



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
9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team:

Parish Priest:
Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priest:
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
Resident Priests:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
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Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje
Parish Past. Council Chairman
Mr Fred Twohig
Parish Treasurer
Mr Kevin Hickmott
OLSH College Principal
Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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.

Sacraments:

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, 6 months' notice required.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 28th - 29th March 2015

He Humbled Himself Even Unto Death

Today, Palm Sunday, we enter into the Holy Week. The Readings remind us of the passion and death of our Saviour. Today and throughout the week we do well to reflect on the passion of the Lord, on the price he paid for our redemption.

We know the simple facts: Jesus arrived in Jerusalem and asked his disciples to bring him a donkey to ride upon into the gates of Jerusalem. As Jesus entered the city the crowds began shouting, "**Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!**" and waved palm branches and spread out their coats on the streets. First of all, the waving of palms and laying down of coats by the people was no accident or coincidence. Palms were signs of victory and of military achievement. The Jewish people had picked up on this and in 1 Maccabees the people waved palm branches to celebrate the newly established independence of Jerusalem and Judea. The crowds believed Jesus was the "King," that is, they believed he was the Messiah who had come to establish Israel's independence from Rome, to liberate them in a very real way as their leader. They wanted a Messiah who would be their political hero. It all seemed so perfect and hopeful.

And even today we want this kind of Jesus, this type of Messiah. We want a Jesus who will bless our politics, bless our wars and battles, and will be "on our side" against all our foreign enemies. The only problem is: Jesus isn't that kind of Messiah.

The irony may have been lost on the people at the time, the way it is lost on most of us today, but Jesus' "triumphal entry" was not that of a General or a warrior. No, such 'great' men ride stallions. Jesus rode in on a donkey, full stop. This symbolized that **Jesus came on a mission of peace with his Fathers' love as his only weapon.** He is here to lift up the lowly including the poor donkey in the process. Imagine, this donkey becomes the sacred throne for, not only a King, but the very Son of God!

Today our palm branches mean something quite different from what they once did. They are now signs of martyrdom and of victory over death, **proclaiming liberation through peace and non-violent resistance.** Wave them high and hold on to them... and remember their call to you. **'Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. He is the Prince of Peace and he rides a donkey'.**

Fr Raass SVD
Parish Priest

Evangelii Gaudium

"We can no longer trust in the unseen hand and invisible forces of the market. Growth in justice requires more than economic growth...it requires decisions, programs, mechanisms and processes specifically geared to a better distribution of income, the creation of sources of employment and an integral promotion of the poor which goes beyond simple welfare mentality."

- Par 204 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 30 March

Mon: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
Tues: Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9 Mt 26:14-25
Thur: Ex 12:1-8,11-14
 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri: Is 52:13-53:12
 Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat: Multiple Readings for Vigil Mass
Sun: Acts 10:34,37-43
 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Colin Evers, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Tony Rilocapro, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Tiffany Doughty, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux.

May the Lord grant them healing.

**Funeral Service/Mass at OLSH Church
 Next Week**

9th April at 10:00am – Marie Tomlins, R.I.P.
 10th April at 10:00am – Richard Hoosan, R.I.P.
May their souls rest in eternal peace

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am
 Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesday from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Palm Sunday & World Youth Day

Palm Sunday 2015 also marks the XXX World Youth Day to take place in Krakow, Poland (July 25th – 31st, 2016) with the theme taken from St Matthew's Gospel '**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God**'. OLSH Parish will soon revive CYAS (Catholic Youth of Alice Springs) The purpose is to encourage youth involvement within the OLSH Catholic Parish and the surrounding Arrernte camps in Alice Springs to assist the Parish community in responding to the needs of young people and to promote and encourage young people's participation in the life of the Parish. Do pray for the youth of the parish including our OLSH College students & watch this space!



NEIGHBOUR DAY 29th March – JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Neighbour Day was founded in Melbourne, Australia in March 2003 by Andrew Heslop after the remains of an elderly woman were found inside her suburban home. Mrs Elsie Brown had been dead for two years – forgotten by her neighbours, her friends and her family. Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door, across the street or on the next farm for a beer, a barbie or just a cuppa. Held on the last Sunday in March every year, it's the perfect day to know the people next door and say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you most. Today, DO SOMETHING SPECIAL to build better relationships with the people who live around us especially the disadvantaged, vulnerable and the elderly. Be part of this movement where people CARE FOR EACH OTHER.

OLSH Parish On-Going Formation Programme

Please mark these dates and formative events in your diary:

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator	Theme	Date & Venue
Fr Tim Norton SVD (Director of Nemi Programmes, Rome, Italy)	Intercultural & Interpersonal Relations	April 18 th at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm
Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)	'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership	July 18 th at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm

Vanuatu Special Collection

Severe Tropical Cyclone Pam, a maximum category five storm, destroyed homes and crops and contaminated water supplies in Vanuatu, increasing the risk of the spread of infectious and water-borne diseases. An estimated 110,000 people have no access to safe drinking water, while some 75,000 urgently need shelter. OLSH Parish will not stand idle in the face of any natural disasters hence four parishioners will stand at the main door of the church to collect any donations. Please give generously. Otherwise you may go online and donate either to Caritas or the Divine Word Missionaries online on www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or www.divineword.org.au. All donations through these organizations will go directly to Vanuatu.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish community JACKSON GLOVER, son of Adrian and Marian Glover, who was baptised on March 28.

Programme of Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter

Please find on the right our Liturgies for this upcoming Holy Week. During this grace-filled week and most hopeful season of the Church year, let us take to heart the words of Pope Francis, **“Do not let yourselves be robbed of hope! Do not let hope be stolen! The hope that Jesus gives us.”** - Pope Francis.

May this sense of New Hope engage your spirit and help you live your Catholic faith, and make your own profound difference in the world.

Tell Me What the Catholic Church Teaches

Please take note that at the back of the church are some ‘new’ information on: 1) **The Alternative to Euthanasia;** 2) **What is Marriage;** 3) **Can I Get An Annulment?** An informed Catholic does his/her research well! These are brochures that have been approved by the Bishop’s Commission for Pastoral Life. Its intended purpose is to provide in simple and straightforward language issues on euthanasia, marriage and annulment.

Take one located at the back of the church.

NATSICC ASSEMBLY 2015

The National Aboriginal Torres Strait Catholic Council Assembly will take place in **July 2-6 2015 on the land of the Larrakia mob in Darwin.** This is an event for all indigenous Catholics (and those working with indigenous people) to come together and discuss faith, culture and spirituality in contemporary Australia. The event theme is **‘The Heart of Jesus beats within us all,’** which calls for us to look within ourselves and work together as a strong, faith based people. Registration is now open at www.darwinassembly.com.au Non-indigenous Catholics are encouraged to sponsor one or two struggling Arrente Catholics in Alice Springs to attend this conference. Contact Fr Raass if you are willing to assist.



Would you like to make a real difference?

The Vinnies Conference is seeking interested people to join its proactive group. We meet monthly for spiritual renewal and to oversee several Vinnies initiatives to assist the needy. These include:

- Home and hospital visitations
- The Vinnies shop
- Emergency Relief (Mon & Wed)
- Food Van (Mon – Fri) - sandwich making
- Vinnies Appeals - Assist A Student Winter & Christmas
- Brumby’s bread collections

If you would like to be involved in the Conference please call Bernie on 0400663483 for further information. We would love to hear from you.

Cleaning: 04 April Group 1

Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Counters: 05 April 2015

John & Margaret Healy, Margaret -Ann McNaught

Last Week’s Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,407.25 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$2,278.90 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Palm Sunday 29th March	Normal Sunday Masses with Simple Rite of Palm Procession EXCEPT the 9:30am Mass. Procession with palms and hymns for the 9:30am Mass will begin at Bath Street Campus playground at 9:15am.
Holy Monday 30th March	7:00am – Holy Mass
	5:30pm – Holy Mass
	6:30pm – 7:30pm, “2 nd Rite of Reconciliation or Confession” – WELCOME HOME EVERYONE
Holy Tuesday 31st March	7:00am – Holy Mass
	5:30pm – Holy Mass
	6:30pm – 7:30pm “Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration” -SPECIAL
Holy Wednesday 1st April	7:00am – Holy Mass
	5:30am – Holy Mass
	6:30pm-7:15pm “Be Reconciled With God”, A Reflection and Prayer by Fr Prakash SVD
Holy Thursday 2nd April	7:00am - NO Mass
	5:30pm - NO Mass
	7:30pm – Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of the Feet
	9:00pm – 11:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:45pm – Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the Altar of Repose (Presbytery Chapel, 4 Hartley Street)
Good Friday 3rd April	10:00am – Stations of the Cross in the Church
	10:00am – Stations of the Cross in the Todd River – Arrente Way of the Cross at 40 South Terrace.
	3:00pm – Veneration & Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday 4th April	9:00am - Morning Prayer, No 11:00am Mass
	7:30pm Easter Vigil (Fire Ceremony, Easter Exultet, Liturgy of the Word, Rite of Baptism, Liturgy of the Eucharist) Please bring own candles with wax protection
Easter Sunday 5th April	6:15am Ecumenical Easter Dawn Service, ANZAC Hill
	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am (40 South Terrace), 5:30pm Easter Masses



♥ **Saint of the Week – St Benedict the African (April 3)** ♥

Roster for weekend of 04 / 05 April 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Walter Litvensky Patricia Litvensky	Rose Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Patricia Rademaker Mike Steller	Greg Gilbertt Rita Steller Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30 am	Beth Madden	Elisha Odhiambo Josephat Odhiambo	Margaret Lillecrapp Helena Casseeram Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Denise Simon Andrzej Skrzypiec	Cristina Buenviaje Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B

28th - 29th March 2015

Procession Gospel:

Mark 11:1-10

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly.'" 'They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they have cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon:

Jn 12:1,12-13; Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the solemn Passover when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father

The Word of the Lord.

Phil 2:8-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (14:1-15:47) (Year B)

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done