

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

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
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Fr. Jim Knight SVD

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

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”

God knows of what we are made. The fact is that we are all made of the same thing: clay, the dust of the earth, the frail, fragile, shapeless thing from which we come and to which we will all return someday. We are all capable of the same things. Our only hope is that when we are all sitting somewhere bereft, exposed, outcast, humiliated and rejected by the rest of society, someone, somewhere will “reach out a hand and lift us up.” Question: *In what way is your understanding of mercy enacted in Central Australia today?*

Pentecost Sunday Year C 14th - 15th May 2016

God is within us

Rabindranath Tagore was a visionary Indian who lived in the late 19th century, Poet, Mystic and Music Composer, and the first Asian to win the Nobel Peace Prize in Literature in 1913. I came across his writings while studying mysticism at Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne.

In one of his parables, he narrates a conversation between a flower and a fruit. The flower asks the fruit: “*O fruit where are you?*”

The fruit, still in its embryonic form, answers: “*I am hidden within you O flower*”. The flower asks, “*O fruit when will I see you?*” The fruit replies: “*If you are waiting to see me, I haven't a chance. You, the flower, must die confident that I, the fruit, will emerge*”.

This is a wonderful metaphor on the transformative work of the Holy Spirit - WHO IS WITHIN YOU. Yes, St Paul was convinced of this incarnational theology that he wrote in Romans 8:11, “*The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you...or has made a home in you*”. In First Corinthians 6, he says, “*don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?*”.

Seriously, this is an incredible and amazing principle. Has it ever occurred to us that we all possess a life-giving treasure so mysterious, so transcendent and yet so revealing and life-giving at the same time? Sadly, we sometimes take it for granted and therefore undermine her inner whisperings and movements. It may also due to our inner obstacles and un-freedoms. So, maybe something has to die, to break and to let go off, and to accept this greatest paradox – our failures and pains have a place in our transformation.

The disciples in Acts chapter two had no choice but to feel the pain and desolation of not having Jesus around. They had to face their human vulnerabilities. And so that time of waiting from Ascension to Pentecost was absolutely central. It was as if God the Holy Spirit needed their pain and desolations to draw forth all things new. Let us not to undermine our personal breakdowns and chaotic lives. The *Breath of God* who hovered over chaos and darkness before the world was created (Gen 1) desires to hover over our broken lives for rebirth to take place.

Pentecost reminds me not only to look for signs of new growth in the Church and outside the confines of the Church, but of the actual process of ‘dying’, of allowing myself to break, to feel the pain to enable that growth and mission of God to take place.

Friends, what we are meant to become is within us and carries with it the greatest potential to transform ourselves, our families, and “to renew the face of the earth” (Psalm 103).

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 16 May 2016

Mon: James 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29
Tues: James 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37
Wed: James 4:13-17 Mk 9:38-40
Thur: James 5:1-6 Mk 9:41-50
Fri: James 5:9-12 Mk 10:1-12
Sat: James 5:13-20 Mk 10:13-16
Sun: Prov 8:22-31
Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson, Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta and Helena Monaghan.

May the Lord grant them healing.



The Ecological Blessing of Mercy Workshop

Sr Veronica Lawson is a Mercy Sister and biblical scholar is here for Saturday's parish workshop on "The Ecological Blessing of Mercy" from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at St Francis Centre. Religious congregations are also invited to attend and bring a neighbour with you.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

OLSH Parish is celebrating Sr. Margaret Reis FDNSC 60th Diamond Jubilee in Vows on Saturday, May 28st and the Hospitality Team is looking for help to make this a wonderful celebration. So please sign-up at the front of the church for help and/or food and let's thank Sr. Margaret for all her great works and love to our Church. She arrived here in September 1961.

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary
Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph's Devotion
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

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

Adult Faith & Culture Discussion
Mondays only from 6:30pm: 06 June start

Spiritual Direction

In this world of rapid transition and multi-faceted forms of life and other directions thrown at us, it seems very difficult to relate them to our life of faith or direction in Christ. Many Catholics are now confused at the way the secular world is seducing them by its fascinating products. Our lives are now defined by all sorts of occupations and attractions that consciously or unconsciously betray the image of God in us. We take on new patterns of living but we are unsatisfied and still we forge ahead, often in directions that have no real meaning for us because they are at odds with our inner invitation in the light of Christ's teachings.

Welcome to the ministry of Spiritual Direction whose simple goals, according to our five experienced Directors are

1. to discover myself and my place in God's world,
2. helping to discern God's call,
3. grow in your relationship with God,
4. respond to God's invitation
5. take God seriously .

Spiritual Direction is part of our Christian formation practised by the early Fathers and continues on today. OLSH Parish is happy to announce that we have five trained Spiritual Directors available. Please take a brochure at the back of the church and try it out. We can only get better.

REALITY EVENT WITH WILL GRAHAM

Will Graham, grandson of Dr Billy Graham, is an evangelist who is going to share the Gospel in partnership with local churches and believers at the "Reality" event in Alice Springs in this upcoming weekend of May 2016 at Blatherskite Park.



Events include: Youth Event: Friday 7:30 pm; Kids Fest/Carnival: Saturday 10:00 am; Family Event: Saturday 7:00 pm; Combined Church: Sunday 10 am & Finale: Sunday 7:00 pm. More pamphlets at the back of the church and try at least one session.

Child Protection Law Education, OLSH Parish



OLSH Parish is happy to announce that Relationships Australia, Women Legal Services and the Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia are happy to work with OLSH Parish to run an awareness workshop on parental responsibilities and children's rights. *Did you know that your child is not your property? Are parents allowed to give corporal punishment to their children in Australia as a disciplinary measure? What constitutes child abuse? What is this thing about mandatory reporting?* If you have just arrived in Australia from overseas and unsure of your parental responsibilities and child's rights, then here is your free workshop for all parents, caregivers and all cultural groups. Please do not wait until the cookie breaks! It will be held at the JP2 Hall on Saturday June 4th from 3-4pm.

WELCOME!

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.

Year of Mercy Adult Workshops & Retreats,
OLSH Parish

Saturday, 21st May, 9am-4:00pm

Workshop: **The Ecological Blessing of Mercy**
All invited at St Francis Centre (Donations only) by Sr Veronica Lawson, PhD, RSM, Author & Biblical scholar, taught for 27 years at ACU.

Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm

Workshop & Seminar: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy?** *All invited at St Francis Centre (Donations only) by Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA.*

Friday 7th October (pm) Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)

Spiritual Retreat: **Parish Retreat In this Year of Mercy:**
To be facilitated by Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of Center Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane. *Venue and Costs: TBA*



L'Arche Community in Alice Springs

- God's calling?

L'Arche is a movement that provides a place where the gifts of people with an intellectual disability can be revealed in mutually transforming relationships.. L'Arche is now an International Federation of 145 L'Arche communities in over 40 countries around the world. There are currently 5 ecumenical L'Arche communities in Australia and 4 Friends of L'Arche groups, A network of friends could be regular social gatherings, or in a residential community. L'Arche seeks to be a sign of hope in a broken world - hope for unity, love, and a society where people of all abilities are welcomed and cherished.

The essence of our communities is this 'living with.' We are called, certainly, to serve with all our ability and to help those who are weaker to develop, but the foundation of this helping is found in friendship and the communion of hearts, which allows us all to grow. Jean Vanier, L'Arche foundein

Do you have experience of a L'Arche community, wish to know more about this movement or would like to help establish a Friends of L'Arche here in Alice Springs??

We are meeting together for a discussion and planning this Tuesday, MAY 17 in the garden behind presbytery at 4:30-6:00 pm.

Contact Carol Muir carolmcke@hotmail.com or via text 0425 484 821.

Cleaning: 21 May 2016 Group 5

Bernie O'Loughlin, Rita Steller

Counters: 22 May 2016

Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,644.00 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$1,231.95 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,705.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

New OLSH Parish Adult Faith & Culture Discussion Group

The Parish Pastoral Council has endorsed a weekly Monday Adult formation to discuss issues of faith and culture and how they affect our lives today. The Social Justice Awareness Group will kick off from June 06 June for an hour from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the JP2 Hall focusing on Pope Francis "Laudato Si" or "Care for our Common Home" culminating with a workshop by Dr Jacqui Jacqui Remond, National Director for Catholic Earthcare Australia. All parishioners are invited. The programme is:

THEME	DATE
Venue: JP2 Hall	
What is happening to our common Home?	Monday 6 th June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
The Gospel of Creation	Monday 13 th June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis	Monday 20 th June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Integral Ecology	Monday 27 th June, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Lines of Approach and Action	Monday 4 th July, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Ecological Education and Spirituality	Monday 11 th July, 6:30 – 8:00pm
SJAG & PPC Workshop with Dr Jacqui Remond followed by dinner	Monday 18 th July, 4:30 – 6:00pm
Talk by Dr Jacqui Remond to all parishioners & ecumenical fellowship groups	Tuesday 19 th July, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Sharing by Dr Jacqui Remond at Campfire in the Heart	Wednesday 20 th July, 7:00 – 9:00pm
	6:00pm shared pot luck meal

Facilitators: Mr Chris Hawke, Fun First Change Consultant & Fr Raass

ADMISSION TO EACH SESSION: a dollar coin only. TO REGISTER INTEREST, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OLSH PRESBYTERY BY TELEPHONE ON 8952 1049 OR EMAIL olsh_parish_asp@bigpond.com

Roster for weekend of 21 - 22 May 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6pm pm	Brendan Heenan	Alf Goody Sue Bain	M Maddocks Darryl Smith Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Jenny Dietrich Colin Marshall	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	A Skrzypiec Denise Simon	Sammy Nobleza Tinna Buenviaje Denise Simon

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Pentecost Sunday Year C

14th –15th May 2016

Entrance Antiphon:

Rom 5:5

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 103:1,24,29-31

R/ Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

John 14:15-16,23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Acts 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.