



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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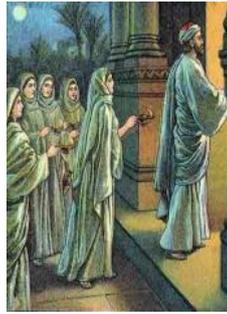
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

08th - 09th November 2014



PREPARE FOR THE END

From Sunday Reflections by Fr. Eugene Lobo, SJ

In today's gospel Jesus tells a story to impress his followers of the supreme need of vigilance and watchfulness. The image Jesus gave of marriage regarding the kingdom of heaven was easily understood by his hearers. The reference here is primarily to the second coming of Christ as he comes in glory to judge all humankind. On that day his kingdom

will be completed and the eternal triumphal kingdom of heaven will begin.

In this story Jesus illustrates what will happen on that day to some of those whom he had chosen and to whom he had given every facility to reach their one and only goal. In this parable, Matthew is telling the Christian community that the return of the Lord may be delayed beyond their expectation and that they should, therefore, prepare for the long wait by providing enough oil for their lamps. Many details of the parable make good sense when seen against the framework of this principal theme. The bridegroom is Christ and the bride is the church. The ten bridesmaids are the totality of the members of the church. The lamps, which all the bridesmaids had, could represent faith which all Christians have. The oil, which some of them had and others did not, would then represent good works. A lamp without oil is like faith without good works — dead and useless. The message is still relevant to the Christians of our time. Their wisdom here consists in their taking prudent steps to do what they need to do in order to come face to face with their Lord.

The conclusion to be drawn from this story by the disciples is this: the time of the arrival of our Lord as judge of the universe, the day on which the eternal wedding feast of Christ with his elect will begin, is as uncertain as the arrival of the bridegroom. There is one sure way to be found ready on that all important moment is to be ever prepared and ready to meet the bridegroom. A follower of Christ cannot afford to be casual and unprepared for that moment. Like the foolish bridesmaids many will fail to make use of the means provided for the salvation and only realize their folly when it is too late. As we draw close to the end of the liturgical year, the church, through the gospel, invites us to contemplate the end — the end of our lives and the end of the world. The way to prepare for the end is not to live in fear and anxiety but with hope and expectation for the coming of the Lord. Jesus has told us that the Son of Man will come back on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead. How and when that will be, we do not know for sure. But today's parable gives us the hope and tells us to prepare for the end by following the example of the wise virgins. The wise virgins took enough oil to keep their lamps burning. In the same way we should engage and persevere in good works to keep our faith alive. That is the best way to make ourselves ready and prepared for the Lord, no matter when the Lord chooses to come.

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.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

Daily Readings: starting 10 November

Mon: Titus 1:1-9 Lk 17:1-6
Tues: Titus 2:1-8,11-14 Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Titus 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19
Thu: Philemon 7-20 Lk 17:20-25
Fri: 2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37
Sat: 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8
Sun: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
 1 Thess 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

+ **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 Death: Norma Antonelli

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF AN ANCIENT CHURCH IN ROME?

Each year our church celebrates the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome on November 9th. Each diocese has a cathedral. The cathedral church in Rome is St. John Lateran and not the more famous church, St. Peter's. When the Emperor Constantine officially recognized Christianity, he made generous gifts to the church, one of which was a palace and grounds formerly belonging to the Laterani family. In 324, he added a large church on the grounds. Later a baptistery was added and dedicated to St. John the Baptist. In subsequent years the entire edifice became known as St. John of the Lateran.



Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St. Peter himself celebrated Mass. It is the oldest Catholic church. Despite many fires, earthquakes and wars, it has survived; thereby, becoming a symbol of the survival of Christianity itself. The observance of this feast connects our local church with the Church of Rome, which is the center of unity.

“John Lateran basilica reminds us of our catholicity, our relationship with the center and from the center of the rest of Christianity. It reminds us here in our parish [in Alice Springs], that through our connection with that mother church, we belong to a vast brotherhood and sisterhood both vertically to the past and horizontally to the present. And in these days of individualism, this is no small thing indeed. We're part of a wide community. We are catholic with both a small and big "C." St. John Lateran tells us that.”

Fr. Bill Bausch, “Storytelling the Word”

Evangelii Gaudium

“We are not asked to be flawless, but to keep growing and wanting to grow as we advance along the path of the Gospel; our arms must never grow slack. What is essential is that the preacher be certain that God loves him, that Jesus Christ has saved him and that his love always has the last word.”

Par 151 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Breaking of the Bread

By reason of the sign, it is required that the material for the Eucharistic celebration truly have the appearance of food. Therefore, it is desirable that the Eucharistic bread, even though unleavened and made in the traditional form, be fashioned in such a way that the priest at Mass with the people is truly able to break it into parts and distribute these to at least some of the faithful... The gesture of the fraction or breaking of bread, which was quite simply the term by which the Eucharist was known in apostolic times, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of the sign of unity of all in the one bread...

WELCOME!

Welcome to new parishioners: Arun Joseph from Melbourne and Belicia Goncalves from East Timor.

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 09 November
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Monday 10 November

Tuesday 11 November
 • Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm

Wednesday 12 November

Thursday 13 November

Friday 14 November

Saturday 15 November

Sunday 16 November
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEW APPOINTMENTS OF PRIESTS

Bp Eugene Hurley announced that Fr. Jan Szweda, SVD will be transferred from Alice Springs to Nhulunbuy / Groote Eylandt Parish and that Fr. Asaeli Raass, SVD has been appointed Parish Priest of Alice Springs. Fr. Raass had worked in Alice Springs as chaplain for the Aboriginal Community for 6 years. He will be assisted by Fr. Prakash Menezes, SVD originally from India and Fr. Oliver Noclam SVD, originally from Vanuatu but currently working in Cuba. Fr. Raass will take over from Fr. Jan on January 10, 2015. Fr. Jan will leave Alice Springs on January 23, 2015. Meantime, Fr. Vincent Mai, SVD will assist in the Parish, while Fr. Elmer Ibarra, SVD will leave on November 17 and will be replaced by Fr. John Quang, SVD, originally from Vietnam.

2015 Calendar

The 2015 **Columban Art Calendar** including all feast days, will be available next weekend after every Mass.
 Cost: \$7.00 per copy
 A sample of the calendar is displayed on the announcement board at the back of the church.

BIBLE STUDY NIGHT

The Young Christian Adults Group will hold a Bible Study session on Friday night at the Presbytery at 7:00 pm. The session is open to anyone who would like to attend. Welcome to All!

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Prayer Service for souls of all the faithful departed at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery last Sunday evening, 2 November.

RETREAT FOR SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

When: November 11-12, 2014
Where: OLSH Church, Alice Springs
Time: 6:00pm – 9.30pm
Retreat Master: Fr. George Danaveli

Words of Wisdom - St Padre Pio on 'fear'

“Stop entertaining those vain fears. Remember it is not feeling which constitutes guilt but the consent to such feelings. Only the free will is capable of good or evil. But when the will sighs under the trial of the tempter and does not will what is presented to it, there is not only no fault but there is virtue.”

Liturgical Notes

“All churches should be dedicated or at least blessed. Cathedrals and parish churches, however, are to be dedicated with the solemn rite.” (GIRM 290). It is not common that a parish would experience the richness of the Church’s ritual for the blessing and dedication of their Church. Today’s feast allows us to share in some of the richness of that theology. The place where the holy people of God gather for the celebration of Mass is blessed by that very celebration. Here we, the Bride of Christ, receive our true dignity as the Body of Christ. Here we become the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

You may have noticed that our Parish has a new website. The address is: **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!

Cleaning: 15 November **Group 5**
 Bernie O’Loughlin, Rita Steller, Andre Simon

Counters: 16 November
 Carmel Leonard

Last Week’s Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,210.90 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$2,343.10 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

Roster for weekend of 15 / 16 November 2014

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Binu Katherine Sue Bain	Marian Maddocks Darryl Smith Mary Dick
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Mike Steller Patricia Rademaker	Rita Steller Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Col Marshall Innocent Madamombe	Beth Madden Mark Bensted Carmela Guthart
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Cristina Buenviaje Franchesca Ives	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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

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Entrance Antiphon: Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them. The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62 **R/** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God .

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out". But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves". They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you". So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour. The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.