



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



Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”

“Trust in the power of Christ’s cross! Welcome its reconciling grace into your hearts and share that grace with others!” – Pope Francis.

Question: The Sacrament of Mercy reminds Catholics in a personal way of the beauty and power of reconciliation. Have we allowed ourselves time to grasp God’s joy at forgiving and the power of mercy as a sign of his tenderness?

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
18th – 19th June 2016

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

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Mr Manfred Casseeram

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

MUST YOU?

Tertullian was a theologian who lived in the North African city of Carthage around the year 200. It is told that a businessman came to him and asked how he, the businessman, could be both faithful to Christ and successful in the world. This was during the time when Christianity was publicly scorned and sporadically persecuted. You see the man was caught between the conflicting demands of Christian loyalty and financial success. He said to Tertullian, “What can I do? After all, I must live!”. Tertullian simply looked at him and said two words: “Must you?” The anecdote is instructive. The businessman had found Christ inconvenient and was trying to excuse his compromise with the words, “What can I do?”. The words are not unknown to each of us. We are confronted with the often conflicting demands of the gospel and the daily life. We constantly find ourselves saying, “What can I do? After all, I must live!”. And Jesus is always there saying, “Must you?”

It is sobering to contrast the above with a comment of Blessed Mother Teresa: “God has called me, not to be successful, but to be faithful.”

The Gospel of Luke 9:18-24 this weekend does not summon us to deal with power by power or force by force. It should not surprise us that the coming of Jesus the Christ, is not a coming in power that shatters the armies of Rome. Before Christ was born, and after he died and rose, the Romans were still in power, in firm control of Palestine; before Christ was born, and after he died and rose, there were still sinners in Nazareth. The sole difference the coming of the Messiah made was in those few who experienced what the gospel calls *metanoia*, *repentance*, a victory over a very sinister and powerful reality called evil, not through human force, but through obedience to God in suffering. There is no bringing about the Kingdom of God without tears, without pain, without the Cross. There is no Resurrection without the Good Fridays of our lives.

“The Son of Man must first endure many sufferings, be rejected, and be put to death. Only then will he...be raised up on the third day”. Anyone who seeks the Kingdom and tries to bypass the *via dolorosa* is bound to ‘fail’. Jesus even called Peter ‘Satan’ in Mark 8:31-33 for not being mindful of the things of God. Hence the final sentence is repeated many times in the Gospels, *“Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his/her very self, take up his/her cross each day, and follow in my steps”.*

Jesus is putting it plainly – there is no short cut to the Third Day.

Fr Raass SVD

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

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace*. 2nd 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.

2nd Sunday of the month. 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.

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 20 June 2016

Mon: 2 Kg 17:5-8,13,15,18 Mt 7:1-5
Tues: 2 Kg 19:9-11,14-21,31-36 Mt 7:6,12-14
Wed: 2 Kg 22:8-13,23:1-3 Mt 7:15-20
Thur: 2 Kg 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29
Fri: Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80
Sat: Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19 Mt 8:5-17
Sun: 1 Kg 19:16,19-21 Lk 9:51-62
Gal 5:1,13-18

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan and Claire Lorkin

May the Lord grant them healing.

Death Anniversary

GWEN MAHER

May the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Welcome Bishop Eugene Hurley

Our good Bishop Eugene will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation at Santa Teresa this weekend and will visit OLSH Parish this Sunday evening, 19th June – Tuesday 21st June.

A Big Thank You OLSH Parishioners! Owing to your very kind generosity, the 2016 Vinnies Winter Appeal raised **\$1908.00**; your support is very much appreciated by the OLSH Vinnies Conference!

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph's Devotion

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

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

AMORIS LAETITIA

(Email from Bishop Eugene Hurley, 16/6/2016)



Dear Parishioners,

Having had the enormous privilege of attending the Synod on the Family, I am acutely aware of the value of the Post-Synodal document provided to us by Pope Francis for our attention. It is the result of worldwide consultation and much prayer. It is the culmination of two Synods year on year. I am very anxious that we not let this precious resource pass us by. We are all experts in this matter of 'family' and it is important that we all make our contribution.

Would you be good enough to offer your suggestions to me by Tuesday 21st June regarding the best ways to make use of this document for the benefit of our parishioners? I know it is short notice, but I'm looking for some spontaneous responses which we can then organise into a more formal strategy. I'm establishing a small group to help with this. It is imperative that we all familiarise ourselves with the document as a prerequisite to sharing it with others. This is a great opportunity that we really cannot miss!!! Looking forward to hearing from you all.

In Christ,
Bishop Eugene.

Amoris Laetitia Document & Bishop Eugene



It appears that many Catholics are not aware of this post-synodal document on the "*The Joy of Love*" in the family. You could understand why Bishop Eugene who was present at the *Synod on the Families*

urges all parishioners to read the document and see how we could respond and 'how we might use it to full effect'. In the light of Bishop's request, the Parish Pastoral Council invites all leaders/co-ordinators of all pastoral support groups and devotional/prayer groups and their families to a shared-lunch with Bishop Eugene on **Sunday 14th August at 12:30pm in the courtyard**. This will take place shortly after the Confirmation & 1st Communion celebrations. The families of the PPC have also been invited. If parishioners would like to attend you are also welcome but please bring your family and a dish to share. Bishop will be sharing with us his experience at the Synod in Rome, the document *Amoris Laetitia* and its implications for us as a family of God in central Australia *P.S. If you have access to internet, please download the whole document:* https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf

Bible Society at OLSH Parish

Next **Sunday, 26th June, Mr Ian Morley, NT Bible Society** representative will speak at the 5:30pm Mass. The goal of Bible Society Australia is the same one that Bible Societies around the world have been pursuing for some 200 years: to **translate, publish, distribute and engage people with the Bible**. Today the Bible Society is helping Vietnam in the work of translation for 6 minority groups; the Book of Daniel has been translated in Pitjantjatjara, Central Australia, for the first time; in public schools 15,000 free Bibles were distributed and there are 32 international active programmes to ensure that God's word can be heard. Visit www.biblesociety.org.au for more information.

WELCOME!

OLSH Parish **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.

NAIDOC AND NATSICC, 3rd July – 10th July

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. NATSICC is the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. It is a truly representative voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. NAIDOC & NATSICC fall in the same full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. We encourage all parishioners to participate in the celebrations and activities that take place in Central Australia during NAIDOC Week from 3rd July – 10th July.



OLSH Parish Vision and Mission Planning, 2016-2020.

For your information, the Parish Pastoral Council has already started deliberating and brainstorming the underlying values which will be part of our parish vision and mission framework for the next five years. There is a sense of excitement as councillors prayed and searched for what's best for God and OLSH Parish. This passionate and prayerful commitment will include the entire parish body as we search together for God's will. Detail action plans or practical resolutions and guidelines for action will come later, and yes you will be consulted. Please offer a prayer for the PPC as we embark on this process.



Sea Sunday – 10th July 2016

The Catholic Church's *Stella Maris* ministry continues to promote mercy and care at the waterfront – for all seafarers and their families. Feel free to make a donation for the Sea Sunday appeal. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Remember those who go down to the sea ships risk their lives so we can enjoy life's luxuries.

Working Bee, Saturday 25th June 8am-11am

"Old" Heritage listed Presbytery in Hartley Street. Please bring gloves, pruning gear, rake, mattock, shovel & ute/trailer if you have one. Any help appreciated! 8:00am start.

Cleaning: 25 June 2016 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: 26 June 2016
Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,414.30 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,158.00 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$945.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

Workshops: Exploring the Six Chapters of Laudato Si', Venue: JP2 Hall. Mondays only, next session 20th June from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Mr Chris Hawke & Fr Raass as Facilitators. Topics to be covered: What is happening to our common Home? The Gospel of Creation; The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis; Integral Ecology; Lines of Approach and Action; Ecological Education and Spirituality. This is an initiative of our Social Justice Awareness Group.

Workshop: Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care Monday 18th July, 4:30pm – 6:15pm (for Parish Council and Finance Team only), Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earthcare Australia.

Contemplative Input: Care for Our Common Home or Earth Care: Tuesday 19th July, 7:00pm – 8:15pm (for all parishioners & other churches) Venue: OLSH Church. By Dr Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earth-Care Australia

Talk, Lunch, Q&A: Amoris Laetitia & Synod on the Families: Sunday 14th August, 12:30pm – 2:30pm (for all leaders/coordinators of all parish support groups & their families, Parish Pastoral Council and their families. Other parishioners invited too. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Bishop Eugene Hurley DD, Bishop of Darwin (Please RSVP presbytery).

Workshop: What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm . By Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (Donations only).

Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)
By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Venue and Costs: TBA

Vinnies Sleep-Out

23rd June at Traegar Park, to raise awareness & funds for the homeless. Contact Beth Madden or www.ceosleepout.org.au

Roster for weekend of 25 - 26 June 2016

| | Commentator | Readers | Ministers |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Sat 6:00 pm | Brendan Heenan | Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees | David Fernandes R Fernandes H Casseeram |
| Sun 7:30 am | Kath McGargill | Pushpa Vida Ruth Sexton | Greg Gilbert Rita Steller Fred Twohig |
| Sun 9:30 am | Bro Matthew Green | Precy Taylor Bridget Knight | Cristy Genetti M Lillecrapp Rowena Russell |
| Sun 5:30 pm | Mel Buenviaje | Pat Monaghan Sue Bain | Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John |

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading:

Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

It is the Lord who speaks: 'Over the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced; they will mourn for him as for an only son, and weep for him as people weep for a first-born child. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Judah, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. When that day comes, a fountain will be opened for the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem, for sin and impurity.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 62:2-6,8-9

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading:

Galatians 3:26-29

You who have been baptized have put on Christ.

You are, all of you, sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. All baptized in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Merely by belonging to Christ you are the posterity of Abraham, the heirs he was promised.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Lk 9:18-24

You are the Messiah sent by God. It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer much.

One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God' he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this. 'The Son of Man' he said 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.' Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 10:11,15

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

Mondays from 6:30pm-8:00pm
(to begin on 6th June 2016 on *Laudato Si'*)

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 3rd July, 21st Aug, 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

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-
7:00pm

Telephone Tree Ministry

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 Last Sunday
of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

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

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