



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

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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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 Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice...I think of the reprehensible genital mutilation of women practised in some cultures, but also of their lack of equal access to dignified work and roles of decision making” Amoris Laetitia, Ch.2, #54. Question: What do you think of the argument of feminine emancipation? Do you see it as true and valid or just another form of male chauvinism?

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

15th - 16th July 2017

THE NEED TO BELONG

One of the strongest of human needs is the need to belong and to be part of something larger than the individual ego. We all need to feel that we have roots that extend from the past, give meaning to the present, and promise hope for the future. Much of our searching is for a home; a place where we can feel secure and accepted. Even more than a place or actual roof over our head – a home is a state of being, a fundamental condition of being- in –the- world.

One of the clearest symptoms of our modern discontent is the present state of strangeness. To be alienated is to be stranger: a stranger to the world, others, the self, and ultimately God who is the Ground of all Being. The modern complaint of alienation is voiced by millions across the strata of our society. The young feel the loss of community in a world which seems indifferent to their searchings for truth and belonging beyond the bread of this world. Many young people now turn to cults and entertainment. The elderly feels the alienation of a society which pronounces them as useless or a burden.

This feeling of homelessness is not unique to our own age. The Israelites knew well what it meant to be displaced. The most traumatic experience of their history, the Exile in 586 BC brought a profound communal identity crisis. “Weren't we God's People? How could this happen to us? Was the Lord our God really all he was made up to be? Is our God faithful to his promises?” How could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? After a period of deep reflection and suffering a biblical insight emerged: God is faithful and loving, but God respects human freedom and people can reject Him and left to their own designs. This can lead to more homelessness and destruction.

In our first reading, Isaiah offers hope to the people in a distant land that through God's grace they will once again have a home through the generosity and faithfulness of God. To celebrate this homecoming a new covenant will be established. It will be greater than the first – no longer exclusively for the Israelites, but extending to the Gentile world as well. This new covenant will be guided by the Holy Spirit until the full emancipation of all of creation – the 2nd Coming of the Risen One.

Today new waves of immigrants are landing on our shores, and now testing our faith and commitment to the Gospel. We too were once strangers and aliens in this new world. Lets remember our past and offer hope for those searching for freedom and existence.

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 17 July 2017

Mon: Ex1:8-14,22 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tues: Ex 2:1-15 Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Ex 3:13-20 Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Ex 11:10-12:14 Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Song 23:1-4 Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Sun: Wis 12:13,16-19
Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

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 Komene, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer.

May the Lord grant them healing

Recent Death

Mona Irwin

May her soul rest in peace

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



If you know of any adult man or woman in Central Australia who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seeks the living God and entry into the Catholic faith, please let them know that we will soon commence RCIA for a new group . At the proper time participants will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and all the rites belonging to the Catechumenate. This opportunity is also for those who want to convert to Catholicism from another Christian denomination. If you know of any adult out there who is seeking to become a Catholic, please request their name and contact number and pass this on to the presbytery or Sr Helen Kennedy FMM - our parish RCIA Director on 0448856323.

NO HOLY MASS BUT LITURGY OF THE WORD

Daily Worshippers –please take note these dates for the Liturgy of the Word and Service of Holy Communion for next week. All priests will be away in Darwin.

Tuesday 18 th July 5:30pm	Liturgy of the Word & Service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 19 th July 7:00am & 5:30pm	Liturgy of the Word & Service of Holy Communion
Thursday 20 th July 7:00am & 5:30pm	Liturgy of the Word & Service of Holy Communion
Friday 21 st July 7:00am	Liturgy of the Word & Service of Holy Communion

Communion to the Sick and Home-Bound



OLSH Parish is blessed to have a few dedicated parishioners who regularly minister to the sick and home-bound. These Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are responding to Jesus' invitation "*When I was ill you came to see me. Enter into the Kingdom of my Father*".

In honouring this ministry, the priest will now invite those Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will be taking the Eucharist to the Sick and Home-Bound, to come forward to be missioned and blessed at post-Communion. Please proceed to the front when you are called and wait for the others then the priest will individually give you your Pyx and a special blessing to *sustain, heal and inspire* our home-bound and sick parishioners. Do place your Pyx at the Credence Table before the Mass and make sure it's well marked. We'll start this weekend.

Australian Church Women's Fellowship day for 2017

ACW is a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries, promoting peace, understanding and unity, through faith and love in the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our next service is to be held at the Uniting Church Alice Springs, on Friday Evening 28th July at 7pm and all are welcome to join in pray. The service is divided between the churches and Rita Steller is looking for help to perform our part. Please contact Rita for further details, wk 89595397 or hm 89520868. Thank you.



Feast of the Week

St. Mary Magdalene —Saturday 22 July

WELCOME!

OLSH Parish also 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.

**Important Parish & Diocesan Date
July & August**

Diocesan Leadership Conference	July 18 th – 20 th July, Darwin
Arrival of Our Lady of Fatima Statue	Wed 2 nd Aug 5:30pm starts with Holy Mass etc
Sr Laurie Brink PhD Bible Workshop	Mon 7 th Aug 5pm – 8:30pm, St Francis
Confirmation by Bishop Eugene	Sun 13 th Aug 9:30am
25 th Anniversary of Cross-Over Australia	Thurs 17 th Aug 5:30pm
Annual Parish Spiritual Retreat 'Year of the Family'	Fri pm – Sun 18 th – 20 th Aug, St Francis
1 st Communion, Bath Street Candidates	Sun 27 th Aug 9:30am

**OLSH PARISH FEAST DAY &
ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE
FUNDRAISING DINNER**



OLSH PARISH will celebrate its Feast Day on Saturday 9th of September, the Nativity of Our Lady which actually falls on the 8th September. The day is one of those special days for all of us especially for Blessed Jules Chevalier's family, the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred heart (FDNSC) otherwise known as the OLSH Sisters. And a special day as well for the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) Fathers, their Foundation Day since 1875.

The Hospitality Team and the PPC are putting together a program for the day starting with the Holy Mass at 11:00am followed a family sports day and a fundraising dinner and dance. This fundraising dinner is to benefit the proposed 50 Golden Jubilee maintenance projects of OLSH Church. During the evening there will be a buffet dinner, cultural entertainment and disco for all ages at the Bath St Hall. Tickets to be sold very soon at \$50 for adults (18yrs and over), \$20 per young person (7yrs -17yrs) and kids (0—6yrs) free. The priests now invite all parishioners and multicultural groups to please participate and assist in the purchase of tickets and some cultural input during the evening. Call Ruth, Losana or Hilda for more information.

Cleaning: July 22, 2017 **Group 4**
Mary Neck Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford
Counters: July 23, 2017
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje
Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,430.15 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,178.10 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,182.00
Total planned giving donations made direct to parish bank account for June 2017 quarter: \$3,264.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

**YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS &
RETREATS**

FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Fr Raass & Participants	Mondays 17, 31 July; 14, 21, 28 Aug; 4 Sep	The Joy of Love Amoris Laetitia 7:00pm-8:30pm	JP2 Hall
			St Francis
Sr Laurie Brink OP, PhD.	Monday 7th August 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 th – Sunday 20 th , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	St Francis

OLSH Parish Year of the Family Retreat



OLSH Parish retreat is August 18-20 (Friday evening 6 - 8.30pm, Saturday 9am - 4pm, Sunday 9 am- 12 noon) at the St. Francis Centre. The cost is the same for one day or all three, thank you.

The retreat fee is \$25 per person which includes all materials, morning and afternoon teas and two meals* (Friday evening and Saturday noon). Copies of the Pope's book, The Joy of Love will be available for purchase for \$10.

If Child care is required for your child/children, they MUST be RSVP** plus \$10 per child for care, food and supplies. ALL Registration and monies must be paid by Monday, August 7th. For more information, please contact: Sr. Helen Kennedy, FMM 0448856323, Ruth Sexton 0487860283 or the Parish Office 8952 1049. Registration forms available at the entrance of the church.

OLSH FAMILY SIMPSON GAP BIKE CRUISE

WHEN: Saturday 29th of July. **WHERE:** Assemble at Flynn's Grave at 0830 for a 0900 departure. **HOW:** On your bike and cruise the beautiful bike path to Simpsons Gap at your own pace. (16 km.) On arrival, enjoy a cooked brunch and some great company. **WHY:** To acknowledge "Year of The Family", and to raise funds to build a pre-school in Timor Leste. Jayden Gilby, after his trip to Timor Leste last year with OLSH College, made a promise to raise \$25,000 for this project. To date he has raised \$16,500. Please help support this worthy cause. **DONATION:** \$20.00 per family. \$10.00 per individual. Please contact Fred Twohig to sign up. RSVP by Tuesday 25th July. Phone: 89523162; E-mail: ftwohig@bigpond.net.au.

Roster for weekend of 22 - 23 July 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Jennifer Farrell Leonie Smith	David Fernandes R Fernandes Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	Anthony Hay P Rademaker	Sherin Antony Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Debbie Cooke	Bridget Knight Richelle Tabbada	Virginia Loy Br M Green Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Joel Tolentino Sneha Nair	Thomas J John Pane Komene Sammy Nobleza

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
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Entrance Antiphon:

cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 64:10-14

R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-9 (Short Form)

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf. Ps 83:4-5

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 (Mondays)
17,31 July, 14,21,28 Aug, 4 Sep

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sundays: 30th July, 2017, 17th September, 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

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 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.*

*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*