



# 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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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

### Assistant Parish Priests:

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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

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Losana Hay and Ruth Sexton

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### Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Tabadda

## 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

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

## Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



“On the other hand, joy also grows through pain and sorrow. In the words of Saint Augustine, “the greater the danger in battle the greater is the joy of victory”.131 After suffering and struggling together, spouses are able to experience that it was worth it, because they achieved some good, learned something as a couple, or came to appreciate what they have. Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort. “Pope Francis, Ch.4#129, *Amoris Laetitia*.”

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B  
5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The story so far...

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered a Church and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council, the highest formal gathering of all local Catholic parishes, dioceses, catholic schools and all catholic institutions, religious orders and everything Catholic in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

Pope Francis has spoken of the need to engage in the world and respond in faith. He said, “*The defining aspect of this change of epoch is that things are no longer in their place. Our previous ways of explaining the world and relationships, good and bad, no longer appears to work. The way in which we locate ourselves in history has changed. Things we thought would never happen, or that we never thought we would see, we are experiencing now, and we dare not even imagine the future. That which appeared normal to us – family, the Church, society and the world – will probably no longer seem that way. We cannot simply wait for what we are experiencing to pass, under the illusion that things will return to being how they were before.*”

The journey toward Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years.

Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. We invite all parishioners to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God’s Holy Spirit, we will journey together, toward the future.

The facilitation team visited OLSH Parish last week to inform us about the 3-year timeline to gain some insight into the planning that is happening to prepare for the Plenary Council. Your ideas, feedback and questions are always welcome on email the [plenary.council@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary.council@catholic.org.au)

What can OLSH Parish do now? For the time being ....PRAY for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for the Plenary Council.

Fr Raass  
Parish Priest

*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 07 May 2018**

**Mon:** Acts 16:11-15            Jn 15:26-16:4  
**Tues:** Acts 16:22-34            Jn 16:5-11  
**Wed:** Acts 17:15-22-18:1        Jn 16:12-15  
**Thu:** Acts 18:1-8                Jn 16:16-20  
**Fri:** Acts 18:9-18                Jn 16:20-23  
**Sat:** Acts 18:23-28                Jn 16:23-28  
**Sun:** Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23                        Mk 16:15-20

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



**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*

**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.

**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

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Every Thursdays 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



**Parish Pastoral Council Minutes, May '18**

- Concerns around lack of car-parking during weekends if a National Gallery green space is extended to the current parking space next to the Oval ground. We need help!
- We have found two parish archivists to help our parish archive.
- A proposal was tabled to make a new parish signboard (either digital or an enlarged board) on the lawn in-front of the church.
- The Little Sister's house at Yuendumu is now under parish management.
- Parish Assembly Part 2 on 'Hospitality of God' follow-up: Sr Anne & David Ives will be approaching a new team to facilitate;
- A resounding yes to a *new* Golden Jubilee Arrernte dot-description of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart to be painted by Kathleen Wallace.
- A letter on Fracking from the parish was submitted to Chief Minister, sadly the Moratorium has been lifted!!
- The grounds around the church & presbytery are now a no-smoking area.
- Fundraising will soon begin for some Golden Jubilee souvenirs, t-shirts etc
- CYAS New Vision/Mission & re-structuring accepted and affirmed by Bishop Eugene, a big appreciation to Fr Alex and the Youth Action Team.
- Workshops for new Ministers of the Word and Eucharist coming up.



**May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day & Closing of Fatima Centenary**

Rosary crusade throughout Australia on May 13, the last day of the Fatima Centenary. Given that it is Mother's Day, OLSH Parish will say the Rosary together on that Sunday at 3:00pm in the church.



**NO SMOKING**

Please be informed that the Catholic Precinct from 2-10 Hartley Street is a **NO SMOKING** zone.



**OLSH COLLEGE**

OLSH College is participating in the Telegraph Station Open Day on the 20th May from 9.30am-1pm. The College Board is requesting assistance from any parishioner to help make cakes, biscuits and/or slices. We also need help on the day. If you are able to help in any way, please let us know. 'Many hands make light work'. Contact Ms Nertney at Bath Street Campus or Fr Raass, 89521049.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

The RCIA is the faith journey by which an adult person is initiated into the Catholic Church, passing through a number of different phases, and focusing on the conversion of heart and mind to Christ. If you are seeking to become a Catholic or you know an interested person, a new group will be forming. For further information, please contact Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM (RCIA Directress) on 0448856323. 'Candidates' are people who are already baptized in another Christian denomination; 'Catechumens' are people who have not been baptized in the Christian faith. All are warmly welcome to come and explore. The group meet regularly with the RCIA team and sponsors for discussion, reflection and prayer.



**PARISH CHOIRS**

Music Ministry is very strong in our parish. We are blessed with many great musicians and singers who play and sing during each Sunday Mass! So far we have five Sunday choirs at OLSH Parish who give their time and talents to make our Sunday Liturgies prayerful and meaningful. Please do acknowledge and affirm them from time to time.



**WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS!**

The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners back from their holidays. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.



**NEXT SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB**

Altyerre Catholicism with Arrenrte Catholic Elders	Arrenrte Elders & Mike Bowden, MA (Teacher & Aboriginal Community Worker)	Friday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Tavern 6:30pm dinner/drinks for 7:00pm start
WELCOME OR EXCLUSION? Social Teaching on Gender, Race and Place.	Sr Robyn Reynolds OLSH BA (Hons), MA, PhD Yarra Theological Union Lecturer	Friday June 15 <sup>th</sup>	

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION**



All parish cultural groups & nationalities are asked to begin preparing your contribution (food & entertainment) to the upcoming parish Pentecost Celebration on Sunday 20 May at the 9:30am Combined Mass. This is something to look forward to every year. All are invited to dress in your national or cultural attire. This year's Pentecost lunch & social will take place at the **presbytery courtyard**. Please see Sr Anne for any liturgical preparations and Ruth or Losana for the social and entertainment afterwards.

**SOME READERS' TIPS**



**Mindset** (Attend Tuesday readers' preparation session, pray, reflect, dress appropriately & arrive early)

**Body Language** (Don't rush to the ambo, approach it in a focussed manner. Be reverent & appear dignified)

**Announcement Line** (A good healthy pause after your first announcement from whom the reading comes)

**Eye Contact** (Proper pace, effective pausing, clear dictation, make eye contact with the congregation, handle difficult words gently)

**Rate** (Biggest complaint, "They read too fast and I can't hear them". Slowing down achieves clearer annunciation & dictation)

**Volume** (Please create effective volume and project clearly)

**Microphone Usage** (Adjust it to the right spot or zone to help you maximise volume)

**Ending** (3-4 seconds pause, look at the assembly and proclaim the ending— *The Word of the Lord*—do not look away or rush away, after all this message is from God. It should leave them with a sense of awe. This is your responsibility)



**Lectors/Readers Preparation Hour**

This is a humble reminder to Weekend/Sunday readers to please attend the Lector's Preparation & Reflection with Sr Anne on Tuesdays at 6:10pm after the Mass. You owe it to the people of God to reflect well on what you will proclaim on Sundays.

**Cleaning:** May 12, 2018 **Group 4**  
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

**Counters:** May 13, 2018  
Darryl & Leonie Smith

**Last Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1503.15 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$990.15 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$2402.15

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**On-Going Adult Formation**



How do you interpret these statements: "Man and woman are created with free will and are master over their acts", (St Irenaeus) or "God willed that man should be left in the hand of his own counsel, so that he might of his own accord seek the Creator", (Sirach 15:14). In these contexts, *should you initiate and control your own actions? What is your attitude to church and civil law? What was St Paul's experience at intercultural level? And is inner freedom a by-product of obedience to law?* Come and explore with other parishioners the theme on "Law & Freedom" on Monday 21st May at the JP2 Hall from 7-9pm. All welcome.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**



Spiritual direction explores a deeper relationship with the spiritual aspect of being human. Simply put, spiritual direction is helping people tell their sacred stories everyday. OLSH Parish is blessed to have five trained Spiritual Directors to help you learn how to listen to the movements of the Holy Spirit and other not-of-God movements within, and learn to live in peace with compassion. Make an appointment today and don't wait until the cookie breaks! Names are at the back of the church.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD & MOTHER'S DAY**

...NEXT SUNDAY

13th May 2018



**GOLDEN JUBILEE PARISH SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE**

21-Days

The doors are still open to parishioners 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 is needed to secure booking. Don't miss this genuine experience and an opportunity for renewal.

**Roster for weekend of 12 – 13 May 2018**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Kate Kingston Leonie Smith	David Fernandes Rosalie Fernandes Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Fred Twohig	P Rademaker Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Greg Gilbert Sue Marshall
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Pauline Otieno Emil Tabbada	Br James Hodge Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Br Dean Taberdo	Aileen Batimana Sneha Nair	Thomas J John Cindy Decosta Debbie Cooke

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**  
**5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> My 2018**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First Reading:**

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. "Stand up," he said "I am only a man after all!" Then Peter addressed them: "The truth I have now come to realise" he said "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, "Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?" He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 97:1-4

**R/** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Second Reading:**

1 John 4:7-10

*God is love.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

John 15:9-17

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation**  
Monday 21st May, 7-9pm 'Law & Freedom'

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on this Sunday: May 13, 2018

**Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship**  
1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

**Bread Delivery to Town Camps**  
Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:30pm

**Parish Children's Choir**  
Every 2nd Sunday, 9:30am Mass/Rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm

**Children's Sunday School**  
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

**Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries**  
Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)**  
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Parish Council Meetings**  
1st Thursday of the month from 6:15pm - 8:00pm

**Catholic Youth of Alice Springs**  
(Re-structuring)

**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.

**Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)**

May 11th 'Altierre Catholics' & June 15th 'Welcome or Exclusion', 6:30pm

*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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