



# 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  
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Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD  
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Mr Fred Twohig

**Parish Treasurer**  
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**OLSH College Principal**  
Br. Tony Caddy FMS

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Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

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Anileen and Mark Bensted

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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 Indigenous Community Mass

**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass**  
Every 3rd Sunday of the month

## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



“ A love that is weak or infirm, incapable of accepting marriage as a challenge to be taken up and fought for, reborn, renewed and reinvented until death, cannot sustain a great commitment. It will succumb to the culture of the ephemeral that prevents a constant process of growth. Yet “promising love for ever is possible when we perceive a plan bigger than our own ideas and undertakings, a plan which sustains us and enables us to surrender our future entirely to the one we love”. If this love is to overcome all trials and remain faithful in the face of everything, it needs the gift of grace to strengthen and elevate it. In the words of Saint Robert Bellarmine, “the fact that one man unites with one woman in an indissoluble bond, and that they remain inseparable despite every kind of difficulty, even when there is no longer hope for children, can only be the sign of a great mystery”.124

*“Pope Francis, Ch.4#124, Amoris Laetitia.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B  
14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## JESUS IS WITH US ON THE ROAD OF LIFE

The Risen Christ is neither a phantom nor a ghost. “Look at my hands and feet....Touch me. See for yourselves”. It is really Jesus of Nazareth, who is here in a new existence.

Wake up, you who sleep. The Risen Christ comes to meet you in the deepest of your own life. And know, all of you who come together for praying and sharing, that the Risen Lord is present in the midst of our gatherings and many other gatherings in his name.

The Risen Christ offers us always the incredible gift of peace – SHALOM! It is the peace of faith, stronger than all doubt. It is the peace of hope where we are experiencing death. It is the peace of love, which nailed hatred to the wood of the cross.

The Risen Christ comes to share with us in the simplest things of life. “Have you anything to eat?”. It is as if the most hidden and mundane things of life were given a new importance. They are endowed with a taste of eternity. Now our whole life can be lived in a new light of the Risen One.

The Risen Christ continues to open our heart to understand the Scripture in the light of the deeper and often unsuspected meaning of our life. He helps us discover how the mystery of his life, death and resurrection throws a decisive light on the mystery of our own deaths and resurrection.

The Risen Christ continues to give us signs of his presence. When we share the bread and drink the cup, it is really Jesus who is present, sacramentally. His body is real food and his blood real drink in the form of wine and unleavened bread.

So if we believe and recognise the face of the risen Christ in our daily journey, then in Him we cannot go on living as in the days of old. You and me cannot go on living in just any way he/she fancies. Even when we struggle to live in a new way of life, God does not crush us in order to win this good fight. “I am writing you to stop sinning”. “But even if you should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ”. That’s how divine love goes: the sinner, instead of being overwhelmed, finds in Jesus Christ someone to defend him or her. This is our hope.

Fr Raass SVD, PP

*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 16 April 2018

**Mon:** Acts 6:8-15      Jn 6:22-29  
**Tues:** Acts 7:51-8:1      Jn 6:30-35  
**Wed:** Acts 8:1-8      Jn 6:35-40  
**Thu:** Acts 8:26-40      Jn 6:44-51  
**Fri:** Acts 9:1-20      Jn 6:52-59  
**Sat:** Acts 9:31-42      Jn 6:60-69  
**Sun:** Acts 4:8-12  
1 Jn 3:1-2      Jn 10:11-18

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



### WHEN IS ASCENSION & PENTECOST SUNDAY?

After his resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to his disciples during a period of forty days. He spoke to them about God and the future that he had prepared for the people: The Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). Forty days after Easter Sunday, we commemorate Jesus' ascent to heaven, or "Ascension". Not many years ago we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord on a Thursday, forty days after Easter Sunday. It has since been moved in Australia and elsewhere to the 7th Sunday of Easter or Sunday 13 May.

His disciples spent the days after Ascension in prayer (Acts 1:14). Just like us, they were looking forward to the arrival of the Helper or Comforter, the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised (Jn. 17:7, Acts 1:9-11). Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Easter, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This is the day when we celebrate the entry of the Holy Spirit into the life of Christians. The Apostles were so filled with the Holy Spirit, that they felt compelled to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.



### POPE FRANCIS' NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

Pope Francis has written a new apostolic exhortation on "the call to holiness in the contemporary world." "**Gaudete et Exsultate**" is the Latin title of the text, which translated into English means "Rejoice and Be Glad." The words are taken from the Gospel of Matthew (5:12) at the end of the discourse on the Beatitudes. Francis writes of what it means to be holy in the modern world, with many specific examples: viewing a person sleeping on the street not as an obstacle or a political problem but as a human being; refraining from gossip in the grocery store and impatience with our children; reading the Bible even in a time of constant online distractions; avoiding being "caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet" ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations.index.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html)).



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

Jose Lapuz Sr, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, 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 & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lennie, Will Arthur, Zak V (& Hank Zemani, R.I.P.)

*May the Lord grant them healing*



### Parish Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage... & Italy



Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are an enduring tradition for the Abrahamic Faith (Islam, Judaism, Christianity) as the place has great significance for them all. For Catholic pilgrimages, the Holy Land holds importance as the place where Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection took place. As a place, Israel is home to a rich, thousand-year-old history. Harvest Pilgrimage is organising the tour and will be complemented by further journey to Rome, Italy, including Assisi.

OLSH Parish has few more seats left for any parishioner desiring to find a new way of understanding Our Lord's life. Our departure date is Monday October 1 2018 for 21-days. Join us for an unforgettable experience. Fr Raass will be the Pilgrimage Chaplain. A deposit of \$1,000 is needed to secure your booking and all payments due by mid-July. Call the parish office, 8952 1049.

### 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 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

#### 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

### CHURCH FUNERALS COMING UP

- David Nish, R.I.P., Thursday 19 April at 10:00am
- Margaret Nandi, R.I.P, Friday 20 April at 10:00am



### NEWLY-WEDDED COUPLE

Congratulations to *Kathryn Reilly and Joel Ross* on their wedding this Saturday 14 April. Wishing them a Marriage Filled with Love, Joy & Prayer. *FYI, Kathryn & Joel would be the 934<sup>th</sup> couple to be married by a Catholic priest in this Church, that's an average of '10.5' church weddings per year since 1929.*

### WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!



The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

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### PROCLAIM 2018

For the first time the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. The theme of this year's Conference is "*Make your home in me*". (Jn 15:4).

PROCLAIM 2018 will run across three days from 12-14 July, 2018 at The Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre (St Laurence's College, South Brisbane). Are interested in representing OLSH Parish? See Fr Raass.

### Religious Magazines

Are you a deeply-religious person? Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? If so, then you should definitely consider doing some reading. Free Catholic Magazines are available at the back of the Church.



### Monday Adult Faith & Spiritual On-going Formation Begins

Our mission aims to help adult of all ages to grow in both human and Christian maturity, enriching the whole of life with the leaven of the Gospel. OLSH Parish hopes that this ongoing integration of actual life experience, diverse adult learning needs, the study of Scripture, and the teaching of the Church's tradition will create a vibrant learning environment to deepen your Catholic faith. **WHY SETTLE FOR LESS!** Its resumes this Monday at 7:00pm with Aussie Spiritual Poet, Noel Davis at the JP2 Hall.



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Planning Ahead: Bishop Eugene Hurley will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on *Sunday 12 August at the 9:30am Mass*. Please mark your diary. Adult Catholics who have not received this Sacrament, please see Fr Raass. Preparations are already underway at St Francis for kids in public or non-Catholic schools. Don't miss out.



### YEAR OF YOUTH (NET TEAM)

All Young People of Alice Springs Parish are invited to attend a special evening of formation, bbq, social and fun with the NET Ministries (National Evangelisation Team) from Brisbane.

See you then this Sunday in the courtyard after the Sunday evening Mass.

**Cleaning:** April 21, 2018 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** April 22, 2018  
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

### Last Week's Collections:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,615.95 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$824.20 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,290.00

Caritas Project Compassion: \$120.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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



### Hearing Assist

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to remind parishioners that we have a hearing assist system for use in our church, thanks to the generosity of Michele Castagna. At the rear of the church 6 small receivers with either head phones or personal loop connections are available. If you are missing some of the spoken word, as I am, please avail yourselves of this aid. For any assistance, please contact Fred Twohig on 0437778819.

### PLANNED GIVING

Why does OLSH PARISH need a planned giving ministry? Simply put—for two reasons. First, to sustain our future ministry and mission; and second, to help a growing number of members who feel called by God to serve this parish.

The finances of the Parish depend on the financial contribution of all the members of the Parish, according to what they can afford. We have a Planned Giving Programme in the Parish, whereby a family can take a set of envelopes for the year, marked with the date for each week or for important days such as Easter and Christmas, and decide on an agreed amount that they will contribute each week and place it in the envelope. It is placed in the second collection plate each week. Alternatively, a family may set up a Direct Debit either from a credit/debit card paid into our Parish Account. Call the presbytery or any member of the Finance Team.



### MEET NOEL DAVIS THIS MONDAY

Turn off your TV & come and share a special evening savouring the creative genius of *Noel Davis at the JP2 Hall this Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm*. A night not to miss! Noel Davis, a Catholic & prolific writer of poetry, explores the life of the Spirit, the inspiration of desert, heart lands and inner pilgrimage. The first of his books, "Heart Gone Walkabout", was published in 1991. This is Noel Davis' 8th book of reflective verse on life journey and the challenges of inner work. Writing has been healing for Noel, his chosen way of expressing what keeps breaking through the crust of life. Sharing stories with others has broadened his horizons and deepened his desire to write and affirm their experiences. The recollections in this book have come in silence and from the soles of his feet in the rhythm of walking. The journey is unique for each but life experiences resonate when revered and shared.

In the meantime, John Coleman, a long-term member of *L'Arche* Community and has produced 10 albums of original music based on Noel's poetry. All invited to meet this Aussie poet and see where the Holy Spirit leads us.

### Roster for weekend of 21 - 22 April 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Pane Komene David Fernandes Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Mike Steller	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Pauline Otieno Jenny Dietrich	Br James Hodge Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Sneha Nair	Cindy DeCosta Marieta Ives Goury Nair

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**  
**14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading:**

Acts 3:13-15.17-19

*You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 4:2,4,7,9

**R/** - Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Second Reading:**

1 John 2:1-5

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 24:35-48

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Lk 24:46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; In his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all nations, alleluia.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation  
Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this  
Sunday: 13th May 2018

**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

**Parish Children's Choir**  
Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal  
every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

**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 drive)**  
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**  
(Re-structuring)

**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.

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

Every two months, please see SJAG notice  
board.

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