



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 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



"Panta hypoménei" - means that love bears every trial with a positive attitude. It stands firm in hostile surroundings. This "endurance" involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour. It shows a certain dogged heroism, a power to resist every negative current, an irrepressible commitment to goodness. Here I think of the words of Martin Luther King, who met every kind of trial and tribulation with fraternal love: "The person who hates you most has some good in him; even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it. And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls 'the image of God', you begin to love him in spite of [everything]. No matter what he does, you see God's image there. "Pope Francis, Ch.4#118, *Amoris Laetitia*.

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B
3rd - 4th March 2018

THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST: THE POWER & WISDOM OF GOD

In the words of St Paul "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's folly is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness more powerful than human strength", (1 Cor:22-25).

Where might we find the signs of God's revelation in our world that are not very magnificent nor very powerful signs? Here are some contemporary signs offered for reflective meditation during Lent:

- * Christ, unjustly treated in mock courtrooms throughout the world.
- * Christ, suffering indignities simply because he is too poor to purchase legal assistance or to post bail.
- * Christ, being oppressed not for what he did but for the colour of his skin.
- * Christ, working in the burning sun for low wages to keep food on the table for his seven children.
- * Christ, being exploited by substandard housing, poor education or unemployment.
- * Christ, feeling oppression from his native land and seeking refuge in Australia.
- * Christ, bearing the agony and suffering of physical and mental illness.
- * Christ, experiencing the dependence, pain and loneliness of old age.
- * Christ, constantly feeling dispossessed with constant loss of land due to greed and crave.

If we are constantly running after miraculous signs and wonders, and more earthly knowledge, then we are no different in Bible times. The apostle Paul acknowledged that "Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom". (1 Corinthians 1:22). So when Paul preached Christ crucified as God's solution to them, the message was "to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness", (1 Corinthians 1:23).

Suffering and even death to non-believers makes no sense at all. It is sheer lunacy. To celebrate or "exalt" the crucified Jesus on the Cross would be akin to our "lifting up the electric chair" in jubilation. But then the Mystery we call God turned everything upside down by lifting suffering and death as our only hope in two ways. First, because without Christ's sacrificial triumph on the Cross, we would have no hope of eternal salvation; and second, because unless we pick up our Cross every day to unite ourselves to God, we have no hope of salvation either. The Cross is the ladder Jesus made to lead us upward to heaven, but it's also a ladder we must embrace and climb. 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.

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Daily Readings: starting 05 March 2018
Mon: 2 Kg 5:1-15 Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dan 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Deut 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thu: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hosea 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hosea 5:15-6:6 Lk 18:9-14
Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Jn 3:14-21
 Eph 2:4-10
 + Pray & read your Bible every day +

 **Ecumenical Lenten Services**
 The time has come to gather again with the Lutherans, Anglicans and Uniting Church during this Ecumenical Lenten services at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings.

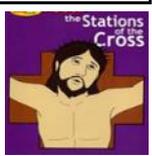
Wednesday 7th March	Uniting Church
Wednesday 14th March	Catholic Church
Wednesday 21st March	Lutheran Church

 **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

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Face of Christ, the Face of Man	Friday 9th March, 6:15pm
My Wounded Hands	Friday 16th March, 6:15pm
Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 23 rd March, 6:15pm

**Syro-Malayalam Stations of the Cross will follow immediately afterwards. There will be NO BENEDICTION AND EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST during the Stations of the Cross.



LENTEN GROUPS HAVE BEGUN

All parishioners are invited to join two Lenten Groups or start one with your family. Take to heart what it means to be saved, redeemed, forgiven and graced by the Holy Spirit, because God in his mercy send His Son Jesus to be our Saviour and Redeemer.

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



Reconciliation:
 Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm
Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR KIDS IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Parish will be commencing Religious Education classes again in March at the St Francis Centre on Adamson Ave. Any parents who are sending their children to government or non-Catholic schools and want their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation can contact the Parish Office for further details PH: 8952 1049 between 9am - 12pm; email: olsh_parity_asp@bigpond.com or AH: Joyce Clifford or Jenny Dietrich 8952 7010.

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

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

HOW ARE YOU? POST-ROYAL COMMISSION

Since the completion of the Royal Commission into the Institutional Child Sexual Abuse has concluded and has handed down its recommendations, the Parish Leadership is aware that there has not been an opportunity for people in the community to indicate how they are feeling.
 In the bulletin this weekend there is a very simple sheet that we ask you to complete. You are invited to circle that ones with which you most closely identify. As you leave the church, please place the sheets in the boxes provided at the doors. Thank you.

Readers (Lectors) Preparation

 As a way of offering support and ongoing formation for our readers, we will be trialling a weekly process of reading preparation. Readers for the coming weekend are invited to come for reflection on the readings at 6.15pm on Tuesdays in the church. It is anticipated that sessions will be around 30 mins. We will be using the parish copies of Break Open the Word as our resource. So, if you are reading on the coming weekend we would welcome your participation in these sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Our Elect: **Douglas Baillie and Peter Martin** will proceed through their **Period of Purification and Enlightenment** as follows:

- 1st Rite of Strengthening: at 7:30am Mass 4/3/2018**
- Presentation of the Creed and**
- 2nd Rite of Strengthening at 7:30am Mass 11/3/2018**
- 3rd Rite of Strengthening : at 7:30am Mass 18/3/2018 and**
- Presentation of the Lord's Prayer**

In Preparation for their Sacraments of Initiation, Easter Vigil 31/3/2018

All parishioners are invited to support our new members of OLSH Parish by your prayers and faith witness.

Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Directress



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 18th 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 be called sometime soon.

Did You Know

- The only coins acceptable in the Temple were half shekels. Roman coins were not acceptable because they were imprinted with the image of the Emperor and the Commandments clearly state that there should be no graven images used by Jews. The money-changers were actually performing a necessary task for the proper functioning of the religious life of Israel. What may Jesus really have been angry about?
- The trade in animals was necessary for sacrifice at the Temple. Ordinary people needed to sacrifice for a number of religious reasons; for example, to become ritually clean again after childbirth (See Lk 2:22–25). But this trade was under a monopoly of the wealthy and elite Sadducees who controlled the Temple cult. What may Jesus really have been angry about?

Cleaning: 10 March, 2018 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: 11 March, 2018
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,588.20 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$890.40 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,065.00
Special Collection for Cyclone Gita (Tonga) Appeal: \$987.85

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.

2ND 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 to resume next month.

TROPICAL CYCLONE GITA

Our OLSH Parish special collection last weekend for the victims of Cyclone Gita amounted to \$987.85. It will be sent directly to the CEO of CARITAS Tonga.

Thank you for your kindness.

Roster for weekend of 10 – 11 March 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Pane Komene Leonie Smith	David Fernandes Rosalia Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	P Rademaler Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert Rita Steller Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Jooby Mani	Dilushi Fonseka Deepthi James	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Emi Tabbada
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Mel Buenviaje Sneha Nair	Goury Nair Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B
3rd - 4th March 2018

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for he Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for he Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8-11

R/ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel:

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the faithful Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon. The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house for ever singing your praise.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

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

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

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-

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