



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 Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



“The Synod Fathers observed that “the initial years of marriage are a vital and sensitive period during which couples become more aware of the challenges and meaning of married life. Consequently, pastoral accompaniment needs to go beyond the actual celebration of the sacrament (Familiaris Consortio, Part III). In this regard, experienced couples have an important role to play. The parish is a place where such experienced couples can help younger couples, with the eventual cooperation of associations, ecclesial movements and new communities. Young couples need to be encouraged to be essentially open to the great gift of children. Emphasis should also be given to the importance of family spirituality, prayer and participation in the Sunday Eucharist, and couples encouraged to meet regularly to promote growth in their spiritual life and solidarity in the concrete demands of life@.”

“Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, Chap.6/223

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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

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
20th - 21st July 2019



WHO WERE THESE THREE MEN?

Last week, we looked at the scripture in which God called Abram to leave his house and his kindred. God promised Abram that he would bless him and make of him a great nation. Abram and Sarah were already beginning to grow old, and had no child. But Abram believed God's promise nevertheless. That really impressed God! Abram had all the reason in the world not to believe, but he believed God anyway!

In today's scripture, twenty-five more years have passed, and Abraham and Sarah still have no child. Now they were truly elderly. Our scripture tells us that "Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing" (18:11). I believe that it had also ceased to be with Abraham after the manner of men. Abraham and Sarah were fully retired from the cycle of child-bearing.

They were sitting on their front porch in the heat of the afternoon when they noticed three strangers approaching. Just like in many rural parts of the world, people lived isolated lives, and appreciated visitors.

When he spotted the three strangers, Abraham ran to greet them. "Come in. Take a load off your feet. Let me get you something to drink. Can you stay for dinner?" Sarah busied herself in the kitchen while Abraham saw to the slaughter of a calf for dinner. As they began to eat, the strangers said, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" (18:9). Abraham said, "See, in the tent" (18:9). One of the visitors said, "I will certainly return to you when the season comes round. Behold, Sarah your wife will have a son" (18:10).

Now Sarah was listening at the tent flap, and heard this prediction. She must have thought, "That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard." Now the tone of the story changes. Until now Abraham and Sarah think they are talking to ordinary travellers. But now the text says that God spoke to Abraham, saying: "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Will I really bear a child, yet I am old?' Is anything too hard for (God)?" (18:13-14). Sarah was afraid. Who were these men who knew her name? Who were these men who knew the secrets of her heart? Who were these men who spoke so openly of such intimate matters—who spoke so hopefully about a baby to a woman who had long since abandoned hope? laughter of hollow hearts. Who were these men who said, "Is anything too hard for (God)?"

We need to confront that question ourselves. Is there anything too hard for God? Is there anything so difficult that he would not do it for us? Like Sarah, we have suffered crushing disappointment. But the God of Abraham and Sarah and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is with us.

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 22 July 2019

Mon: Song 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tues: Ex 14:21-15:1 Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9
Thu: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28
Fri: Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30
Sun: Gen 18:20-32
 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Nod Rioux, Kersley Dabeesing, May Shah, Jenny Leahy, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Virgie Gomugda Golfo, Tom Wyatt, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Felisa Sara, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

*Death Anniversary: Yannick Casseeram
May his soul rest in eternal peace*

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 for divorced requiring annulment, otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

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 (resume after Easter)

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

DISCERNMENT GROUP AT PARISH LEVEL

All parishioners are highly encouraged to be part of six Discernment Workshops focusing on a particular theme each time. Or attend at least one discernment workshop. It will be facilitated like a spiritual retreat. The Aim: To contribute to an Action Plan for the Catholic Church. Our first Discernment Workshop for Theme 1 will be held on **Sat 27 July at St Francis from 10-midday**. Be Part of the Change You Desire in your Catholic Church and enough sitting on the fence waiting for the second coming.



JUBILEE PARISH RAFFLE

As part of our Church community, each parishioner, or a family, will be asked to help sell a raffle book (of 10 raffle tickets @ **\$2 each ONLY**), within a 3 week timeframe. Fabulous prizes! The Golden Jubilee Raffle is being launched at our **weekend masses 27th/28th July**. The Fundraising Committee will truly value and be grateful for your involvement in this OLSH Parish Community fundraiser.

RAFFLE PRIZES (to be drawn on 24 August at 8pm, Jubilee Dinner)

- **1st: \$1000 cash** supplied by **ANONYMOUS** sponsorship
- **2nd: Weber Family BBQ value \$750** sponsored by **HOME TIMBER & HARDWARE**
- **3rd: \$500 Gift Voucher** supplied by **ALICE PLAZA** (Excludes Alice Market & Target)
- **4th: Apple Watch Series 3GPS value \$498** sponsored by **LIL' ANTZ**
- **5th: DeLonghi Espresso Citiz value \$269** sponsored by **LJ HOOKER**
- **6th: Apple AirPods value \$249** sponsored by **TDC REFRIGERATION**
- **7th: Accommodation & breakfast for 2 value \$220** sponsored by **CROWNE PLAZA**
- **8th: Family Cinema Gift Card value \$180** sponsored by **BRIAN BLAKEMAN SURVEYS**
- **9th: Family dinner voucher value \$150** sponsored by **SAMMY'S PIZZA**
- **10th: Carwash voucher value \$100** sponsored by **OLSH PARISH** Ticket



**GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER
TICKETS ON SALE**

Tickets are available for \$10.00 per adult. Children under 10 are free. Date: Sat 24 August, 6:30pm. **DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE BEST OLSH PARISH BUFFET, BIG PRIZES, MULTICULTURAL DANCES, RAFFLES ETC AND TICKETS ARE SELLING FASTER!** Contact the OLSH Presbytery on 8952 1049 or Losana Hay.

The next Meeting of the **OLSH Parish Social Justice Awareness Group** will be held on Sunday 28th July from 3pm to 4:30pm. The meeting will be held in the JP11 Room at the back of the Parish House. Members and any Parishioners or visitors who wish to come are welcomed. We are also looking for new members to join the SJAG for 2019. Our Meetings can be quite interesting!!

Sr. Kathleen, Chairperson.

WELCOME!

To **CAIRO BRAEDON TUPOU**, son of Mars Tupou and Sherkeira Abala, who will be baptised on Sunday 21 July at the 9:30am Mass.

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| <p>PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6</p> <p>How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform?</p> | <p>Parish PLENARY 2020 Working Group on theme: Missionary and Evangelizing</p> | <p>DISCERNMENT 1 Saturday 27 July @ St Francis Centre 10am-midday Lunch provided</p> | |
| <p><u>WHAT CATHOLICS ARE SAYING?</u></p> <p>Better communication of what the Church does • Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs • Better implementation of Royal Commission recommendations • Better Plenary Council process • Better selection and formation of candidates to priesthood • Better teachers in Catholic schools • Better use of finances • Charismatic spirituality • Communion for all • Concerns for diminishing parish communities • Contemplative spirituality • Creation of small communities/groups within parishes • Diocesan Pastoral Council • End celibacy, allow priests to be married • End clericalism • End discrimination of LGBTQ • Fight for human rights issues • Focus on the new evangelisation • Greater focus on Jesus Christ • Greater focus on permanent deacons • Greater focus on the Word of God • Greater inclusion of all people • Greater involvement of the laity • Greater leadership from bishops • Greater leadership from priests • Greater trust, faith and hope in God • Heal and move beyond the clergy sexual abuse scandal • Healing liturgies and public signs or acts of reparation for clergy sexual abuse • Hierarchy to listen to the Laity • Inclusion of the divorced and remarried • Laity supporting priests • Lay-led parishes • Lay-led liturgies and Masses • Listen to one another more • Listen to the Holy Spirit • Mass to be appealing to youth and children • Modernise Church teachings • New leadership and governance model • New model of Church, diocese, parish • New translation of the Mass (inclusive language) • Ordaining married men to be priests • Ordination of women • Overseas priests • Parish pastoral council • Parishes involved in planning for the future • Radical change, a new order, inverted pyramid • Reduce margins between rich and poor • Renewed call to holiness • Restore the Third Rite of Reconciliation • Servant leadership • Support same-sex marriage • Transparency in governance and decision-making • Use social media to engage people • Welcome back priests who have left to marry • Women deacons.</p> <p>What do YOU think and feel about the theme? Come and be part of the Discernment Process at St Francis Centre.</p> | <p>Commitment Mass For 1st Communicant Bath Street Children</p> | <p>Sunday 28 July 9:30am Mass</p> | |
| | <p>Confirmation Preparation Session 4</p> | <p>Sunday 28 July 10:45am, Presbytery</p> | |
| | <p>Confirmation Preparation Session 4</p> | <p>Wednesday 31 July, 6pm-7pm Traegar Campus</p> | |
| | <p>Parish PLENARY 2020 Working Group on theme: Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal Church</p> | <p>DISCERNMENT 2 Saturday 3 August @ St Francis Centre 10am-midday</p> | |
| | <p>2nd Parent Meeting 1st Communicants</p> | <p>Thursday 1 August, 6pm, Bath Street Hall</p> | |
| | <p>Parish PLENARY 2020 Working Group on theme: Prayerful and Eucharistic Church</p> | <p>DISCERNMENT 3 Saturday 10 August @ St Francis Centre 10am-midday</p> | |
| | <p>Sacrament of Confirmation By Bishop Charles</p> | <p>Sunday 11 August @ 9:30am</p> | |
| | <p>The Assumption of Our Lady Bishop Charles as Main Celebrant (Holy Day of Obligation)</p> | <p>Thursday 15 August</p> | |
| | <p>Golden Jubilee Fundraising Dinner</p> | <p>Saturday 24 August Marian Centre, 6:30pm</p> | |
| | <p>Catholic Professional Standards Ltd OLSH PARISH AUDIT</p> | <p>Friday 30 August, whole day audit</p> | |
| | <p>Parish PLENARY 2020 Working Group on theme How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community?</p> | <p>DISCERNMENT 4 Saturday 31 August St Francis Centre @ 10am-12 midday</p> | |
| | <p>CHARISMATIC WEEKEND RETREAT Facilitated by MGL's & St Martin de Porres Community, Darwin</p> | <p>Friday 27 Sept start @ 5:30pm Mass & reflection, St Francis Full day 28 Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 Sept</p> | |
| | <p>GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS Bishop Charles: Main Celebrant</p> | <p>Sunday 13 October, 10:00am Mass, Lunch</p> | |
| | <p>Roster for weekend of July 27 - 28, 2019</p> | | |
| | | <p>Commentator</p> | <p>Readers</p> |
| <p>Sat 6:00pm</p> | <p>Brendan Heenan</p> | <p>Sr Mary Wicks Leonie Smith</p> | <p>Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen</p> |
| <p>Sun 7:30am</p> | <p>Jenny Montefiore</p> | <p>Maria Ponado P Rademaker</p> | <p>Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp</p> |
| <p>Sun 9:30am</p> | <p>Jooby Mani</p> | <p>Peta Baille Elfy Jooby</p> | <p>Mel Buenviaje Sammy Nobleza M Lillecrapp</p> |
| <p>Sun 5:30pm</p> | <p>Debbie Cooke</p> | <p>Pauline Otieno Jenny Dietrich</p> | <p>Marieta Ives Debbie Cooke Goury Nair</p> |
| <p>Cleaning: July 27, 2019 Group 4 Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford Counters: July 28, 2019 John & Margaret Healy Last Week's Collections: 1st Collection: \$1,359.75 (for the presbytery) 2nd Collection: \$772.00 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$1,101.00 <i>Thank you for your kind generosity!</i></p> | | | |

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him, 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 42:2-5

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

Saturday 3 August, 10am—midday, JP2 Hall

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday: August 04, 2019

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Bread Delivery to Town Camps (facilitated by OLSH College)

Wednesdays from 5:30pm-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, Mass on the

2nd Thurs of the Month

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

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 6:15pm-8:00pm

Finance Team Ministry

1st Saturday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 6pm at JP2 Hall.

Arrenrte Catholic Elders Bible Study: Every Thursdays from 10-12midday, lunch provided.

CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)

Sundays from 4:00pm—5:00pm

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 in the main Church.

Hospitality Ministry: After every 9:30am Sunday Mass and during major events of the parish.

Children's Choir: Every Saturday's at 1:00pm in the main Church

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

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