



# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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*Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' love bringing justice, compassion and charity to all creation.*



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Monday to Friday  
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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

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## Liturgy Coordinator

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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. Tony Caddy FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs. Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Anileen and Mark Bensted

## Hospitality Coordinators

Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

## Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene

& Mr Manfred Casseeram

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## Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm;  
Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm,  
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm;

**Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community**  
11am Indigenous Community Mass

**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass**  
3rd Sunday of every month

## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



*"Another way that you love your enemy is this: when the opportunity presents itself for you to defeat your enemy, that is the time which you must not do it... When you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, you seek only to defeat evil systems. Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, you love, but you seek to defeat the system... Hate for hate only intensifies the existence of hate and evil in the universe. If I hit you and you hit me and I hit you back and you hit me back and so on, you see, that goes on ad infinitum. It just never ends. Somewhere somebody must have a little sense, and that's the strong person. The strong person is the person who can cut off the chain of hate, the chain of evil... Somebody must have religion enough and morality enough to cut it off and inject within the very structure of the universe that strong and powerful element of love" "Pope Francis, Ch.4#118, Amoris Laetitia.*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B  
10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## THE WORLD GOD LOVES

*John 3:16*

What would happen if we TRULY BELIEVED that God has saved the world he loves? How different our lives would be?

*Do I live as someone who knows I am loved, or do I go about manipulating and trying to win approval? Do I treat others as the beloved of God or do I see them a threat to my comfort, my security?*

*Do I take part in the political process, demanding that the government which represents me be a force of peace and justice in the world and now an oppressive war machine?*

As we attend to the above questions, please be reminded that there will always be the internal struggle of light and darkness. It is a very difficult thing to be faithful to one's vision and understanding of the Kingdom and confront those we might usually call the enemy and, at the same time, also love and forgive these people we are confronting. So we end up avoiding conflict. We see that confrontation is bad. At this point, we become less than faithful.

We need to be willing to confront the evil in our society and yet still love the individuals who are carrying out an unjust system, who are creating misery among God's people. It means being able to hold onto one's faith and values while also looking for windows of grace in the other, because we are not living in the ideal world.

We can't compromise our values, but at some point we must realize that we have to enter into negotiations and dialogue. There has to be some common ground, some meeting place.

As you go about your daily life and journey of faith, may you be reminded that you are a person with whom God is in love

Fr Raass SVD  
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*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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 12 March 2018**  
**Mon:** Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54  
**Tues:** Ezek 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-3,5-16  
**Wed:** Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30  
**Thu:** Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47  
**Fri:** Wis 2:1,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30  
**Sat:** Jer 1:49; Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-12  
**Sun:** Jer 31:31-34 Jn 12:20-33  
 Heb 5:7-9

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

 **Ecumenical Lenten Services**  
 Ecumenical Lenten services at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings. Two more if you have not attended any.

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Catholic Church
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lutheran Church

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

My Wounded Hands	Friday 16th March, 6:15pm
Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 6:15pm

**ONGOING LENTEN GROUPS**  
 Sr Helen Kennedy FMM, Tuesdays 7:00pm,  
 Venue: St Francis, 1 Adamson Ave.  
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 Fr Raass SVD Saturdays, 9:00am, Venue: Presbytery

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

Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Lennie, Will Arthur, Zak V.

**May the Lord grant them healing**

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR KIDS IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
 Catholic Parish will be commencing their Religious Education classes for children who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at St Francis Centre on Adamson Ave.** Call: Jenny Dietrich 89527010 or Joyce Clifford.

*Antonia Lapuz (Death Anniversary)*

**A NEW START FOR VINNIES CONFERENCE – ALICE SPRINGS.**

**Reconciliation:**  
 Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

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

Dear Parishioners and Vincentians of Alice Springs,  
 I am writing to thank the many generous Vincentians and community members who met with the Reconciliation Team, Sr Meredith Evans and Mrs Gladys DeMissie who visited in February. Their visit has begun the process of reconciliation for the St Vincent de Paul Society in Alice Springs. The St Vincent de Paul Society in the Territory wishes to re-establish a conference in Alice Springs. This Conference will be a significant link to the Society. With a new conference the poor of Alice Springs and surrounds will be better served and will know the compassion and support of Vinnies.

**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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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 -7:00pm

**Mothers Praying for Your Children**  
 Contact: Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283

**Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word**  
 Every Sunday from 9:20am

Vinnies has been a part of Alice Springs for 50 years. In 2017, the conference was placed in abeyance by the Council which caused hurt and pain to Vincentians, the Parish and the community. The SVPNT Council accepts that mistakes have been made and we regret the hurt that this caused. The Council is seeking an opportunity to build the trust and support of Vincentians and the community in Alice Springs so that the Vinnies presence is here again.

Representatives of Vinnies will be visiting from Darwin, in March. We will be meeting with Fr Raas and interested Vincentians and community members to begin a conversation around a new Vinnies conference for Alice Springs. More information will be coming soon. I look forward to meeting you.

Ms Fay Gurr  
 President. SVPNT.

**Parish SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB #3**

Friday 16 March 2018: Fracking Inquiry NT future: Gasfields or Renewables?  
 Jesse Hancock Chris Hawke  
 Venue: Todd Tavern  
 Drinks & Food open from 6:00pm  
 Start: 7:00pm



**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation**

OLSH Parish will again provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**. This is an opportunity for anyone who don't come regularly for the sacrament, to come for this communal reconciliation (2<sup>nd</sup> Rite) & absolution. Please do not come just because you have to. If you see things as obligatory, you are already missing the spirit. Don't just confess but ask God to heal you because another dimension of the sacrament is empowerment. God's grace will help us overcome our weakness and provides an ongoing renewal and conversion. And don't pretend that you're OK.



**A Golden Jubilee Church Project: The Ramp**

Please submit your suggestions and/or recommendations about this proposed Ramp for parishioners who have issues with mobility and place it in the suggestion box provided. Few constructive comments have arrived. More 3-D pictures are at the back of the church.

**Re-Launch of the Youth Ministry: YEAR OF YOUTH**



OLSH PARISH will re-launch the **Year of Youth on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at all Masses. We will need a **Year of Youth Action Team** to assist our current Youth Coordinators and Chaplain set a new direction with clear vision & mission goals. Thank you sincerely to parishioners who have stepped up to drive this important & exciting ministry. A half-day workshop will fall this coming Saturday from 9-12:00noon.

**Women's Event – Sunday March 11 at 3.00pm in the Old Lutheran Church on Gap Rd**

This year to mark International Women's Day, women of your church community are invited to come along for a screening of a documentary, **"Embrace"**. The film is by a woman from Adelaide who explored some of the contemporary issues around health, body image and the impact of social/community messaging on woman, particularly young women. The film screened at Araluen in 2016 to young, old and in between, and provides a lot to think about. The film includes nudity and some strong language. We will have some time for reflecting on our part of the world and impact of social messaging on women in Central Australia, including Christian women.

**Cleaning:** March 17, 2018 **Group 3**  
Fred & Lyn Twohig

**Counters:** March 18, 2018  
Darryl & Leonie Smith

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,262.90 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$839.10 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$885.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**2017 Parish Assembly Action Plan Follow-Up**

The two focus groups have been selected because they had the "most energy" from the parish assembly meeting. They are as follows:

- 1. Hospitality of God**
- 2. Youth Ministry**

The "Hospitality of God" focus group covers a lot of territory. Outreach, charity, compassion and inclusion are four "high energy" areas included within the Hospitality of God group.

**Action Plans:** The action plans for these two focus areas will come from the core group members. So, the next step is to assemble these core groups. Once assembled, these core groups will plan, organize and mobilize other parishioners to put the plan in motion and achieve the desired outcomes.

David Ives & Sr Anne, Ongoing.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Parish Pastoral Council Minutes, March**



- Arrernte Catholics Contribution to the Golden Jubilee Projects (Our Lady in dot-painting, special Aboriginal tile on main isle etc - tabled and on-going discussion;
- Sitzler Brothers Pty Ltd & Andrew McFEE Plaque has arrived (in recognition of the builders and architect)
- Church gardener, Greg Nenke, Manager of Red Centre Cleaning Service has offered his lawn mowing as an on-going business with the parish, APPROVED.
- Space to Lament (Post-Royal Commission) – ongoing
- Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adult tabled;
- OH&S report tabled & discussed;
- SJAG report tabled & discussed;
- Parish Assembly Action-Plan—two core teams will be called soon;
- Spirituality in Pub resumes on Friday 16th March at Todd Tavern, 7:00pm

**GOLDEN JUBILEE PARISH SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE**  
*21-Days*

The doors are still open to any parishioner wanting to join this spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy this October, 2018. Booking forms are available in the parish Office. \$1000 booking deposit needed to secure booking. Don't miss this genuine experience and an opportunity for renewal.

**Roster for weekend of 17-18 March 2018**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	K McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Sue Marshall Mike Steller
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Kevin Hickmott	Pauline Otieno David Genetti	Cristy Genetti M Lillecrapp Br James Hodge
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Debbie Cooke	Joel Tolentino Tinna Buenviaje	Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives Thomas J John

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B**  
**10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem!, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at here consoling breast.

**First Reading:**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

*The wrath and mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The word of the Lord  
Ps 136

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R/** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 2:4-10

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord  
Jn 3:16

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**

John 3:14-21

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, For ever they are praising you everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation (to begin after Easter 2018)**

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this Sunday: 25th March 2018

**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

**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 10:30am-11:30am

**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)**

Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

**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 the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more? Call the presbytery and participate in God's Mission.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

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