



# 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

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

## Resident Priest:

Fr. Jim Knight SVD

## Parish Council Chairman

Mr Manfred Casseeram

## Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Anne Surtees OSU

## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

## RCIA Director

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

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## Safety & Health Officer

Mr Fred Twohig

## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred C.

## 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

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month

- 11am Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”



“How many wars take place within the people of God and in our different communities? In our neighbourhoods and in our workplace, how many wars are caused by envy and jealousy, even among Christians! Our world is being torn apart by wars and violence, and wounded by a widespread of individualism which divides human beings...Beware of the temptation of jealousy! I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion”, Pope Francis. Question: When was the last time you truly cared for your enemy and rejoice in their gifts?

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Take care not to be deceived

As we are drawing closer to the end of the Liturgical Year, we are invited, dear friends, to reflect upon the end times. The readings of today talk about it clearly and invite us to consider it with a new insight. As human beings, we are all concerned about the end of the world and the end of times prophecies are not new to us; average every year we have one or the other leaders talk about the end of the world! Let us reflect and see how we can work our way through this mystical concept called ‘end of the world’ and alert ourselves to the words of Jesus, “Take care not to be deceived” (Luke 21:8).

Jesus in today’s Gospel, and prophet Malachi in today’s first reading, talk about the end times. We are told that there will be widespread destructions through war, famine, earthquakes and plagues. Betrayal and hate against each other, especially towards the disciples will be extreme, even to the extent of betraying one’s own family member; to be honest, the end of times is unimaginable. But it is taking place now. We hear about wars and bloodsheds every day in our world (Just switch on the telly for morning news!). There is betrayal of trust within the family and neighbours. All this is happening in front of our very eyes. Does it mean we are in the end of times? Are Jesus’ words becoming true? Is the world coming to an end? We are absolutely right in asking these questions, dear friends, but did Jesus really mean it?

Before answering this question, let us look at the second reading. St. Paul is making very strong comments on people who are spending their time idly, doing nothing to support themselves and interfering in other’s lives. It is possible that these people, in Thessalonica, were the dooms day prophets, who kept talking about the end days and stopped people from working. St Paul, who, by this time (probably AD 50), himself seems to have realised that the second coming of Jesus is not imminent, instead we need to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. So, he takes the lead and makes people realise that, instead of worrying about the end of times, we need to look after each other by working and earning our livelihood. Instead of trying to tell people that the world is coming to an end, we need to prepare for our own end so that we are worthy and ready to receive the Lord in our own lives.

Thus, dear friends, we have a new insight to look at the end of times. Though there is tragedy around the world, though there is promotion of ‘culture of death,’ though there is hatred and betrayal of one’s own people, we do have the hope that we are called by God to eternal life. We do have the hope that we are saved. Therefore, let us live our ‘today’ in a meaningful way so our ‘tomorrow’ will be significant. Let us live our ‘present’ in a generous way, so our ‘future’ will be substantial. Let us make our ‘living’ joyful so our ‘dying’ will be glorious.

(See [www.divineword.org.au/scripture-reflections](http://www.divineword.org.au/scripture-reflections) for full version) Fr Prakash Menezes 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.*

**Daily Readings: starting 14 November 2016**

**Mon:** Apoc 1:1-4,2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43  
**Tues:** Apoc 3:1-6,14-22 Lk 19:1-10  
**Wed:** Apoc 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28  
**Thur:** Apoc 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44  
**Fri:** Apoc 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48  
**Sat:** Apoc 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40  
**Sun:** 2 Sam 5:1-3  
Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43  
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan, Clare Lorkin and Rose Almanza.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**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.



**Saint of the Week**

**St Elizabeth of Hungary**  
(November 17<sup>th</sup>)

**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 -7:30pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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

Every Sunday from 9:20am

**Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Australian Church Women**

Our next Australian Church Women's ecumenical service, "Empowered by the Spirit", will be held on Friday evening 25 November at 7pm and will be hosted by the Salvation Army, 88 Hartley St. All are welcome to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. I am also seeking assistance with the reading please. If you would like to assist, or have any queries, please contact Rita Steller hm. 89520868 or business hours 89595397. Thank you.

**Break Open the Word**

As we move very quickly into the season of Advent the parish is placing an order for Year A 'Break Open the Word'. This publication is a very valuable tool in understanding the readings for our Sunday liturgy, especially for our readers as they prepare to proclaim the Word for us. If anyone would like to order a copy please email me ASAP at [surteesa@iinet.net.au](mailto:surteesa@iinet.net.au). I will be sending the order on 24<sup>th</sup> November so I need your order before then. Thank you

Sr Anne Surtees

**Parish Senior Christmas Lunch Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Sign up sheets for attendance and volunteer help at the entrance of the church. Look for the Michele's Angel Gift box to place your donations for our Seniors Christmas Lunch - THANK YOU!

**Michele Castagna's Angel Gifts**

Every year Michele would organize gifts/prizes for the annual parish Seniors Christmas Lunch - in memory of her thoughtfulness and love we will be collecting gifts this year. Donations of gifts between \$10-20 to be presented to our senior's on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The gifts are well received and truly enjoyed by our 40-50 participants. All donations can be dropped off at Mass in Michele's Angel Gift Box and/or the Presbytery and if you have any questions ring Ruth Sexton at 0487860283. Please note, if you do gift wrap please note male or female. Thank you all for both your time and consideration.

Ideas for gifts could be from the Post Office, Home (in Alice Plaza), the bottle shop etc...

**Christian Meditation**

Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, seeks God in the silence and stillness, beyond word and thought. It is a prayer of silence.

The last Christian Meditation group, meeting in the Presbytery on Thursdays at 12.00-12.30 for this year will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and will resume again on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017. Blessings as we continue to deepen in our prayer and silence. 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). Thank you.

Sue Woods (ACMC NT Coordinator)

**Baptism Sunday 13/11/2016**

OLSH Parish welcomes FRANKIE SLATTERY daughter of Travis Slattery and Jessica Clarke.

**OLSH PARISH ADVENT PROGRAMME**

The Church will officially begin a new Liturgical Year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, 27<sup>th</sup> November. New Cycle: Sunday—Cycle A; Weekdays - Cycle 1. A spiritual Advent Programme will soon be drawn up in preparation for Christmas. *Watch this space!*

**Prayer at Home**

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

**MONDAY ADULT FAITH & SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

*A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy*

Monday 21st November	The Opposite of Mercy	The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:1-21)
Monday 28th November	God Is Looking For Us	Finding the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Monday 5th December	Who is forgiven More Loves More	The Two Debtors and their Creditors (Luke 7:36-50)
Come, Learn, Share & Celebrate from 7:00pm-8:30pm		

**ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS CHOIR**

Preparations are underway for the annual Ecumenical Xmas Carols in Alice Springs on Sunday 4th Dec, 7pm at the Anzac Oval. OLSH Parish is participating and there will be one massive choir of all Christians in Central Australia. Singers and musicians are invited to rehearse at the Desert Life Church every Wednesdays from 7:00pm.

**2016 National Church Life Survey**

Bishop Eugene has approached OLSH Parish to take part in this year's National Church Life Survey. This is an opportunity to reflect upon your experience of church life at OLSH Parish and explore effective ways of better proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ALL parishioners from the age of 15 onwards are invited to take part in this survey and the result will be sent back to us. This is an **anonymous survey** for individuals. Our Mass Centre Code is **TAE00101** (Main Church) & **TAE00102** (Ngkarte Mikwekenhe, 40 South Terrace).

You will be given a **Attender Survey** this weekend, 12/13<sup>th</sup> November at all Masses. Please take it home, complete the survey and hand it in either on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> November. A box will be placed at the back of the church for your completed survey or return it to the presbytery. You can also do the survey online: **surveys.ncls.org.au** If you missed out during the survey week, you will be given a copy on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November, fill it in and return it ASAP.

**Cleaning:** 19 November 2016 **Group 7**  
Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

**Counters:** 20 November 2016  
Eric & Kath McGargill

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,259.65 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 1,007.10 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$ 1,150.00

*Thank you for your time and generosity!*

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

**FINAL PARISH ACTIVITIES (NOV-DEC)**

**DATE & VENUE**

Official Closing of the Year of Mercy & Official Opening of the Year of Amoris Laetitia within the Diocese of Darwin..followed by a Parish Picnic for all	ALL MASSES Parish Picnic at the Telegraph Station from 11:00am, Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Centenary of Blessed Charles de Focould & 60 Years of Little Sisters in Central Australia	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November, 11:00am Mass and followed by a light lunch
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint John Paul's Visit to Central Australia	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November...a focus on all Masses and Arrente elders' contribution
OLSH Parish Pre-Xmas Seniors Luncheon	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 12 noon & Bath St Hall
Social Justice Awareness Group Future Planning. ALL WELCOME	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 3-5pm @ the JP2 Hall
Combined Churches Carols by Candlelight (Gates open at 6:00 pm)	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm @ ANZAC Oval

***ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE ABOVE PARISH ACTIVITIES & PLEASE DO LEND A HELPING HAND***

**End of Jubilee Year of Mercy Celebration & Opening of the Year of Amoris Laetitia (Joy of Love) for 2017**

At the recent Clergy Retreat in Darwin, Bishop Eugene formally announced the Opening of the *Amoris Laetitia*, or the Joy of Love in the Family for the Diocese of Darwin. This will coincide with the official closing of the Year of Mercy on the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at all Masses. The Vicar-General Fr Malcolm Fyfe MSC will be the main celebrant at the 9:30am Mass and all parishioners are welcome to a parish picnic FOR ALL CATHOLIC FAMILIES from 11:00 am onwards at the Telegraph Station. Please bring a plate to share. Our hardworking Hospitality team & SJAGers are working on a program for a day of fun and joy on just being together as a family.



**Parish Picnic Next Sunday**

Our parish picnickers invite all those who are not yet old to bring family & friends who are growing old to our Telegraph Station picnic next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. Bring comfy chair, hat and food to share. We'll provide free personalised manual cooling systems (fan & water spray mist) plus some fun activities for all age groups.

**Roster for weekend of 19 - 20 November 2016**

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00</b>	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	M Maddocks Bryan Weir Thelma Bowen
<b>Sun 7:30</b>	Fred Twohig	Kath McGargill Mike Steller	John Lillecrapp Rita Steller Greg Gilbert
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Bro. Tony Caddy	Rowena Russell Dilushi Fonseca	Cristy Gennetti Virginia Loy M Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 5:30</b>	Myke Ociones	Denise Simon Debbie Cook	Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**  
**12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**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:**

Malachi 3:19-20

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays. The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 97:5-9

**R/** The Lord comes to earth to rule with justice.

**Second Reading:**

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat. The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Luke 21:28

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 21:5-19

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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)**  
Theme & dates - refer to bulletin

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &  
on these Sundays: 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

**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

**Telephone Tree Ministry TBA**  
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:** 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 40  
South Terrace and 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.*