



# 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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**Parish Office Hours:**  
 Monday to Friday  
 8:30am - 12:00 noon  
 Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Team

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr Asaeli Raass SVD  
**Assistant Parish Priests:**  
 Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD  
 Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

**Resident Priests:**  
 Fr. Jim Knight SVD  
 Fr. Alfonsus Nahak SVD

**Syro-Malabar Chaplain**  
 Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

**Liturgy Coordinator**  
 Sr. Mary Bennett RSM

**RCIA Director**  
 Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM

**Parish Secretary:**  
 Mel Buenviaje

**Parish Past. Council Chairman**  
 Mr Manfred Casseeram

**Parish Treasurer**  
 Mr Kevin Hickmott

**OLSH College Principal**  
 Br. Matthew Green, FMS

**St. Joseph Flexible Centre**  
 Mr. Ben Ebert

## 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**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of the month  
 - 11am *Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—11 am Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs, off the Ross Highway.*

## Sacraments:

**Reconciliation:**  
 Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

**Baptism:** By appointment: one month's notice required.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## Do as he tells you...

The Gospel of the day invites us to join in the celebration of the wedding feast at Cana. Jesus, his disciples and Mother Mary are participating in this big event. Unfortunately the wine runs out and Mother Mary knows that Jesus can help out to this desperate family and save their honour. Surprisingly, Jesus does not seem to show the same empathy as Mother Mary, but Mother knows her son and she knows his heart, so she directs the servants to Jesus and asks them to do what 'he' tells them.

It is easier to tell someone to do whatever I want them to do, but difficult to guide them to someone else. Mother Mary is an apt example to us for she guides the servants to Jesus, she guides us to Jesus, she guides the whole creation to Jesus. Through Mother Mary's initiative the wedding feast rejuvenates and the honour of the family is saved.

The wedding feast of Cana is a call for all of us to celebrate life, to celebrate as Jesus and Mary did in that wedding feast. It is also a reminder to listen to Mary when she guides us to Jesus. Let us be open to her guidance.

- Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA Faith Journey of Nicholas Guthrie commenced early June 2015 and of Rosalie Nankivell, early September 2015; each have now expressed their readiness to be received into the Catholic Church. The day has arrived, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016; at the 6.00pm vigil Mass, they will be received into the Catholic Church and receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We welcome them with joy and thanksgiving. Meanwhile Jayden Tha and Mika Kuriyama will continue their period of Purification and Enlightenment.

- Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM, RCIA Director.

## Farewell to Sr Mary Bennett RSM

Sr Mary Bennet, our Liturgy Co-Ordinator, is leaving Alice Springs for her next mission. We would like to thank Sr Mary for all her contribution to our Parish. We will have a farewell ceremony for her on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, at the 9:30am Mass followed by morning tea. Thank you Sr Mary for all your help and support and we wish you all the best in your next mission.

## Catholic Youth Alice Springs (CYAS)

The youth of the Parish are coming together after their break over summer. The next meeting is on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6:30pm in the Church Courtyard. We extend a hearty welcome to all the youth in the Parish to come and join us to "Make a Difference" Please bring a plate to share.

## OLSH Clergy Movements

Fr Prakash will be in Santa Teresa from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> till Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> January to relieve Fr Bosco who is currently on his annual leave. OLSH Clergy will take turns to look after the Santa Teresa Parish till Fr Bosco returns in the second week of February. Fr Oli will be the Acting Parish Priest in the absence of Fr Prakash.

## Roster for weekend of 23-24 January 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
<b>Saturday 6:00pm</b>		Walter Litvensky Pat Litvensky	Rose Sabadin Christine Grant
<b>Sunday 7:30am</b>	Kath McGargill	Ruth Sexton Margaret McNaught	John Lillecrapp
<b>Sunday 9:30am</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Precy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Bruce Were
<b>Sunday 5:30pm</b>		Abin Cyrac Tinna Buenviaje	Marieta Ives Thomas John

**Daily Readings: starting 18 January 2016**

**Mon:** 1 Sam 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22  
**Tues:** 1 Sam 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28  
**Wed:** 1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mk 1:29-39  
**Thur:** 1 Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12  
**Fri:** 1 Sam 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19  
**Sat:** 2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,17,1,23-27 Mk 3:20-21  
**Sun:** Neh 8:2-6,8-10 1 Cor 12:12-14,27  
Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21  
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



**Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick**

Georgina Gilbert, Eufelia Canta, Helena Rooney, Bernadette Dowd, May Lee Shah, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Mary Dick, Colleen Matson and Rose Brand.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

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**Death Anniversary**

Dorothy (Betty) Gould

*May she and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Ritual cleanliness was very important to the Jewish people. It was the custom to wash thoroughly before eating or drinking, after coming in from the marketplace or the road, in case one had come into contact with someone or something which may have rendered them 'unclean'. In John's gospel, he ushers in the messianic banquet, a symbol of the Messiah often used in the Jewish scriptures.

**Cleaning:** 23 January **Group 3**  
Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin  
**Counters:** 24 January  
Margaret -Ann McNaught  
**Last Week's Collections:**  
First: \$2,038.85 Second: \$2,847.00  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Devotional Practices:**

**Prayers of the Holy Rosary**  
Monday to Thursday 5pm  
**Saint Joseph 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 6-7 pm in the Presbytery and every second Saturday of the month from 3- 4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.  
**Christian Meditation will resume on February 4 (Presbytery Chapel)**  
**Legion of Mary and Weekly Bible Sharing (Suspended until further notice)**  
**Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours**  
Monday to Friday 6:45am

**Entrance Antiphon:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Ps 65:4

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 62:1-5

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 95:1-3,7-10

**R/** Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

2 Thess 2:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

John 2:1-11

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now'. This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

1 Jn 4:16

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.