



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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Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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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

“Love is not rude”. To love is also to be gentle and thoughtful, and this is conveyed by the next word, aschemonéi. It indicates that love is not rude or impolite; it is not harsh. Its actions, words and gestures are pleasing and not abrasive or rigid. Love abhors making others suffer. Courtesy “is a school of sensitivity and disinterestedness” which requires a person “to develop his or her mind and feelings, learning how to listen, to speak and, at certain times, to keep quiet”. It is not something that a Christian may accept or reject. As an essential requirement of love, “every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him”. Every day, “entering into the life of another, even when that person already has a part to play in our life, demands the sensitivity and restraint which can renew trust and respect. **Pope Francis, Ch.4#99, Amoris Laetitia.**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
4th - 5th November 2017

DO NOT CORRUPT GOD'S GIFT OF MINISTRY

“Ministry” used to be a very “protestant” word. It was seldom applied to what Catholic clergymen did, and rarely to anything lay people did. Today ministry – ordained ministers and lay – is continually being defined and redefined, expanded and contracted, called forth and – more often than we might wish – put down.

There is a lot of ambiguity about what lay people in particular are called to do. Our baptismal responsibility to one another has been paid squarely on our shoulders, and yet, many are still confused as they attempt to fulfil their vocation in life.

All followers of Christ all called to minister; nourished by the Eucharist and Word of God to sustain these ministries; empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry on God's mission. But these spiritual credentials are not enough. Everyone are expected to take classes, study the Bible, pray a lot, work for justice, attend ongoing adult formation workshops so that we might become worthy volunteers in our parish. Some simply drop out; some try it and burn out and some try to become “experts” in everything and find themselves on the losing team. And others who think they own the whole enterprise!

Ministry is a blessing. Yet, it seems that sometimes the words of Malachi (today's 1st reading) have come true: “Of your blessing I will make a curse.”. Ministry in the parish or church has become another area of competition and ego-centric battle for survival. When things don't go our way, we wave the white flag at our opponents and sometimes wave goodbye to our parish and – walk away.

Today we are warned by the prophet Malachi that the gift of ministry, like any other gifts, become a curse if we are more concerned with power and position. Our religion has to “show,” but not be “showy”. Who among us would not enjoy being honoured, being given respect and having an impressive title? – a massive temptation. When we allow these temptations we are no longer ministers but competitors. We focus on ourselves not God's compassion to serve His people. If we are to be a blessing for our parishioners, we must learn face the hard yakka of deepening our faith and to face the demons lurking beneath. Otherwise we are only ministering to ourselves. May the Holy Spirit guide all baptised Catholics not to corrupt the gifts of God.

Fr Raass SVD

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 06 November 2017

Mon: Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14
Tues: Rom 12:5-16 Lk 11:15-24
Wed: Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33
Thu: Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12 Jn 2:13-22
Fri: Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8
Sat: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 Lk 16:9-15
Sun: Wis 6:12-16
1 Thess 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

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

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required. Formation of parents falls on the 1st 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

ROSARY CRUSADE



"Never abandon the Rosary. Pray the Rosary, as she asked."
Pope Francis, 13 October 2017

In light of current events in Australia, including the attack on marriage and family, and the push to legalise euthanasia and abortion, the call for prayer has never been more important. Christians are facing persecution and threats to religious freedom like no other time in the history of this great nation.

Early Christians recognised prayer as a powerful means to reach holiness, and a source of strength in the face of persecution. An example of this is when St Peter, our first pope, was miraculously freed from his prison cell through the power of prayer.

Following the example of countries like Poland, Italy and most recently the UK, we propose that all Catholics participate in a Rosary Crusade, at the same time, across Australia.

OLSH Parish will join us this crusade prayer on **Wednesday 8 November, at 7pm**, we are hopeful that Our Lady will hear our call and come to our nation's aid. Please bring your rosaries.

"Here is the remedy against evil. Pray, pray and ask for nothing else. Put everything in the hands of the Mother of God ... we must be attentive to the prayer of the Rosary!" Pope St John Paul II, 1980



Final Parish Pastoral Council

The Final Parish Pastoral Council will take place this coming Thursday 9th November at 5:00pm followed by an end of year thank you social gathering. Feel free to submit or recommend anything you wish. We thank all Councillors for their ministry of leadership in 2017.



Youth Assembly, NSW

Our Catholic Youth of Alice Springs (CYAS) will be represented at the Youth Festival in Sydney from 6th-10th Dec. CYAS will be selling all kinds of flavoured cakes after the Mass to assist in their travel expenses to Sydney. Cake Stalls will be set up in-front of the church at all Masses on Sunday 19th Nov & 26th Nov. CYAS is also looking for willing sponsors to help them with their registration at \$220 per youth. So far about 17000 Catholic Youth have registered all over Australia. Please help.



Parish-Wide Children's Choir

After their 1st amazing singing and giving glory to God, our children's choir will sing again on the Feast of Christ the King at the 9:30am Mass, Sunday 26th November. Thanks to Jen, Mark, Analeen & the parents for your support. Practise every Tuesday at 4:30pm. It's not too late for other kids to join.



Calling for New Readers (Lectors)

All interested Readers and current ones are invited to a mini-Workshop on Tuesday 7th Nov at 6:30pm. Check timetable.

WELCOME!

OLSH Parish also 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 in Central Australia.

Important Parish Dates: November

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| Rosary Crusade Against Same-Sex Marriage, Euthanasia, Abortion, Threats to religious freedom etc. | Wednesday 8 th November @ 7:00pm, main Church. |
| New Readers/Lectors Workshop | Tuesday 7 th Nov 6:30pm “Structure of the Word” |
| Cake Stalls for Catholic Youth trip to Syd | Sunday 19 th Nov after all Masses |
| Workshop for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist | Tuesday 21 st Nov 6:30pm start |
| Parish Advent Spiritual Retreat (for Women ONLY): \$20 per retreatant; Retreat Director: Sr Anne | Saturday 25 th Nov “Waiting with Mary”, St Francis. |
| Cake Stalls for Catholic Youth trip to Syd | Sunday 26 th Nov after all Masses |



End of Year of Family & Renewal of Married Vows

Are there any married couples out there who love to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary at OLSH Church by renewing their married vows? 1 month or less, 1 Year, or 2 years or 25 or 30 or 50 wedding anniversaries or more, all deserve to be commended. If you are the couple, how about pledging yourselves anew to love and honour each other for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health till death us do part. And to pledge yourselves anew to love and support your children and to share with them all we value. Your children can also come along and pledge themselves anew to love and respect your parents who gave you life and faith. The priests of the parish would love to hear from you and help support you. Please give Fr Raass a call. Give it a thought & prayer!



Australian Church Women's World Community Day for 2017

ACW is a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries, promoting peace, understanding and unity, through faith and love in the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our next service is to be held at the Lutheran Church Alice Springs, on Friday Evening 17th November at 7pm and all are welcome to join in pray. The service is divided between the churches and Rita Steller is looking for help to perform our part. Please contact Rita for further details, wk 89595397 or hm 89520868. Thank you.



Calling for New Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion

If God is calling you to assist in this ministry please see Sr Anne or any of the priests and come to a workshop on Tuesday 21st November at 6:30pm, JP2 Hall.

Break Open the Word

It is that time of the year again. I am about to order new copies of Break Open the Word for 2018. It is a very good resource for readers in preparation for their ministry. If anyone would like to order their own copy please contact Sr Anne before Nov 11 (surtees@iinet.net.au or 0407 776 851)

ALREADY CONTEMPLATING CHRISTMAS? DO NOT RUSH INTO IT. WAIT! THE PARISH WILL RUN FOUR 1 –hour OF SPIRITUAL PREPARATION DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT AND A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN ONLY.

25th Nov—Retreat “Waiting with Mary”
4th, 11th, 18th, 20th Dec—1-Hour Advent Recollection

Readers Workshop

All new readers and experienced readers, who were unable to participate in the first reader's workshop, are encouraged to participate in the workshop on Nov 7. in the John Paul 11 Centre at 6.00 for a 6.30 start. Thank you. Sr Anne

Cleaning: November 11, 2017 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: November 12, 2017
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,30985 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$804.40 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$2,125.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

Roster for weekend of 11 - 12 November 2017

| | Commentator | Readers | Communion Ministers |
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| Sat 6:00pm | Brendan Heenan | Sue Bain Alf Goody | Darryl Smith Bryan Weir Pane Komene |
| Sun 7:30am am | Kath McGargill | M McNaught Ruth Sexton | Mike Steller Rita Steller John Lillecrapp |
| Sun 9:30am | Br Matthew Green | Dilushi Fonseka Jenny Dietrich | Bruce Were Losana Hay Pauline Otieno |
| Sun 5:30pm | Myke Ociones | Denise Simon Mary McPhee | Marieta Ives Mel Buenviaje Thomas J John |

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
4th - 5th November 2017

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading:

Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors? The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 130

In you Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 23:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have only one Father, your Father in heaven. You have only one teacher: The Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 23:1-12

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted. The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)

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 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

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