



# 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  
9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm  
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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
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Ms Michelle Castagna

## 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 *Aboriginally 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”



“We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace”, *Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction for the Year of Mercy.* Have we long since forgotten how **to show the way of mercy and how to live the way of mercy?**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

### “Put out into deep water”

The story of the miraculous catch of fish may evoke for us a world that is very remote from the one we live in. The point is not to catch and hold people in a net. Its purpose is to liberate them from the power of evil, so as to make them free. The Good News of Jesus leads to new life. It is important for us, people baptized in Christ, to be all the time aware of this, for we are in danger of letting our faith imprison us in fears instead of liberating us.

Through Simon Peter, a poor person just like us, that Jesus says: “Don't be afraid: from now on it is people you will be catching.” From now on every believer has to help humanity in every way to break the bonds of fatalism and fear and to discover step by step the new life lived according to the love that comes from God whose name is Mercy. One humble step towards human freedom is observed in the reaction of Isaiah and Peter in today's readings.

Isaiah says: “Woe to me! I am lost...I am a man of unclean lips”. As to Peter: “Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man”.

These words do not fail to astonish us. Let us notice that Peter and Isaiah, do not say “I am sinful” because they were looking at themselves but because they were contemplating the God made visible in the person of Jesus Christ. This is very important: for the sense of sin has little to do with guilt feeling that upsets people much. It is not by looking at our shortcomings that we will repent but rather by looking at ourselves in the light of God's holiness.

It is good for us that occasionally, like Peter, we fall on our knees before the holiness of God. The dread that overwhelms Peter is the awe one feels when facing the Mystery; it is the feeling of the women in the garden at Easter when seeing the empty tomb; it is the sense of wonder that fills us when enjoying a beautiful sunset. It is from this humble sense of the Sacred that Jesus calls us to ‘put out into deep water our nets for a catch. (Luke 5:1-11).

Fr Raass SVD  
Parish Priest

### Altar Servers

We are looking forward to build up our Altar Server ministry in the Parish. All those who are interested and who are already serving at the Altar are invited to please fill up the “Expression of Interest in Serving at the Altar” form at the entrance of the Church and hand it over to the Parish Office by Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you dear parents for encouraging your children to take up this wonderful ministry.

**Daily Readings: starting 08 February 2016**

**Mon:** 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13 Mk 6:53-56  
**Tues:** 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 Mk 7:1-13  
**Wed:** Joel 2:12-18  
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
**Thur:** Deut 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25  
**Fri:** Is 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-15  
**Sat:** Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32  
**Sun:** Deut 26:4-10  
 Rom 110:8-3 Lk 4:1-13

**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



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

Mary Dick, Rose Brand, Colleen Matson and Georgina Gilbert.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Holy Baptism on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Lola Mae and Ruby Madeleine LETOURNEAU daughters of Gabriel Letourneau and Sophia Marriott..

**Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to help at the St Francis Center with the Religious Education classes for the students from the public schools who are wanting to make their Sacraments. It is only for a couple of hours a week between mid March to mid August and not during the school holidays.

Please contact the Parish office if you can help  
 PH: 89521049 Email: [olsh\\_parish\\_esp@bigpond.com](mailto:olsh_parish_esp@bigpond.com) OR AH: Jenny Dietrich 89527910

**Saint of the Week**

**St Josephine Bakhita, virgin (February 8)**

**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 6-7pm 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

**Legion of Mary**  
 Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

**Weekly Bible Sharing**  
 Wednesdays 6:15pm—7:30pm

**Mothers' Praying for Your Children**  
 Fortnightly on Thursdays at 4:00pm—4:30pm

**Stations of the Cross (During Lent only)**  
 Fridays from 6:15pm

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

**OLSH Parish Year of Mercy Program**

The spiritual tussle between a heart of stone and a heart of flesh goes on in every aspect of our parish life. No Catholic is exempted! And therefore the invitation to manifest a heart of flesh or being merciful like the Father (Luke 15:11-32), is the path we long to tread and the face we hope to make visible. Your Parish Pastoral Council, Adult Formation Team and priests will draw up a program for OLSH parish. The program for living the Jubilee Year of Mercy will include few parish Workshops/Seminars, extra Penitential Services 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite, a Parish Retreat, Days of Recollection, Mercy Nights, a pilgrimage maybe, spiritual/corporal works of mercy (Mercy in Action) and a '24 Hours for the Lord' as requested by the Holy Father on 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Watch this space and lets rock n roll for Mercy!!

**Lenten Season 2016, ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK**

Pope Francis has asked us to reconsider the heart of Lenten season. According to Francis, fasting must never become superficial. He often quotes the early Christian mystic John Chrysostom who said: *"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."*

The Church would never downplay the role of sacrifice during the Lenten season. Lent is a good time for penance and self-denial. But once again, Francis reminds us that these activities must truly enrich others: *"I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."* Pope Francis has also implored us to prepare for Easter by practicing the works of mercy. Please find at the back of the church a Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar to act as our guide to spreading mercy to both people and the planet, in order to protect and preserve God's creation.

Our 2016 Lenten Season begins this **Ash Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February** and yes it is still a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at the 7:00am & 5:30pm Masses.

**Lenten Sharing Groups**

OLSH Parish invites all parishioners to go on a pilgrimage through this year's Lenten Programme **MERCY** from the Diocese of Wollongong which will cost you something in effort and commitment. You will discover some wonderful truths and you will know freedom.

Five groups have been set up for the six weekly sessions beginning the week of Ash Wednesday, each of approximately 90 minutes. If you are coming how about call a friend or neighbour to come with you. Patrick Monaghan is also running a group on Silent Prayer and Mysticism this Lenten season. The groups are:

(Frs) Raass & Prakash SVD - MERCY	Presbytery, Saturdays @ 9:00am-10:30am, start Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb, call 89521049
(Sr) Helen Kennedy FMM - MERCY	St Francis Centre, call 89524151, Mon- days 7:00pm, start Monday 8th Feb
Sue Marshall - MERCY	Traegar Campus, start 9th Tuesdays 4:15pm or call 0408453061,
**Patrick Monaghan 'Prayer & Mysticism'	1 Lakes Court, Wednesdays @7pm- 8:30pm, start 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, call 8521042
Ruth Sexton - MERCY	Bath Street campus staff room, Thursdays 4:20pm-6:00pm, start Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb

**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.

### Penitential Celebrations During Lent 2016

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy”, *Pope Francis 2015*. All parishioners are encouraged to have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts. The 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, as usual, on Saturday’s from 11:30am – 12:00 midday and 5:00pm – 5:45pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at **7pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** and **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at OLSH Church. Please note these dates in your diary.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6:15pm Fridays

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth. The six Fridays of Lent will focus on various religious/spiritual themes. The Stations of the Cross will replace the Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition. It will resume on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Ecological Conversion with JP2	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 6:15pm
Jesus the Migrant and Refugee	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 6:15pm
Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 6:15pm
The Face of Christ, the Face of Man	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 6:15pm
My Wounded Hands	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 6:15pm
Mary’s Way of the Cross	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 6:15pm

### New OLSH Parish Liturgy Coordinator

“My name is Anne Surtees I am an Ursuline sister. I moved to Alice Springs after Easter in 2015 to create a new Ursuline community with Sr Mary Wicks who is a doctor at the hospital. My background is in education and adult faith formation. During this year I will be assisting the liturgy committee of the OLSH parish. Since 2002 I have worked in Lay Ministry across the Brisbane Archdiocese and more recently as director of pastoral ministry for Centacare in Brisbane. I look forward to this new year and being involved in the liturgical life of OLSH Parish”.



Sr Anne will work closely with the Liturgy Team, Parish Pastoral Council and priests of the parish. Welcome aboard Sr Anne! We continue to thank Sr Mary Bennett RSM for her fine contribution and we wish her well.

**Cleaning:** 13 February **Group 6**  
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

**Counters:** 14 February 2016  
Walter & Patricia Litvinsky

**Last Week’s Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,392.40 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 2,299.00 (for the parish)

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

### Ecumenical Lenten Service

As Catholics we sometimes fear the word ecumenism and what it means in faith and practice. The Vatican Fathers/Mothers did not reject ecumenism because they believe it is scripturally wrong not to recognize salvific gifts outside the Catholic Church.

The shortest route to a proper understanding of ecumenism in the modern context is to read Vatican II’s Decree on Ecumenism and Pope John Paul II issued a longer and deeper document on the subject, *Ut Unum Sint* (That They May Be One) in 1995. The principles on which the decree is based are rooted in Scripture, the Fathers/Mothers of the Church, and ideas set forth in modern times by such popes as Leo XIII and Pius XII.

OLSH Parish will continue to work, pray and insist on this Vatican 2 mandate with other Christian churches in Central Australia such as the upcoming Reality Crusade with Will Graham on 20-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, and the monthly Christian Leader’s Fellowship. In March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am, OLSH Parish will open wide our church to Christians in central Australia for a Christian Life Witness Course/Workshop sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. More details later. As usual our central Australia Ecumenical Lenten Service will resume on Wednesdays at 7pm. See table below. We invite all Catholics to attend with an open heart/mind if you believe that God’s gifts are also found in non-Catholic churches and beyond.

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 7pm	Lutheran Church, Gap Road
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 7pm	Catholic Church, Hartley St
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 7pm	Uniting Church, Todd Mall
***Thursday March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10:00am	Catholic Church, Billy Graham Christian Life Witness Workshop
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 7pm	Anglican Church, Bath St
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March, 7pm	Lutheran Church, Gap Road

### Congratulations

On Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Saint Paul Miki and companions – Japanese Martyrs, **Mika Kuriyama**, our RCIA candidate was fully received into the Catholic Church at St Francis Centre. As this was a special case, Bishop Eugene gave his consent for Mika to **receive the three Sacraments of Initiation**. Her baby Alicia was also baptised. OLSH Parish thanks Sr Helen Kennedy FMM, Fr Prakash SVD and the RCIA Team for journeying with them. Welcome home Mika and lets continue to pray for the remaining RCIA candidates and catechumens.

### Roster for weekend of 13 - 14 February 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00 pm</b>	John Appleby	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtes	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30 am</b>	Mike Steller	Margaret McNaught Pushpa Vida	Fred Twohig Rita Steller Greg Gilbert
<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	Pauline Otieno	Precy Taylor Bridget Knight	Helena Casseeram Margaret Lillecrapp Cristy Genetti
<b>Sun 5:30 pm</b>	Miguel Ociones	Andrzejs Skrzypiec Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**6th - 7th February 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 6:1-8

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged'. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me'.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 137:1-5,7-8

**R/** In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Second Reading:**

1Corinthians 15: 3-8. 11 (*Shorter Form*)

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Mt 4:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 5:1-11

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.- He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

he Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.