



# 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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

## Parish Secretary:

Mel Buenviaje

## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred C.

## 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.

## 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.

## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year of Mercy



"It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11)", Pope Francis. Question: As the Church officially closes the Jubilee of Mercy, how have you shown others, yourself and nature the Mercy of God?

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe YearC 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DARWIN PASTORAL LETTER

Before calling the Synod on the Family for October 2015, Pope Francis announced a Year of Mercy for the whole church that would begin on Dec 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and continue through to November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

This announcement provided the background and the context for the Synod and prepared the whole Church for this very significant ecclesial event.

In our diocese we have had the opportunity to observe the Year of Mercy by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the invitation to pass through the Door of Mercy, after which we prayed and asked for an indulgence, for God's forgiveness and his blessing.

As I mentioned earlier in October last year, Pope Francis called the Bishops of the world, along with lay observers and members of other faiths, to attend to the Synod on the Family. I was privileged to be chosen as a delegate of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference to attend the Synod. The Synod spoke of the family as the 'domestic church', a sacred place with God dwells. The Synod was determined to focus attention on the daily lives of the family and looked for ways both to support the family, and to learn from the family....

On March 19 of this year, Pope Francis released his iconic document 'Amoris Laetitia' (The Joy of Loving) which is his summary and response to the Synod on the Family. It is a wonderfully fresh and practical reflection on the family and indeed, on the wider Church. It would be a tragedy to allow this document to pass us by...

So now as we are about to close the Year of Mercy on November 20, our Diocese will simultaneously launch the Year of the Family, based on the Pope's document, 'The Joy of Loving'. Let each and every one of us in this diocese, pray for our family, the Church and the world. It is my prayer that every family, parish, school and groups will make this document the centre of their prayer and reflection throughout the year ahead.

May God bless you and your families,  
*Bishop Eugene Hurley, 8th November 2016*

*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 21 November 2016**

**Mon:** Apoc 14:1-5                      Lk 21:1-4  
**Tues:** Apoc 14:14-19                  Lk 21:5-11  
**Wed:** Apoc 15:1-4                      Lk 21:12-19  
**Thur:** Apoc 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9 Lk 21:20-28  
**Fri:** Apoc 20:1-4,11-21;2              Lk 21:29-33  
**Sat:** Apoc 22:1-7                        Lk 21:34-36  
**Sun:** Is 2:1-5  
Rom 13:11-14                              Mt 24:37-44

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



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

Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan, Clare Lorkin and Rose Almanza.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**OLSH PARISH ADVENT PROGRAMME**

The Church will officially begin a new Liturgical Year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, 27<sup>th</sup> November. A parish Advent programme will be drawn up in preparation for Christmas 2016. More details later.

***Prayer at Home***

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

**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 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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am



**Closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy**

On this Solemnity of Christ the King, all Holy Doors will be closed in churches and basilicas around the world, including in Rome, it is estimated that over 20 million people participated in the Church's Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Vatican – and a billion people may have participated in churches worldwide. As the year comes to a close, let's rejoice and give praise to a year where we learned once again that the fate of the world is not in the hands of people, but in the mercy of God. May we also be reminded that first of all mercy is not a sign of weakness or surrender, but the strong, and loving omnipotence of the Father, who heals our weaknesses, raises us from our falls and urges us to the good for others and creation. In the Diocese of Darwin as one door closes, the other opens...please read Bishop Eugene's recent Pastoral Letter on the simultaneous opening of the Year of the Family based on the recent document of Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, the Joy of Love

**Approved NEW Vision Statement of OLSH Parish 2017-2020**

Please find the second commentary on the remaining theological and scriptural aspects of the new parish Vision Statement:

**“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 of creation”.**

**“Actively Engaging in Jesus' love”:** As baptised Catholics, our basic mission realizes the basic desire to *actively engage* with others, not just Catholics, in bringing about the love of Jesus to transform the world and to live in the delight of God whose Good News we have heard proclaimed. We extend this message through further proclamation, with profound respect for all cultures and languages with which we engage. We seek to embody and act out of our own sense of human and civic responsibility to liberate first ourselves from our un-freedoms and others- in the reality of Jesus love for all people. OLSH Parish hopes that all parishioners will engage with a renewed sense of hope being in community, being in relationship, being present. From beginning to end, it's all about Jesus' love for humanity. We love because he first loves us (1 Jn 4:19; 3:16; 1 John 4:16). Love is the greatest commandment of God and this is where our engagement begins and ends.

**“bringing justice”:** Part and parcel of this engagement is to engage in the good old fight for social justice. Social Justice is an integral part of Church teaching and rooted in Sacred Scripture. It is based on the rights that flow from and safeguard human dignity, and it inclines us to work with others to help make social institutions better serve the common good. The Church's social doctrine draws upon the Church's social encyclicals of the past hundred or so years, beginning with Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* in 1891. It is still remains one of the best powerful secret weapons of the Catholic Church. Please do not be afraid of the word “justice”. Justice is neither left nor right! Micah 6:8, “And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”

*.....to be continued.*

**Centenary of Blessed Charles de Foucauld & 60 Years of Little Sisters' Presence in Central Australia**

Next Saturday at the 11:00am Mass. All Parishioners are invited and please bring a dish to share with Srs Clare & Magali in thanksgiving for the 60 years of loving in the footsteps and charism of their Founder, Blessed Charles. There will be shared lunch after the Mass.

**MONDAY ADULT FAITH, CULTURE & SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

*A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy*

Monday 21st November	The Opposite of Mercy	The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:1-21)
Monday 28th November	God Is Looking For Us	Finding the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Monday 5th December	Who is forgiven More Loves More	The Two Debtors and their Creditors (Luke 7:36-50)
Come, Learn, Share & Celebrate from 7:00pm-8:30pm		

**Free e-book (with church imprimatur)**

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader/ tablet/ i-phone, offers the Gospel for every day of this Liturgical Year A-1 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. This Liturgical Year A-1 begins on the First Sunday of Advent 2016 and will continue till November of 2017. The e-book may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given to this publication when he was Bishop of Parramatta. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1 may be accessed at the following URL address:

[www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**2016 National Church Life Survey**

If you have not taken part in the 2016 National Church Life Survey last weekend, please take an Attender Survey this weekend. Fill it in and hand it back ASAP. ALL parishioners from the age of 15 onwards are invited to take part in this survey and the result will be sent back to us. This is an **anonymous survey** for individuals. Our Mass Centre Code is **TAE001**.

A box will be placed at the back of the church for your completed survey. Or you can also do the survey online: [surveys.ncls.org.au](http://surveys.ncls.org.au)

**Cleaning:** 26 November 2016 **Group 8**  
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell

**Counters:** 27 November 2016  
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 962.00 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 1,466.15 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$ 1,285.00

*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

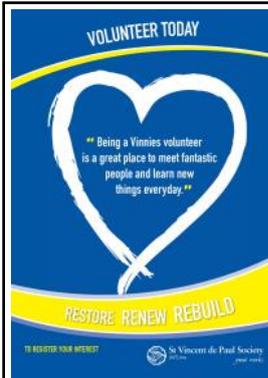
*Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.*

**FINAL PARISH ACTIVITIES (NOV-DEC)**

**DATE & VENUE**

<i>Official Closing of the Year of Mercy &amp; Official Opening of the Year of Amoris Laetitia within the Diocese of Darwin..followed by a Parish Picnic for all</i>	ALL MASSES Parish Picnic at the Telegraph Station from 11:00am, Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Centenary of Blessed Charles de Focould & 60 Years of Little Sisters in Central Australia	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November, 11:00am Mass and followed by a light lunch
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint John Paul's Visit to Central Australia	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November...a focus on all Masses and Arrenrte elders' contribution
OLSH Parish Pre-Xmas Seniors Luncheon	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 12 noon & Bath St Hall
Social Justice Awareness Group Future Planning	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 3-5pm @ the JP2 Hall
Ecumenical Xmas Carols for all Churches	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 5-11:00pm @ ANZAC Oval

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE ABOVE PARISH ACTIVITIES & PLEASE LEND A HAND**



**Volunteer Today at Vinnies**

Vinnies OLSH and the Vinnies Shop are always looking for volunteers to help with the Food Van ministry, Emergency Relief (we really need 1 or 2 new volunteers soon as some other volunteers are moving on), and staffing the Shop. If you've been thinking about volunteering to fill up some time, or to help out those in need, becoming a Vinnies volunteer is a great way to do both! Don't worry - no meeting commitment :) Contact Beth Madden (Vinnies Conference President - 0458581258), Melissa Durston (Food Van and ER Coordinator - 0477410766) or Ruth Fox (new Vinnies Shop Manager - 8952-1074) to find out more info.

**Roster for weekend of 26 - 27 November 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00</b>	Greg Gilbert	Leonie Smith Sr Jennifer Farrell	Rose Sabadin H. Casseeram Darryl Smith
<b>Sun 7:30</b>	Pat Gallagher	M McNaught Pushpa Vida	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Debbie Cook	Aileen Batimano Anthony Hay	Br M Green M Lillecrapp Mark Bensted
<b>Sun 5:30</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Dennis Simon Sue Bain	Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John Thampi Joseph

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C**  
**19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever. Apoc 5:12; 1:6

**First Reading:**

2 Samuel 5:1-3

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel. The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 121:1-5

**R/** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

**Second Reading:**

Colossians 1:12-20

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mark 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he how comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 23:35-43

*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 28 :10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
Theme & dates - refer to bulletin

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &  
on these Sundays: 9th Oct, 27th Nov, 2016 and  
15th Jan 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

**Children's Sunday School**  
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**  
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-  
7:00pm

**Telephone Tree Ministry TBA**  
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  
**CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)**  
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm  
**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 40  
South Terrace and the main Church.

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