



# 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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### 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

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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

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## 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.



## Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

**“Honour your father and mother” (Exodus 20:12). Here the verb “to honour” has to do with the fulfilment of family and social commitments; these are not to be disregarded under the pretence of religious motives (Mk 7:11-13). The children are not the property of a family, but have their own lives to lead. Amoris Laetitia, Ch.1, #17.** Question: How do you as a parent respond to your daughter when she gives birth to your grandchild out of wedlock? How do you as a son or daughter still honour your parents today?

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A  
11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Where Should We Be Looking to Find Jesus?

I'd like to suggest that we think about where to look for the Lord or God's presence on this 2nd Sunday of Lent. If we hear the invitation, if we want to answer the call as Abraham did, where should we be looking to find him?

Today's readings suggest an answer to me, and perhaps surprisingly the answer is “not on the mountain”. The even on the mountain is the exciting part and an out-of-this-world spiritual experience. But the point is that this is indeed unusual; it is not the norm. No one gets this kind of vision of Jesus every day. Jesus leads them up the mountain, but he also leads them back down. Peter's typical suggestion to stay up on the mountain, to build booths or tents to enshrine the event, is not well received by the transfigured one – Jesus.

The event of the Transfiguration is set in the Gospel just after Jesus has spoken about his impending suffering and death, and Peter once again argues with him. Now the apostles get a glimpse of the divinity of Jesus in his glory, almost to encourage them, sustain them, so that they might continue on the path to face their own Jerusalem.

There is a great temptation, both as individuals and as a Church, to settle in, to build tents up on the mountain, to prefer to stay up in the air, away from the harshness of human activities. How many times we hear it expressed, “I don't want to get involved in parish life” or “the Church should not get involved in politics”. Today we hear similar complaints from good conservative Catholics to take a strong stand on sexual morality but they won't say a word on capital punishment or asylum seekers. Many good liberal Catholics would commit to renewable energy but feel that abortion is personal and private.

Whatever it is, the gentle reassuring voice of God calls us not to be afraid - to engage with the world. We must stand up from our high mountain and come down to earth again and walk with Jesus.

Lets not deal too much with religious abstractions, to think that religion has only to do with saying prayers and going to Mass on Sundays. Yes we need to be alone with Jesus on a mountain or in church or under a gum tree. These are mountain-top experiences and we need them. It is an important component of our faith. But then as ships do not belong in a harbour and are made for the rough seas and so are we. Catholics are made to be out there to look and help others search for Jesus in our ordinary day-to-day life, in the daily struggles we undertake.

Like the disciples Jesus will see us through.

Fr Raass

*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.*

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

**Daily Readings: starting 13 March 2017**

**Mon:** Dan 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38  
**Tues:** Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12  
**Wed:** Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28  
**Thu:** Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31  
**Fri:** Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-12,17-20  
**Sat:** Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32  
**Sun:** Ex 17:3-7  
Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42

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



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

Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer, Mona Irwin

*May the Lord grant them healing*  
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**Recently Deceased**

Eugenia Gatlabayan Ociones (March 3, 2017)

*May her soul rest in peace*



Our parish **Adult Faith & Culture Formation** will resume on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March on “**The History of Christianity**” and will run for five consecutive Mondays from 7:00am – 8:30am. See introduction in today’s bulletin.

**Feast of the Week**

St Patrick, bishop - Friday, 17 March

**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

**RCIA Announcement**

We welcome our Catechumens, **Gemma O'Brien, Sarah Nankivell, Luke Highfold and James Myers** into the final stage of their preparations to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. They will join the Elect this weekend at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, with the exception of James who will delay until 24th March due to being away from Alice Springs presently. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, and will have special preparatory rites at the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent Masses. In the gospels of these Sundays we find JESUS offering strength and healing to ... the woman at the well who ‘thirsts for Living Water’ ... to the man born blind who ‘who now sees’ ... and to Lazarus with Jesus ‘raising him to him to NEW LIFE’.

**Jeremy Jones** will be received into the Catholic Church during this Easter Vigil Mass and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Liturgy for these various Rites is simple, and we are invited to join in prayer and to give a big welcome to **Gemma, Sarah, Luke, James and Jeremy** who are each ready for these final stages of their Faith Journey into the Catholic Church.

- Sr Helen Kennedy FMM

**Year of the Family “Raising Great Kids” Workshops**



Young parents and Carers from all backgrounds and cultures are highly encouraged to attend and it’s FREE. Please contact Anileen on 8528776 or Fr Raass on 8521049. Parents have nothing to lose. Do it for your children. The dates are **18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at the JP2 Hall. Not too late to sign-up.

**Formation Sessions**

Repeat formation sessions will be conducted on the following dates: Sunday 12th March after the 9.30 Mass. **New readers** are strongly encouraged to participate in this session before you begin your new ministry. For new **communion ministers** there will be a practical formation session in the church on Sunday 19th March after the 9.30 Mass. Again all new ministers are strongly invited to participate.

**Monday Adult Faith Introduction...INTRODUCTION**

“A sense of identity incorporates a sense of history. In order to reveal oneself to a stranger it is necessary to communicate some of one’s personal (historical) experiences. We will hope to get some idea of the person—Personality of God. I look forward to hearing about peoples own experiences in relation to God. Brief overlook of the history in the Bible from Creation to the call of Abraham in about 1800BC. We will try and trace the “finger of God” in the happenings from that time until the coming of Jesus –God himself—into our world. Notes will be provided” - Patrick Monaghan, Facilitator. ALL WELCOME. Venue: 1 Lakes Court.

**WELCOME!**

To Lilith Emelia Bester, daughter of Joel Bester and Ileah Allred and Tari Garland, daughter of Adrian and Rachael Garland who will be baptised on Sunday 12 March after the 9:30am Mass .

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE (Service of the Word with other Christian Churches)**

Lutheran Church	Wednesday 15th March	7:00pm
Uniting Church	Wednesday 22nd March	7:00pm
Catholic Church	Wednesday 29th March	7:00pm
Anglican Church	Wednesday 5th April	7:00pm

*All parishioners are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend. Try it out.*

Facilitators	Day of the Week	Date	Venue	Time
Priests	Saturdays	11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> March & 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Presbytery	Start 9:30am
Sue Marshall	Tuesdays	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> March & 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Treager Campus	Start 4:45pm
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	Tuesdays	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> March & 4 <sup>th</sup> April	St Francis Centre	Start 7:00pm

All parishioners are invited to join a Lenten Group or start one with your family. There are six sessions, each of approximately 90 minutes. Take to heart what it means to be saved, redeemed, forgiven and graced by the Holy Spirit, because God in his mercy send His Son Jesus to be our Saviour and Redeemer.

**Stations of the Cross During Lent**

My Wounded Hands	Friday 17th March, 6:15pm
Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 24th March, 6:15pm
Stations for Families	Friday 31st March, 6:15pm
Stations With Refugees & Asylum Seekers	Friday 7th April, 6:15pm

**A World Day of Pray Thank You**

to our Filipino community who made it such a happy and joyous night, as we prayed for a country of so many struggles and hardships. It was a sharing of true Filipino hospitality and wonderful food.  
- Rita Steller

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation**

The Parish will put on two Rites of Reconciliation of several penitents with individual confession and absolution. The dates are 20th March & 10th April, 7:00pm... *Come and loosen the soil of your life and trust in God's forgiveness.*

**Welcome Fr George!**



OLSH Parish welcomes Caritas Australia Manager of Community Engagement, Father George Sigamony this weekend. For more than a decade, Father George has held a series of leadership roles with member organisations of Caritas Internationalis, one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world. He will deliver this weekend's homilies about social justice, aid and development and the building of inter-faith dialogue.

Please don't forget there are still Caritas envelopes/boxes at the back of the church.

Laying of new bitumen in the Church car park will be done on Monday, 13 March. Please note that the carpark cannot be used on that day and will be cordoned off.

We do apologise for any inconvenience.



**Cleaning:** 18 March 2017 **Group 8**  
Margaret Lillecraap, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell

**Counters:** 19 March 2017  
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,518.20 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,091.60 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$1,132.60

*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> March, Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

- New co-opted Members to the PPC are Losana Hay (Hospitality); Beblin Arvis (CYAS); Pane Komene (Safeguarding Ministry)
- In the Year of the Family OLSH Parish will gather for a Parish Assembly on the 4<sup>th</sup> November to gather parishioners from all walks of life to come together for a day to help develop a Strategic Pastoral 3 year Plan from the current Vision Statement. Preparations and planning will begin soon. Feel free to be part of a Steering Committee during this exciting time.
- OLSH Church Golden Jubilee 2-year preparation (proposal for a Steering and Fundraising Group) to celebrate the history and contributions of all members past and present. It will also be the 90th year since the first Holy Mass was offered in the Red Centre by Fr James Long MSC. Any volunteers?
- Shared Leadership - Look to forming a **Parish Sacramental Team**. Currently we have OLSH College, St Joseph's, St Francis Centre, *Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community*
- The Parish will commission all people involved in a ministry within the parish on the first Sunday of the Easter Season (23<sup>rd</sup> April) at each of the Masses.



"Hi, it's Midge again here. I see myself as a symbol of grace, poise and sometimes selfishness! I've just returned from Tennant Creek yesterday after a quick de-sexing operation. Did I ask for it? NO! Did anyone consult with me? NO! My carers claim they know what's best for me...so they think. I don't even know their names for all I care. Please forgive me. I'm hurting".

**Roster for weekend of 18 - 19 March 2017**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Sr Anne Surtees Sr Mary Wicks	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	P Rademaker Jo Molin	Fred Twohig Ruth Sexton Kath McGargill
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Bro Matthew Green	Pauline Otieno Anthony Hay	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Pat Monaghan Tinna Buenviaje	Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives Thomas J John

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A**  
**11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading:**

Genesis 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. "I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." ' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ez 36:26

**R/** Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed; Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

**Second Reading:**

Timothy 1:8-10

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Ps 19:8-11

**Your words are spirit and life**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
Resumes 27th March 2017. Details on page 2.

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these  
Sundays: 23rd April 2017, 11th June 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

**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. Need LR  
Licence.

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

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom  
shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said,  
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*