



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



“This process takes time. Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary. Time is needed to talk things over, to embrace leisurely, to share plans, to listen to one other and gaze in each other’s eyes, to appreciate one another and to build a stronger relationship. Sometimes the frenetic pace of our society and the pressures of the workplace create problems. At other times, the problem is the lack of quality time together, sharing the same room without one even noticing the other. Pastoral workers and groups of married people should think of ways to help young or vulnerable couples to make the most of those moments, to be present to one another, even by sharing moments of meaningful silence.

“Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.6/224



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
27th - 28th July 2019



From the Office of the Vicar General, Diocese of Darwin

19.07.2019

The Honourable Mr Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia.

Dear Prime Minister,

Today (19/07/2019) is the sixth anniversary of PM Kevin Rudd’s announcement that no person seeking asylum by boat would ever be resettled in Australia.

Every single person arriving after that date was to be subjected to indefinite detention on Manus Island, PNG, or in the Republic of Nauru, under ‘processing’ arrangements between the Australian Government and those Pacific states.

Six years on, roughly 800 refugees and people seeking asylum remain trapped on Manus Island and Nauru.

I am writing to every Member of the Australian Parliament from the Diocese of Darwin, on behalf of many, many well-informed and thoughtful Australians who are deeply concerned, indeed appalled, by that component of Australia’s current Border Protection Policy.

The offshore processing regime is claimed to be **essential as a deterrent** to ensure there are no more asylum seeker or refugee arrivals by boat.

Regardless of that claim’s validity, this is actually a classic and clear case of **legislation that is immoral in the most basic of ways**: an evil act is engaged in for the purpose of achieving some good outcome.

How far can one go inflicting suffering on one group of people to prevent unrelated others from acting in a certain way?

Why stop at indefinite detention, which is already just a slightly civilized form of torture? Indeed, in my opinion, it has similarities with the use of “human shields” in warfare.

But back to 2013. The fact that the “stop the boats” slogan featured strongly during the 2013 federal election campaign should not at this point in time prevent changes being made to Australia’s Border Protection Policy to achieve a more humane treatment of people who have committed no crime.

Earlier legislation should not be so set in concrete as to justify a stubbornly maintained policy of keeping hundreds of fellow human beings locked away in our Offshore Detention Centres, with scant hope of reprieve in sight.

With relentless regularity, Government Ministers have blatantly repudiated and debunked the raft of concerns raised by United Nations personnel, the Human Rights Commission, Church Leaders, Medical and Legal Experts, Children’s Welfare Organisations and other highly principled members of the public. (p.t.o.)

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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm; Saturday 11am & 6 pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30 pm;

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Indigenous Community Mass except

2nd Sunday of the Month

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

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 29 July 2019

Mon: 1John 4:7-16 Jn 11:19-27
Tues: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-8, 28 Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46
Thu: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37 Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Lev 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

+ 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, 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

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

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Our elected leaders simply take cover behind a Jericho Wall of total secrecy regarding Operation Sovereign Borders, the treatment of persons intercepted at sea and those in immigration detention centres generally.

Tragically, as might have been expected, the incidence of self-harm in detention centres has risen to epidemic levels.

The crippling cost of maintaining the current detention arrangements is also a very real concern, putting huge pressure on the budget. Is this unnecessary outlay to go on and on unchecked?

Here is the first and preferred proposal I would like to make:-

Operation Sovereign Borders involved from the start a **two-pronged strategy**, characterized by **(1) a deterrence policy** ("Don't attempt to come here by boat or you will face the unbearable treatment we are meting out to our detainees") and **(2) by the diligent efficiency of our Australian Defence Forces** monitoring and controlling the seas surrounding us.

Has not our experience over recent years shown that the Australian Defence Forces are quite capable by their own resources, of achieving the goal of "stopping the boats" to the point that we no longer need the deterrent factor associated with our costly and inhumane detention centres on Nauru and Manus Island?

We should henceforth guard our shores by military skill and effective intelligence and discreetly dismantle our offshore detention centres, re-assuming responsibility ourselves for on-shore processing as swiftly as possible.

As regards the detainees still on Nauru and Manus Island, **why not consider the feasibility of a carefully planned, once and for all AMNESTY, with cross-party support, for as many of them as possible?**

What an innovative and laudatory move that would be! Our international standing would be greatly enhanced by such an act.

If the above is rejected out of hand and an objective appraisal of it simply vetoed, then I would make the following (fall-back) proposal:

It was back in August 2012 that the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers delivered its Report. I believe it is time for another "Expert Panel" to be set up on cross-party lines to review the situation and to indicate what changes can now be made to the conclusions and outcomes of the earlier Report.

Australia is capable of something a lot savvier and more generous than our current harsh and mean treatment of asylum seekers and refugees. The majority of people I encounter are most uncomfortable with this ongoing reprehensible phenomenon and there is a growing sense that, as Australians, we are better than this.

As an elected representative with good moral principles, can you stand aloof and make no effort to achieve a **more positive and humane future** for these already damaged and hapless human beings?

Instead of subjecting them to even harsher Medevac arrangements, let's bring them out of their current confinement into the realm of freedom and opportunity that we Australians inhabit and so put an end to this ugly and unnecessary 6 year episode.

With appreciation for the many good things our elected Members are doing,

(Father) Malcolm P. Fyfe msc
Vicar General,
Catholic Diocese of Darwin.

"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." Prayer of St Francis.'

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Ignatian Communal Discernment Workshops at OLSH Parish

Let your voice be heard ...

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal Church

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TO GO

Venue: St Francis Centre, (corner of Adamson & Memorial, Alice Springs)

Time: 10am—2pm

Lunch provided

2nd Discernment: Sat 3 August

Today, thirteen parishioners deliberated, shared, listened, reflected, prayed and explored Theme 1 on a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelizing. Five actions/statements were put forwarded on behalf of OLSH Parish to the PLENARY 2020 National team.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS TEAM

The next Meeting of the OLSH Parish Social Justice Awareness Group will be held this 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

JUBILEE RAFFLE TICKETS



The OLSH Parish Golden Jubilee Fundraising Raffle is being launched at each mass this weekend! Fabulous prizes for the winners! Be involved! Sell a raffle book (10 raffle tickets @ \$2 each) to family, friends or work colleagues within a 3 week timeframe. Or buy a book yourself and collect all the prizes!! Collect a raffle book at the table stations just outside the entrance of Church at the end of this mass.

List of prizes are on the notice board at the entrance of the church.



REMINDER to \$10 Jubilee Ticket Sellers

Please sell all tickets or ask others to sell them for you. Unsold tickets to be returned by 3/4th August to Losana Hay, Hospitality Co-ordinator.

Cleaning: August 03, 2019 **Group 5**
Sammy Nobleza, Oliver & Dorothy Ponado

Counters: August 04, 2019
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,325.45 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$682.05 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$905.00

Total planned giving and first collection donations made direct to Parish donation bank account for June, 2019 quarter: \$9,600.00.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

Commitment Mass For 1st Communicant Bath Street Children	Sunday 28 July 9:30am Mass
Confirmation Preparation Session 4	Sunday 28 July 10:45am, Presbytery
Confirmation Preparation Session 4	Wednesday 31 July, 6pm-7pm, Traegar Campus
Parish PLENARY 2020 Working Group on theme: Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal	DISCERNMENT 2 Saturday 3 August @ St Francis Centre 10am-2pm
2nd Parent Meeting 1st Communicants Kids	Thursday 1 August, 6pm, Bath Street Hall
Confirmation Candidates' Retreat	Friday 9 August, Marian Centre, 9am -2:30pm followed by rehearsal
Parish PLENARY 2020 Working Group on theme: Humble, healing and merciful	DISCERNMENT 3 Saturday 10 August @ St Francis Centre 10am-2pm
Sacrament of Confirmation By Bishop Charles	Sunday 11 August @ 9:30am
The Assumption of Our Lady Bishop Charles as Main Celebrant (Holy Day of Obligation)	Thursday 15 August
Golden Jubilee Fundraising Dinner	Saturday 24 August Marian Centre, 6:30pm
Catholic Professional Standards Ltd OLSH PARISH AUDIT	Friday 30 August, whole day audit
Working Group on theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic Church	DISCERNMENT 4 Saturday 31 August St Francis Centre @ 10am-2 midday
OLSH COLLEGE FETE	Friday 13 September 5pm-9pm
CHARISMATIC WEEKEND RETREAT Facilitated by MGL's & St Martin de Porres Community, Darwin	Friday 27 Sept start @ 5:30pm Mass & reflection, St Francis Full day 28 Saturday28 and Sunday 29 Sept
Working Group on theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Joy-filled, Hope-filled & Servant Community	DISCERNMENT 5 St Francis Centre @ 10am-2am. Saturday 5 October
GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS Bishop Charles: Main Celebrant	Sunday 13 October, 10:00am Mass, Lunch & Cultural Entertainment

Roster for weekend of August 03 - 04, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Heather Buecher	Kath McGargill Fred Twohig John Lillecraap
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Matthew Tabbada Mary McPhee	Richelle Tabbada Virginia Loy Dan Cortez
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Charles Gamon Debbie Cooke	Marieta Ives Myke Ociones Goury Nair

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Entrance Antiphon:

God is in holy place. God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Ps 67:6-7,36

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 137:1-3,6-8

R/ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading:

Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptized; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you," I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds, the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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