



# 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.*

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOUR

*From Sunday Reflection by Fr. Eugene Lobo, SJ*



In today's Gospel some Pharisees approach Jesus with a question much debated among the religious Jews: "Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus often answered people's questions with one of his own but in this case he gives an answer. Here he responded immediately to their question by combining two commandments into one. He told them: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with your entire mind."

The heart was considered as the centre of knowing and feeling, the soul, the principle of life and the source of all one's energies, and mind the centre of perception. Placing God first in one's life means walking in faith and in the love of God. The second greatest and equally important Commandment is, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

The second commandment means that if we have the love of God within us, it should shine towards others. Love is meant to be shared, not to be selfishly kept to oneself. Then Jesus said that on those two commandments (Laws) hangs the Law and the Prophets. The words mean that in those two commandments are found the entire revelation of the Old Testament.

Christ's clear-cut answer was that the two commandments of the love of God and the love of neighbour were the essence of the Old Testament and the basis for the New Testament. This was not only the answer for the Pharisees but an answer and a rule of life for all of us for all time.

The readings of today easily remind us how God expresses his love for us. Most of the time, God shows his love for us through the people that enter our life. Matthew indicates to us that Jesus has no hesitation when responding to the question of what the greatest command is in the scriptures. It is simply the commandment to love. They tell us of a love which involves treating every single person with deep respect, with love, with justice, with compassion. It reaches out even to those who do not behave well or wish to hurt us. The Old Testament reading tells us of God's compassionate response always exists to the cry of the poor, the widow, the orphans and the foreigners. Paul tells the people how they become imitators of the Lord and must be models for others to follow. This is how God works in our lives. God loves us and his love is a continual and everlasting love. He does call us to respond to this love by making it present to others. Sometimes a human person does deliberately reject that intimate love of his through negligence. However, God does not stop loving us and he constantly reaches out to our love. We are always certain that God's love is offered to human persons and is never taken back. It comes in the sunset, in creation, in friendship, in our service to others, and in our desire to reconcile. God expects us to respond to this love through our gratitude to him and express it in our service to our brothers and sisters. Strangely enough, to implement this love effectively, we may have to reverse the order: love of self, leading to love others, finally to the love of God.

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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:

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Fred Twohig

##### OLSH College Principal

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#### 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.

#### Sacraments:

##### Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month's notice required.

##### Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

**Daily Readings: starting 27 October**

**Mon:** Eph 4:32-5:8      Lk 13:10-17  
**Tues:** Eph 2:19-22      Lk 6:12-19  
**Wed:** Eph 6:1-9      Lk 13:22-30  
**Thu:** Eph 6:10-20      Lk 13:31-35  
**Fri:** Phil 1:1-11      Lk 14:1-6  
**Sat:** Apoc 7:2-4,9-14  
       1 Jn 3:1-3      Mt 5:1-12  
**Sun:** Is 25:6-9  
       Rom 5:5-11      Mt 11:25-30

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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



Sean Heenan, Teresa Fedelli, Mary Dick, Duncan Lynch, Isobel Laverty, Janice Loria Lazo, Margaret McNaught, Rita Knchel, Graciano Mercado, Kevin Feed, Penelope Sleming, Hermon Tirkey, Tilde Cabantog, Benedicto J Chupungco, Eileen Sanvictores, Manuel Sarangay, Alice Costa, Do Quyen, Paul Rindahl, Gwyneth Allwright, Kathleen Williams, Lafie Saanga, Dianne McGinn, Georgina Gilbert, Editha Baslot, Ann Vernon, Kevin Edwin, Paul Manard, Heather Cent, Jala Breanna, Singmia Fofung, Colleen Langcake, Cathy Golotta, Marissa Johnston, Allison Burgess, Rosemarie Schnell, Bill Sims, Antonio Mutia, Gill Dew, Mark McGinley, Patricia Wyatt, Lorraine Gore, Peter Strachan, Gary Brenton, Glen Clarke, Imblisa, May Lee Shah, Bill Costa, Maria Lourdes Sacramento.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Recent Deaths:** Joshua Blain and Maurie Johns.

*May their souls rest in peace.*

**Devotional Practices:**

**Divine Office & Morning Prayer**

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**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

**Adoration**

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

**SYNOD ON THE FAMILY**

The Pope's final discourse at the conclusion of the Synod on the Family not only wrapped up the Synod, but seemed to lay the groundwork for the second phase of the Synod on the Family, set to take place a year from now.

During the briefing at the Holy See Press Office Saturday night, Fr. Federico Lombardi, Fr. Thomas Rosica, and Fr. Manuel Dorantes spoke on this Synod's final outcomes. They stressed that "this is not a final document, but a reflection for the next phase of the Synod," one which can help the world's Episcopal Conferences prepare for the second phase. "The Pope wanted the text to be published in full, even paragraphs that didn't have the necessary 2/3 majority," Fr. Dorantes said.

The Church's current stance regarding the access to sacraments to the divorced and remarried as well as its stance on homosexuality has been retained.

Fr. Rosica said, the Pope gave "what I would consider to be an awesome talk", followed by an almost 4 minute standing ovation in the Hall. Summarizing and outlining some key elements of the Pope's discourse, he said the Pope spoke about the temptations that are part of "any one of our journeys."

Giving examples of the temptations Pope Francis stressed, "there's the temptation to a hostile rigidity, which forces us to lock ourselves to the letter of the law and not allow for God to surprise us." "Another temptation is somebody who 'tries to see everything rosy,' if you will, somebody who tries to see everything very sweet and not see the dark side of things.

Another temptation is that "to transform the stone into bread. It breaks that long fast which is part of our human condition." Also there is the temptation to "transform bread into stones," which then can be thrown at sinners, at "the weak," at "the sick," and "to put upon them 'unbearable burdens,' which Luke talks about in his Gospel."

In addition, the Holy Father spoke on the temptations 'to want to come down from the Cross, just to please people, rather than try to fulfil the will of God,' as well as that "to disregard the deposit of the faith," "to disregard reality."

In the final point of the talk, the Pope's sense of humour really showed. "You know the Synod takes place with Peter and under Peter. The presence of the Pope is the guarantee of that unity. Then, he said, "I am the Pope and I am here."

*From: www.zenit.org*

**MEMORIAL WALK**

In the month of November we remember and pray for those who have died. As in previous years we will have a Memorial Walk from the OLSH church to the Old Telegraph Station. It will be on Saturday, 1 November, at 7.00 am. We will begin with a prayer in front of the church and walk along the Todd River to the Telegraph Station. There we will have a prayer service followed by some refreshments. All parishioners and friends are most welcome to join in the Walk.

**WELCOME!**

We welcome Evelyn Flynn daughter of Dan and Amelie Flynn who will be baptised this Sunday.

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

**Parish Diary**

**Sunday 26 October**  
 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday 27 October**

**Tuesday 28 October**  
 Feast of Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

- Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm

**Wednesday 29 October**

**Thursday 30 October**

**Friday 31 October**

- Funeral Mass 10:00 am

**Saturday 01 November**  
 Solemnity of All Saints

- All Saints Day

**Sunday 02 November**  
 All Souls Day



Counselling for, individuals, couples, families and children  
 Need Help?  
 Parenting support  
 Parenting groups  
 Sand play therapy  
 Relationship issues  
 Abuse/ Domestic Family Violence  
 Stress/Frustration/Anxiety  
 Grief and Loss

If you need someone to talk with please give us a call **Professional and Confidential** 8958 2400 Email: [alicesprings@catholicarent.org.au](mailto:alicesprings@catholicarent.org.au)  
[www.catholicarent.org.au](http://www.catholicarent.org.au)

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

You may have noticed that our Parish has a new website. The address is: [www.olshparishalicesprings.org.au](http://www.olshparishalicesprings.org.au)  
 It has been designed by our parishioner, Noble Jose, to whom we are very grateful for the wonderful work. The website is operated by our Parish Secretary, Mel Buenviaje. Among other information there you can find our weekly Parish Bulletin. Welcome to the website!

**DID YOU KNOW**

- The commandment that Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the **Shema** from Deuteronomy 6:4. "Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one..." This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called *mezuzah*, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.

There will be a short **Prayer Service** for the dead at the **Garden Cemetery on Sunday, 1 November, at 6.00 pm.** Please bring along a candle.

**Masses for the Deceased**

Sunday, 2 November, we will remember all the Faithful Departed. All Sunday Masses and all Masses on weekdays (3 – 8 November) will be offered for the souls of those who have gone before us to eternal rest. If you wish to have someone from your family or a friend included in the Masses, please enter their name(s) in the book that will be placed on a table in the middle of the church during all Masses this week.

**Cleaning:** 01 November **Group 3**  
 Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

**Counters:** 02 November  
 Eric & Kath McGargill

**Last Week's Collections:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,277.50 (for the presbytery)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,884.15 (for the parish)  
 Special Collection (Mission Sunday) \$1,142.75

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Funeral Mass for Charlotte Langdon  
 Friday October 31, 2014 at 10:00am.

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

**Ecumenical Australian Church Women's service**

Please join us to celebrate our upcoming Australian Church Women's World Community Day, "Building with Godly Wisdom". This is an ecumenical service, to be hosted by the **Anglican Church, Friday evening, 31 October, 2014 at 7pm.** For further details please contact Rita Steller 89 520868 or refer to the notice in our Church.

**EUCCHARISTIC FAST**

Those who receive holy communion are to abstain for one hour beforehand from all food and drink with the exception of water and medicine. This does not apply to the elderly, the sick and those who care for them, or to priests celebrating a second or third Mass on a given day. CCL 918

**Roster for weekend of 01 / 02 November 2014**

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Margaret McNaught Matthew Smith	Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith Mary Dick
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Jo Molin	Rita Steller Fred Twohig Carmel Leonard
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Debbie Cook	Hilda Reeder Pauline Otieno	Helena Casseeram Virginia Loy Carmela Guthart
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Miguel Ociones	Andrzej Skrzypiec Denise Simon	Thomas J John Cristina Buenviaje Marieta Ives

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First Reading:** Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 17:2-4.47.51      **R/** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Eph 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.