



# 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*



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Monday to Friday

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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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## 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 Aboriginal Community Mass

## Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

3rd Sunday of every month

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



"We have repeatedly said that to love another we must first love ourselves. Paul's hymn to love, however, states that love "does not seek its own interest", nor "seek what is its own". This same idea is expressed in another text: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Phil 2:4). The Bible makes it clear that generously serving others is far more noble than loving ourselves. Loving ourselves is only important as a psychological prerequisite for being able to love others: "If a man is mean to himself, to whom will he be generous? No one is meaner than the man who is grudging to himself" (Sir 14:5-6). Pope Francis, Ch.4#101, *Amoris Laetitia*

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP EUGENE HURLEY

I must say I am relieved that the National Marriage Postal Survey is over. I find it distressing that people, who have legitimately different views, won't listen reverently to each other, learn from each other and maybe even move to a new place in their thinking. At worst, surely we are mature enough to respectfully disagree. So often during this survey there have been loud and threatening voices, total refusal to acknowledge the other point of view. Big companies, sporting codes, overseas advocates and often the mass media have created a 'them' and 'us' attitude that I found quite unhelpful and disturbing.



In some places there were reports of people being violent and disrespectful. That seemed so strange in a community where we pride ourselves on being 'all grown up' and mature. There was something of the mindless euphoria that follows a grand final when one team has won...and the other team has lost. Was that what we wanted, or indeed what we needed? I know from personal conversations I have had with people, that many people voted 'Yes' out of love and respect for same-sex attracted people who are part of their families, friends, colleagues or neighbours. Many have had experiences of being bullied or discriminated against. Jesus Christ demanded that we love one another and Pope Francis is constantly making the same call to all people.

Personally I don't agree that marriage can be anything else other than between a man and a woman. For me it is a bit like soccer and AFL. We each claim that they are the real 'football'. But they are two different games, and as passionately as we might support our own code, we both recognise that they are different. As Catholics we understand marriage as a sacred sacrament and a special relationship with God. Other people see it differently.

It seems to me that there is now another and equally important conversation to take place around respecting religious freedom. What I would like to suggest is that everybody involved in this new conversation, commit themselves passionately, in demanding the same sense of equality they brought to the same sex debate.. That means that each person with a view is at liberty to express it, without being painted as a bigot and without being offensive to another.

My fear is that ideologues will continue this rancorous debate, not because it is helpful, but because it will provide a platform to 'win' some more of their social imperatives, regardless of the sensitivities and genuine beliefs of the 'other' people, whom they will want to 'lose'.

I don't want to be part of any such 'non-debate' that descends into a shabby win-lose ideological battle. That, for me, is below the dignity of the people I care about, and that's everyone. I ask you to join me in praying that we might all try to do as Jesus asks of us; "to love one another". Surely that can't be offensive to anyone. Perhaps if we embraced the command of Jesus Christ, we may meet one another in a mutually acceptable space.

May our good and loving God bless us all and give us wisdom.

*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 20 November 2017**

**Mon:** 1 Macc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64 Lk 18:35-43  
**Tues:** 2 Macc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10  
**Wed:** 2 Macc 7:1,20-31 Lk 19:11-28  
**Thu:** 1 Macc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44  
**Fri:** 1Macc 4:36-37,52-59 Lk 19:45-48  
**Sat:** 1 Macc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40  
**Sun:** Ezek 34:11-12,15-17  
1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

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

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

Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Elisa Yared, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, 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 Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lenie & Will Arthur

*May the Lord grant them healing*

**REST IN PEACE**

QUEENIE ANTONNETTE PACIS

**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.

**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 -7:00pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

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

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am



**First World Day of the Poor, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, NEW!**

"I am writing to remind you that His Holiness Pope Francis has designated the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19 November 2017, as the First World Day of the Poor. The associated theme is **"Let us love, not with words but with deeds"**. Pope Francis reminds us that there are many people who have devoted their lives to serving the poor. We recall our own Australian Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Pope Francis calls on us to truly "encounter" the poor and to see how poverty challenges us in so many ways, "in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration..." It is my hope that the World Day of the Poor will become an important date in our Australian liturgical calendar"

*Yours sincerely in Christ, Most Rev Terence Brady  
Chair, Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life*

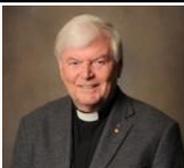
**Same-Sex Marriage Survey Outcome & Catholic Bishop's Reaction**



*"While I do not deny the good will of many who voted Yes, I am deeply disappointed that the likely result will be legislation to further deconstruct marriage and family in Australia. But I am heartened that millions of Australians still stand by the conviction that marriage is a unique relationship between a man and woman. In fact, only 48% of eligible voters voted Yes to redefining marriage in law. To the many already-married couples and those contemplating it I say: don't let this decision dishearten you or undermine your appreciation of the sanctity of real marriage.... As we create a legal 'right' to marry a person of the same sex, we must not trade off existing rights to religious belief and expression, and other freedoms. There is room in the Australian public square for both. Surely it is not beyond the wit and good will of our political leaders to progress both concerns."* **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP**, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017, NSW, (take a copy of the full pastoral letter at the back of the church)



*"Parliament must work to unify Australians by respecting different views on marriage. The Catholic Church, and many others who sought to retain the definition of marriage as it has been understood for centuries, continues to view marriage as a special union between a woman and a man, which allows for the creation and nurture of children...A change in civil law does not change the Catholic understanding of the nature of marriage. The Catholic Church continues to respect the dignity of LGBTIQ Australians and our ministries will continue to care deeply about the dignity and value of all people we encounter. ...Parliamentarians must recognise and respect the concerns of the more than 4.8 million Australians who opposed a change to the definition of marriage by putting in place strong conscience and religious freedom protections...These protections must ensure that Australians can continue to express their views on marriage, that faith-based schools can continue to teach the traditional understanding of marriage and that organisations can continue to operate in a manner that is consistent with those values."* **Archbishop Denis Hart, Melbourne**, 16th Nov 2017.



*"The result was not unexpected. The debate has been turned from being about "marriage" to being about "equality". The Yes vote was argued in terms of discrimination but little was said on the true nature of marriage, apart from statements such that a love between a couple is all that matters. The debate took place in an ever-increasing secular Australia, where almost three quarters of marriage are now performed by civil celebrants. On the Yes side there were corporations like Qantas and the banks, celebrities and clerics of different backgrounds, politicians of all colours, the airwaves and the media. It was not unusual for someone to feel intimidated if they had a No opinion, ....The vote does not affect the understanding of marriage held by Catholic people, as a union between a man and woman, open to life. The Catholic understanding of marriage is reinforced by rich theology spanning well over a thousand years, and reaching back to the words of Jesus Himself, that a man will cling to his wife and the two will become one flesh."* **Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ**, Port Pirie, 16/11/2017 (full text at the back of the church)

## Important Parish Dates: November & December

Cake Stalls for Catholic Youth trip to Syd	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov after all Masses
Workshop for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 6:30pm start
Year 12 Graduation Mass, OLSH College	Marian Hall, Saddadeen 9:30am
Parish Advent Spiritual Retreat (for Women ONLY): \$20 per retreatant; Retreat Director: Sr Anne	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov "Waiting with Mary", St Francis.
Cake Stalls for Catholic Youth trip to Syd &	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov after all Masses
Feast of Christ the King & Renewal of Married Vows, Parish-Wide Children's Choir will lead	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am & 5:30pm Masses for renewals
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Adult Reflection at the JP2 Hall	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> , 7-8pm
Parish Seniors Pre-Christmas Lunch	2 <sup>nd</sup> December, Saturday at Bath Street Hall, 12:00 noon
Commissioning of CYAS trip to Sydney & special Collection for the Youth	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December at the 9:30am Mass
Ecumenical Christmas Carols, ANZAC Oval	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 7:00pm, Donation only at the gate, bring everyone
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Adult Reflection, JP2 Hall	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7:00pm-8:00pm
Final Prison Sunday Prison Ministry for 2017	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 1:00pm -3:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Adult Reflection, JP2 Hall	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Advent 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:00pm – 8:00pm



**Seniors Pre-Christmas Lunch**

WHEN: Saturday, 2 December  
WHERE: OLSH College, Bath St. Hall

You (SENIORS) are cordially invited to have lunch, sing Christmas songs, see Father Christmas and visit with friends at our annual Christmas gathering. Please plan to join us starting at 12 noon. Please sign up at the entrance of our church for volunteers and also inviting Christmas gifts for seniors. Thank you, from *OLSH Parish, PPC and the Hospitality Team*



**Youth Assembly, NSW**

Our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs (CYAS) will be selling all kinds of flavoured cakes after all Masses this weekend to assist in their travel expenses to Sydney. Cake Stalls will be set up in front of the church at all Masses on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov & 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please help. INVEST IN OUR YOUTH TODAY!



**End of Year of Family & Renewal of Married Vows**

So far close to *twenty married couples* will renew their married love and commitment on the Solemnity of Christ the King at the 9:30am & 5:30pm Masses followed by the cutting of their anniversary cake, social and light meal. All couples renewing their vows to please bring a plate to share and give thanks to God for the joy of married life. Our church will be decorated a little for this special ceremony and to also officially close the Year of the Family. If children are present they will also be invited to renew their respect and love to their parents on the day. Please contact Fr Raass if you're desire to renew your vows next Sunday. All couples please bring a plate.

**CONFESSIOAL BOOTH RENOVATION**

As part of the Golden Jubilee Preparations and requirement of Bishop Eugene's policy, the Confessional Booth will undergo some renovations beginning from next week. What will happen?

- Retain the two main doors but insert two rectangular sound-proof transparent glass on the mid-section of both doors.
- Change inside floor carpet & install small LED light.

**Cleaning:** November 25, 2017 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** November 26, 2017  
John Lillecrapp, Mike & Rita Steller

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,263.45 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$890.85 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$857.00  
November Masses Envelope: \$240.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

**Roster for weekend of 25 - 26 November 2017**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Pane Komene Losana Hay	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir M Maddocks
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Pat Gallagher	J Pulsford T Whitelum	Greg Gilbert K McGargill Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jooby Mani	B Knight E Tabbada	Tony Hay Br M Green M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Pat Monaghan Sneha Nair	Marieta Ives Pauline Otieno Mel Buenviaje

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

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**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Jer 29:11.12.14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**First Reading:**

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her; from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 127:1-5

**R/** Happy are those who fear the Lord .

**Second Reading:**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 15:4.5

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 25:14-30

*Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one: each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)**  
Advent Reflections, 27th, 11th & 18th Dec,  
7pm at JP2 Hall

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this  
Sunday: December 17, 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 10:30am-11:30am

**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)**

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

**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.

*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*

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