



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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Monday to Friday
8:30am - 12:00 noon
Saturday and Sunday - Closed

Parish Team

Parish Priest:
Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priests:
Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD
Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

Resident Priest:
Fr. Jim Knight SVD
Fr. Alfonsus Nahak SVD

Syro-Malabar Chaplain
Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

Liturgy Coordinator
Sr. Mary Bennett RSM

RCIA Director
Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

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Mel Buenviaje

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Parish Mass Schedule:

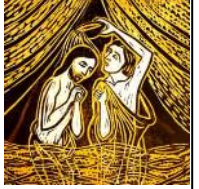
Monday to Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm
Saturday 11 am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm
Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community
1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month
- 11am *Aboriginally Community Mass at South Terrace. 2nd Sunday of the month— 11 am Aboriginally Community Mass at Amoonguna, 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, 12 months' notice required.

The Baptism of the Lord Year C 9th - 10th January 2016

You are my Son, the Beloved.



Today we are celebrating the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. A feast that upholds the sacrament of Baptism in our own life and invites us to participate in Jesus' own Baptism. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. He received the baptism of repentance preached by John and through this Jesus brought himself to the level of the human life; though he was sinless. The Baptism of Jesus is made special by the celestial signs of the Holy Spirit descending upon him in a bodily form and the words of the Father confirming Jesus' Son ship. It is an extraordinary baptism as it heralded the beginning of the reign of God through Jesus' active ministry with the people.

Through the Baptism, Jesus officially begins his ministry of preaching, healing and liberating. He inaugurates the reign of God through his words as well as action. He reaches out to all who were neglected by the society and religion. He brings everyone to the table-fellowship where everyone is treated equally.

Let us then make this feast a starting point of our own personal renewal. Let us realise the reign of God in our own lives. Let us feel the presence of God in our day-to-day activities. May the reign of God begin to make a difference in our lives, so that we can talk about our own experience to others. May the feast of the Baptism of our Lord bring new vigour and enthusiasm in us so that we may be enrgised to the task ahead. And may this feast be a joyful time for us, so that we, as followers of Christ, begin to live for Christ. Amen.

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

Misericordiae Vultus – The Face of Mercy

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy...Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.” (par 1, MV)

- Pope Francis

RCIA Announcement

We welcome our Catechumens, Mika Kuriyama and Jayden Tha into the final stage of their preparations to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Due to leaving Alice Springs soon, Mika will receive her Sacraments of Initiation early February, and will have special preparatory rites at the 11am Saturday Masses on the January 16th, 23rd and 30th, as each week specially chosen appropriate gospels are to be used where we find JESUS offering strength and healing to ... the woman at the well who ‘thirsts for LIVING WATER’ ... to the man born blind ‘who now SEES’ ... and to Lazarus with Jesus ‘raising him to NEW LIFE’.

As Jayden and Mika have journeyed together, Jayden will join Mika in these Saturday preparations. Jayden will join the Elect at 9.30am Mass on 10th January and Mika at the Saturday Evening Mass on 9th January.

Rosalie Nankivell and Nicholas Guthrie will be received into the Catholic Church during the Saturday Evening Mass on January 16th.

The Liturgy for these various Rites is simple, and we are invited to join in prayer and to give a big welcome to Rosalie, Nicholas, Mika and Jayden who are each ready for these final stages of their Faith Journey into the Catholic Church.

- Sr Helen Kennedy, RCIA Coordinator

Roster for weekend of 16-17 January 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Saturday 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Dave Genetti Sue Bain	Dylan Vacianella Brendan Heenan Rose Sabadin
Sunday 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Patricia Rademaker M McNaught	John Lillecrapp
Sunday 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Lillian Labastida Lennie Sumang	
Sunday 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Tinna Buenviaje Andrzej Skrzypiec	Marieta Ives Thomas John

Daily Readings: starting 11 January 2016

Mon: 1 Sam 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20
Tues: 1 Sam 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20 Mk 1:29-39
Thur: 1 Sam 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sam 8:4-7,10-22 Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19,10:1 Mk 2:13-17
Sun: Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-12
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Georgina Gilbert, Eufelia Canta, Helena Rooney, Bernadette Dowd, May Lee Shah, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson and Rose Brand.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recently Deceased:

Sr Noelle Albert (OLSH sister)

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

Volunteers for the Month of January

Volunteers required to be the Commentators, readers and Communion Misters for the weekends of January. Please fill in your names in the sign up sheet at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Saint of the Week

St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor

(January 13)



Cleaning: 16 January **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Babu Joseph, Sibi Thampi, Seena

Counters: 17 January 2016
Margaret –Ann McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
First: \$1,029.80, Second: \$ 1,925.65.

Thank you for your generosity!

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph 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 6-7 pm in the Presbytery and every second Saturday of the month from 3- 4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Christian Meditation will resume on February 4, 2015 (Presbytery Chapel)

Legion of Mary and Weekly Bible Sharing (Suspended until further Notice)

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that, she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30

R/ Oh, bless the Lord, my Soul!

Second Reading:

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our Saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our savior. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



BAPTISM

OLSH Parish welcomes AMIYAH ELYSE QUINTO daughter of Miguel and Jacque Quinto. She will be baptised on 9th January in the 6 pm Mass.