



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Safeguarding Officers:

Mr George Tetteh, Ms Pane Komene & Mr Manfred C.

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.

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”



“If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without a meaning and a goal to life”, Pope Francis. Question: What are some of the specific areas in which you need to seek the Lord’s renewing work so that you can communicate his truth, grace and love more fully

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DO NOT WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE

“There was a rich man...”

The evangelist and apostle Luke has his own vision on the problem of money, riches, and possessions. His ideal corresponds to the Greek philosophy of friendship – “Friends share everything.” But he also invokes the prophetic teaching of the Torah (1st Five Books of the O.T.): “In the land that the Lord gives you, share with your brother in need, so that there will be no poor among you” (see Deut.15).

The big question is, “Where do we stand now, some twenty centuries later, be it worldwide, or in our society, in the Church, in our family and parish? Luke and all the prophets keep challenging us.

Luke shows us a rich man who enjoys life. He does not judge him. Then he contrasts him with a poor man. But this poor man has a name, Lazarus (God is my help). In spite of himself, the narrator tells us to whom his heart reaches out. Lazarus is hungry and his skin is covered with sores. He remains poor. In the meantime the rich man goes on living the way he was doing.

But then comes death. Now both are equal. We can read this in the Book of Wisdom with the insight that rich and poor alike will die (Psalm 49).

Lazarus, whom the dogs were licking before, is now carried away by angels to Abraham’s table: “into Abraham’s embrace,” that is into the place of honour. The unnamed rich man is buried and there in the nether world a new story begins. There the rich man learns to beg but his prayers are not heard, not even in the beautiful invocation, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me.” The abyss between him and the poor man is unbridgeable because it was never bridged when both lived on earth. Interestingly, from the other side of death Abraham then speaks the language of the Beatitudes.

“How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours”. You may want to read the whole text in Lk 6:20-26.

Friends, Jesus says last week “use money, tainted as it is”. It is neither good no bad but it could be spiritually dangerous if we are not careful. People who get vested and settled in their riches, even with all the worries this causes, will eventually become stone deaf and blind as a bat to the immediate needs of their brothers and sisters, their neighbours. Even worse they begin to justify themselves; that is deadly for the spirit. Do not wait then until it is too late.

Fr Raass SVD

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.

Daily Readings: starting 26 September 2016

Mon: Job 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50
Tues: Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Job 9:1-13,14-16 Lk 9:57-62
Thur: Dan 7:9-10,13-14 Jn 1:47-51
Fri: Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Lk 10:17-24
Sun: Hab 1:2-3,3:2-4
 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-19

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Anne Tobin, Anne Courtney, Lloyd Taylor, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, John Gaces, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan Clare Lorkin and Rose Almanza.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Death: Gemeniana Cagur ol 20.09.16
Death Anniversary: Damian Clifton 24.09.11

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Funeral of Ms Michele Castagna, R.I.P.

Please be advised that the Funeral Mass of Ms Michele Castagna will be held on Tuesday, 27 September, at 11:00am at OLSH Church. The Wake will be at the Golf Club after the burial.

All invited.

Prayer at Home:

Pray for those who need help and for those who fail to help. Use the image of the suffering in our world as a focus of prayer.

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 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

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:30pm

Mothers Praying for Your Children

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

2nd Round of Parish Vision Consultation

Thank you for all those who took part in the 2 parish-wide consultation on the draft parish Vision Statement last week. The PPC will take all additions/subtractions/amendments/suggestions to their next Vision Planning meeting.

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

Rationale Behind the Parish Draft Vision

1. It is a one sentence vision.
2. It is Trinitarian.
3. It acknowledges that the parish is being led by the Holy Spirit.
4. It resonates well with the universal projects of Pope Francis namely, the Joy of Love, the Laudato Si and the Joy of the Gospel.
5. It highlights the biggest project of all, God's Kingdom.
6. It is based in Central Australia not NSW.
7. It contains the greatest commandment of all.
8. It envisions a world of justice and compassion.
9. It invites a baptismal response from every baptised Catholic in the parish.

Social Justice Sunday, 25th September

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated on 25th September. The title of this year's Social Justice Statement is **A Place at the Table: Social justice in an Ageing Society**. In his foreword to the Statement, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Chairman of the ACSJC, reflects on the journey into old age that presents both challenges and opportunities. 'Retirement, changing health and altered living conditions can be confronting for individuals and their families'.

There will be a short video presentation for the Statement at post-Communion. And do take a copy of the Statement and a 10-Step Card of what you and I can do in Central Australia to creating a place at table. The SJAGers will be running two Monday evenings of brainstorming and reflection on 3rd and 10th October from 7pm-8:30pm at the JP2 Hall.

OLSH Parish Retreat

Theme: "The Name of God is Mercy", Pope Francis

Venue: White Gums, Lot 4012, Bullen Rd, Alice Springs.

Date: Friday 7th Oct, 6:00pm – Sunday 9th October 12:00midday

Cost: \$85 per person (meals and hire of venue)

Facilitator: Sr Anne Surtees OSU.

Please take a form at the back of the Church and fill it in ASAP. It's closing soon.

First Saturday Healing and Anointing Mass - October 1

Friday healing and anointing Mass for the sick falls next Saturday at the 11:00am Mass, 1st October. Please bring a sick person from your neighbourhood.

Feast of the Week - September 29

Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels

WELCOME!

To JASHAYLA HIGHFOLD child of Luke Highfold whose baptism is on Saturday 24 September.

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.

**MONDAY ADULT FAITH & SPIRITUAL
FORMATION**

A Bible Study and Sharing on the Parables of Mercy

Monday 26th September	How Do We Change God's Mind?	The Judge and the Widow (Luke 18:1-8)
<i>Monday 3rd October</i>	<i>Social Justice Statement 2016</i>	<i>A Place at Table</i>
<i>Monday 10th October</i>	<i>Social Justice Statement 2016</i>	<i>A Place at Table</i>
Monday 17 th October	Compassion for a Stranger	The Good Samaritan (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 24 th October	Who is Forgiven More Loves More	The Two Debtors and their Creditors (Luke 7:36-50)
Monday 31 st October	God Is Looking For Us	Finding the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Monday 7 th November	Extreme Compassion	The Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32)
Monday 14 th November	The Opposite of Mercy	The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:1-21)

Come, Learn, Share & Celebrate from 7pm-8:30pm

Continuing formation and education are integral to our Catholic sense of responsibility as members of OLSH Parish as we engage in a widely diversified society with various human needs. Please do not claim to think that you have been educated once and for all time. Your personal and spiritual development demands an ongoing deepening of your faith if you are to remain effective as a disciple of Jesus.

OLSH Parish is resuming its Monday Adult Faith, Culture and Spirituality Formation evenings from next Monday 26th September, focusing on the beautiful Parables of Mercy according to the Gospel of Luke. However Oct 3 & 10 will focus on the Social Justice Statement. Please bring your bible and explore deeper into Jesus' understanding of Mercy. Turn off your TV and come on Monday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm.

The Alice Springs Public Library is offering an English Conversation Class for Women. A free trial run will start on Saturday, 1st October at the town library. For more information, contact Susan Hoult on 8950 0555.

Cleaning: 1 October 2016 **Group 8**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Kathleen Epelde

Counters: 2 October 2016
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,309.35 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,114.40 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 1,030.00

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

**National Police Remembrance Day
Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

In 2016, National Police Remembrance Day services will be held throughout Australia and the Southwest Pacific on Thursday, 29 September, the Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

OLSH Parish is honoured to again host the 2016 National Police Remembrance Day at 10:00am at OLSH Church. All are welcome to be part of this celebration and thanking God for the gift of those who gave their life for law and order in our community.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Law of Moses, the Torah, and the writings of the prophets both stress the need for justice and compassion.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures, God gives a preferential love to the poor, the outcast and the stranger.
- It is the poor man in this story whose name is given (Lazarus means 'God helps') while the rich man remains anonymous. Perhaps he represents Everyman.

Safeguarding Children and the Vulnerable Workshop

The Diocesan Integrity Officer, Sr Rose Glennen RSM, will be conducting a series of workshops on the safeguarding of children and the vulnerable from the 3rd October – 7th October 2016 for our three parish Safeguarding Officers, the Parish Pastoral Council and all priests of the parish.

Parish Council Meeting Submissions

Feel free to submit any concerns, suggestions or ways OLSH parish can become what God wants it to be. Our PPC meeting falls every 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00pm.

An **INCREDIBLE** opportunity is before us of blessing our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Carols planning is going along well. We are in need of THREE or FOUR more best helpers. The tasks required are important, and we would like these roles filled as quickly as we can. If you are interested, please contact Ben Matson from the Christian Family Centre on 0433 874 836.

Head of Campus Tours – Tuesday 11th October 2016 - 8:30-11am

Come and visit Bath Street Campus and see the campus in action. Enrolment enquiries open for 2017. OLSH College caters for the development of academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs. Term 3 concludes on 23rd September and school returns on Monday 10th October. Bath Street Campus is open on Friday 7th October. Contact Karen or Anne at the Bath Street Campus office on 8950 6400 for campus tour information.

Roster for weekend of 01 - 02 October 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Leonie Smith Sr Jennifer Farrell	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	M McNaught Pushpa Vida	John Lillecrapp Ruth Sexton Greg Gilbert
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Col Marshall Lennie Sumang	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	A Skrzypiec Tinna Buenviaje	Thampi Joseph Sammy Nobleza Denise Simon

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

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Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done for us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and have not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Dan 3:31,29,30,43,42

First Reading:

Amos 6:1.4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Ps 145:6-10

Second Reading:

Timothy 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. **Alleluia!**

2 Cor 8:9

Gospel:

Luke 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feasted magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life, good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Ps 118:49-50

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
New theme & dates to be advised soon

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,
2016 and 15th Jan 2017.

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

Telephone Tree Ministry
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

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 10:00am-11:00am

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)
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm
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 40
South Terrace and the main Church.

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