, Exposition, Holy Mass & Blessings starting at 3:00pm at the presbytery Chapel.



**Saint of the Week – [St Jane Frances de Chantal](#) (July 12)**



### WELCOME!

GABRIEL JASON C COOK son of Jason Michael Cook and Grace Camotojan-Cook who will be baptised on Sunday, August 9.

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.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

### FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

OLSH Parish will celebrate the First Communion of 37 Communicants next week, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at the 9:30am Mass. All parents and godparents are invited to attend and celebrate this wonderful day.

Please arrive early next Sunday.

Please note that Holy Communion gifts can be purchased from Vinnies on 38 Railway Tce.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC DISABILITY COUNCIL

The ACDC under the banner of Bishop's Commission for Pastoral Life will be arriving at OLSH parish for their annual meeting under the leadership Ms Michele Castagna OAM as Chairperson. The Australian Catholic Disability Council was established to advise the Bishops Commission on strategies and projects it can undertake to promote the participation of people with disability in the life of the Australian Church. They will be celebrating a special Mass on **Friday 21st August at the 5:30pm Mass**. Bishop Terrance Brady will be the main celebrant under the theme of "**One Body in Christ Celebrating Ability**". Please invite or make an effort to assist any parishioner with disability to this special Mass. A special dinner will take place in the courtyard. WELCOME.



### **OLSH Parish Bible Sharing Begins**

Come and be refreshed with God's Word through heartfelt sharing, spiritual encouragement and support

with SVD priests every **Wednesday from 6:15pm to 7:30pm at the presbytery beginning this week, Wednesday, 12th August**. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mathew 11:28) Turn off your TV and open your Bible—see what happens!

### **CONCRETE SLABS IN FRONT OF OLSH CHURCH**

After months of consultation the Parish Pastoral Council together with the Parish Finance & Works Council, have decided to go ahead with the covering of the two existing cement slabs in front of the Church with sandstone & a cross to match the existing church wall as you can see on this photo-shop image. A big thank you to those who made submissions.



### **Cleaning: 15 August Group 4**

Stephanie King, Jan Jennings, Mary Neck, Joyce Clifford

### **Counters: 16 August 2015**

John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

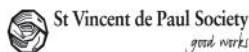
### **Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,140.00 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,837.20 (for the parish)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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



### **VINNIES 50 YEARS in ALICE SPRINGS**

The OLSH Parish is celebrating this milestone by commemorating the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 23 August to this service in the community. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

A special morning tea, after the Mass, with a photo display of the past 50 years will be held in the John Paul II court yard.

The Vinnies shop is having a \$1 sale on Saturday August 22 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Free sausage sizzle (11:00am-1:00pm); fun activities for the kids and birthday cake (12:30pm)

### **National Vocations Week (2<sup>nd</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> August)**

In celebrating both National Vocations Week and the Year of Consecrated Life, one or two members of Religious Orders at OLSH Parish will share their vocation story this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at all Masses. Hence there will be no homily this weekend.

The **Social Justice Awareness Group** will be holding its **2015-2016 Strategic Planning Meeting on Sunday 29th August** commencing at 4:00pm at the Parish House. We are looking at Social Justice Issues that are of interest to all and planning how these Issues can be and will be adequately addressed throughout 2015-2016. We invite you, our fellow Parishioners, for suggestions within the next two weeks. These suggestions will guide us in our planning for the coming year. I thank you in advance for assisting us in this matter. Please contact me on 0400 123 540 or [ali.olsh@hotmail.com](mailto:ali.olsh@hotmail.com) with your suggestions. - Sr. Kathleen. Chairperson

### **(NEW!) Mother's Praying for your Children**

Come join a new prayer group at OLSH Parish specific to praying for our children. Mother's Prayers will commence on **Thursday, 20th August, 4:00pm at the Presbytery**. Our group will meet twice monthly, in a confidential setting, providing an opportunity for meditative prayer. This is a 30 minute quiet time for Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, etc. Questions or concerns? See Marieta Ives or ring Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

### **Roster for weekend of 15-16 August 2015**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Leonie Smith	Marian Maddocks Leanne Dieckmann Darryl Smith
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Pat Gallagher	M McNaught Pushpa Vida	Rita Steller Mike Steller Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Beth Madden	Lennie Sumang Anthony Hay	Bruce Were Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Cristina Buenviaje	Thampi Joseph Thomas J John Marieta Ives

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

**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Entrance Antiphon** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**First Reading:**

1 Kings 19:4-8

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said, 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 33:2-9

**R/** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 6:51

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

John 6:41-51

*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everyone who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of the finest wheat.