



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



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

Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family

“The Gospel of the family spans the history of the world, from the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26-27), to the fulfilment of the mystery of the covenant in Christ at the end of time with the marriage of the Lamb (cf. Rev 19:9)”. *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.3 #63. **Question: Can every family, despite its weaknesses become a light in the darkness of the world?**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
19th – 20th August 2017

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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



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2017—Next Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me” (Mk9:37; cf. Mt 18:5; Lk 9:48; Jn 13:20). With these words, the Evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus’ teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Saviour, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest. Charity, faith and hope are all actively present in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, as we have rediscovered during the recent Extraordinary Jubilee. But the Evangelists reflect also on the responsibility of the one who works against mercy: “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin: it is better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea” (Mt 18:6; cf. Mk 9:42; Lk 17:2). How can we ignore this severe warning when we see the exploitation carried out by unscrupulous people? Such exploitation harms young girls and boys who are led into prostitution or into the mire of pornography; who are enslaved as child labourers or soldiers; who are caught up in drug trafficking and other forms of criminality; who are forced to flee from conflict and persecution, risking isolation and abandonment.

For this reason, on the occasion of the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees, I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone. In doing so I ask everyone to take care of the young, who in a threefold way are defenceless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families....Firstly, we need to become aware that the phenomenon of migration is not unrelated to salvation history, but rather a part of that history. One of God’s commandments is connected to it: “You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Ex 22:21); “Love the sojourner therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt” (Deut 10:19). This phenomenon constitutes a sign of the times, a sign which speaks of the providential work of God in history and in the human community, with a view to universal communion. While appreciating the issues, and often the suffering and tragedy of migration, as too the difficulties connected with the demands of offering a dignified welcome to these persons, the Church nevertheless encourages us to recognize God’s plan. She invites us to do this precisely amidst this phenomenon, with the certainty that no one is a stranger in the Christian community, which embraces “every nation, tribe, people and tongue” (Rev 7:9). Each person is precious; persons are more important than things, and the worth of an institution is measured by the way it treats the life and dignity of human beings, particularly when they are vulnerable, as in the case of child migrants. ...*(Extract of Pope Francis’ Speech, see Vatican Website for the rest of the article).*

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 21 August 2017

Mon: Judges 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Judges 6:11-24 Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Judges 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16
Thu: Apoc 21:9-14 Jn 1:45-51
Fri: Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22 Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17 Mt 23:1-2
Sun: Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Nonie Rivera, 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 Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin.

May the Lord grant them healing

Heritage Grant APPROVED

The NT Heritage Council has approved a grant of \$30,000,00 to begin the renovation of our former Marist Brother's Residence at 10 Hartley Street. The old Church is still progressing slowly.

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

103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless", for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on the last Sunday of this month 2017, next Sunday. WE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT.

"Migration today is a phenomenon not limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to live their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security", (Pope Francis, Message 2017).

'DON'T MESS WITH MARRIAGE', ACBC



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference published a pastoral letter in 2016, *Don't Mess With Marriage* as part of their informed contribution to the public debate. The distribution of this Pastoral Letter has been made to all Catholic communities and is relevant not just for Catholics, but for people of other faiths and people of no faith at all. This Pastoral Letter is offered to all in the hope that it will deepen their appreciation of the beauty and dignity of marriage between a man and a woman according to the plan of God taught and preserved by the Catholic Church, whilst maintaining the great dignity, worth and love for those who experience same-sex attraction. At the end of the day it will be a vote of conscience of your part but "do your homework", says Bishop Eugene.

Fr Raass will present a summary of this Pastoral Letter this Monday 21st Aug at 7:00pm-9:00pm at the JP2 Hall as part of the ongoing discussion on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*. Be informed, Be responsible.

ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER – Only few Tickets for sale NOW!



Please purchase a ticket for the fundraising dinner to benefit the proposed 50 Golden Jubilee maintenance projects of OLSH Church. Very few tickets left. Looking for volunteers to help and for bake goods for our Feast Day celebrations. Sign up sheets are at the entrance of the church and your help is truly needed and appreciated to make our day a success. Remember, you can always sign up in family groups, ministry groups, etc. to make this a winning day. Thank you from OLSH Hospitality and the PPC.

Seal of Confession



One of the recommendations from the Royal Commission to the Government, that Catholic priests be obliged to break the Seal of Confession in the case of child abuse being confessed. Please find a response from Archbishop Denis Hart, Archbishop of Melbourne and President of Australia Catholic Bishop's Conference, dated 14th Aug 2017

"Confession in the Catholic Church is a spiritual encounter with God through the priest. It is a fundamental part of the freedom of religion, and it is recognised in the Law of Australia and many other countries. It must remain so here in Australia. Outside of this all offences against children must be reported to the authorities, and we are absolutely committed to doing so."

Feast of Mother Mary and St Thomas

The Community of Syro-Malabar Mission will celebrate the annual Feast of Mother Mary & St Thomas this Sunday 20th Aug beginning with the Holy Qurbana and the celebrations at the Bath Street Hall. All parishioners are invited.

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.

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Important Parish Dates, August & September

Migrant & Refugee Sunday	27 th Aug, OLSH Church
<i>Don't Mess With Marriage</i> Workshop	Monday 21st Aug 7:00pm –9:00pmpm, JP2 Hall
1 st Communion, Bath Street & St Francis Candidates	Sun 27 th Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church
Father's Day	Sunday 3 rd September
Parish Feast Day, Nativity of Our Lady & Fundraising Dinner, Bath Street	Saturday 9 th September, 11:00am Holy Mass, Family Sport's Day and Fundraising Dinner
Child Protection Sunday	Sunday 10 th September



OLSH Parish Profile, Alice Springs

These are some results taken from the 2016 National Church Life Survey conducted for OLSH Parish:
The people of this parish...

MOST VALUE

-  Celebrating the Eucharist : 73%
-  Homilies: 36%
-  Openness to social & cultural diversity: 34%
-  Social Justice Emphasis: 23%
-  Strong sense of belonging: 91%
-  Leadership Ministry: 59%

WANT TO GIVE ATTENTION TO:

-  Building a strong sense of community: 41%
-  Liturgies that are nurturing to people's faith
-  Encouraging skills & talents: 36%
-  Supporting social justice: 23%

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?



Spirituality and Wellbeing of Australians, NCLS

- "Since 1950 the levels of belief in God or higher power have declined by almost 50% in Australia".
- "40% of Australians are unsure or neutral about whether religion is good for society"
- "36% oppose same-sex marriage"
- "73% of Australians strongly agree that immigrants improve Australian society by bringing in new ideas and cultures"
- "58% of children (aged 15+) do not attend churches and teenagers were most common in Pentecostal churches"
- "Since the 1971 Census, the proportion for 'no religion' has increased steadily. Younger people have been more likely to select this option"

- "21% Australians said 'I don't really think there is any sort of spirit, God or life force'".
- "The overall church attendance declined by around 13% over 20 years for all Christian churches".
- "Pentecostals have doubled in size over the 20-year period"
- "60% of females go to church in Australia"
- "The most common faith identity chosen by Australian church attenders was Catholic/Anglo-Catholic, 43.5%"
- "Most Christian ministers/priests/leaders are thriving and managing well and a concerning number are struggling and at risk of 'burning out'"

Roster for weekend of 26 - 27 August 2017

Cleaning: August 26, 2017 Group 2 Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas Counters: August 27, 2017 Margaret McNaught Last Week's Collections: 1 st Collection: \$1,698.15 (for the presbytery) 2 nd Collection: \$1,013.55 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$1,010.00 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your time and kind generosity!</i></p>		Commentator	Readers	Ministers
	Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Darryl Smith Bryan Weir H Casseeram
	Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Pushpa Vida Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
	Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Pauline Otieno Rowena Russell	Br M Green Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp
Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.	Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Aileen Batimana Denise Simon	Myke Ociones Marieta Ives Debbie Cooke

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to Yahweh to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8

R/ O God; let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading:

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table'. Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
21,28 Aug, 4 Sep

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sunday: 17th September, 5th November 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 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*