



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



"The sense of being orphaned that affects many children and young people today is much deeper than we think. Nowadays we acknowledge as legitimate and indeed desirable that women wish to study, work, develop their skills and have personal goals. At the same time, we cannot ignore the need that children have for a mother's presence, especially in the first months of life. Indeed, "the woman stands before the man as a mother, the subject of the new human life that is conceived and develops in her, and from her is born into the world". The weakening of this maternal presence with its feminine qualities poses a grave risk to our world".

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.5/173



1st Sunday of Lent Year C
9th-10th March 2019



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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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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

MEDIA RELEASE March 7, 2019

Australian Catholic Bishop Conference

LISTENING AND DIALOGUE 'LANDMARK MOMENT' FOR CHURCH

While people were still sharing their stories of faith and of God with the Plenary Council last night and the final numbers won't be known for a couple of weeks, the Council's Listening and Dialogue stage is considered a "landmark moment" for the Catholic Church in Australia. Plenary Council 2020 president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB expressed his gratitude for the faith, energy and generosity of people everywhere who have shared so honestly. "The bishops and the Plenary Council team are deeply grateful to all people who have participated," he said. "It is important to stop and acknowledge the significant moment that this is for the entire Catholic community. I have been very moved by the stories of faith, hope and resilience I have heard." The first stage of preparation for the Plenary Council came to a close on Ash Wednesday. Reflecting on the almost 10 months since that Listening and Dialogue process opened at Pentecost, Archbishop Costelloe said it had been impossible to predict how things would unfold. "With no precedent for a national invitation to prayer, dialogue and sharing of stories, there was a sense of stepping into the unknown and being unsure of what the experience might become," he explained. "What we found, though, was an Australian community that was enthusiastic to consider the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'"

The last official count of people who had participated in the opening Listening and Dialogue stage was more than 68,700. That was at the end of January. "We have heard from our colleagues at the National Centre for Pastoral Research that there was an influx of submissions during February and a deluge in the final days leading up to Ash Wednesday," Archbishop Costelloe said. "This is a landmark moment for the Church – not only in terms of the stories that have been shared, but also in the new relationships that have formed after encountering one another in dialogue. The change that this brings is already evident among people from all parts of the Church."

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins, who has travelled to every state and territory – most on several occasions – said people have been very willing to share their stories. "One of the common themes we have heard is people feel that the Listening and Dialogue encounter was invaluable," she explained. "Many people have mentioned that they haven't really been asked to participate in anything like this before and that experiencing it together has been empowering because it has provided a platform for all voices to be heard." Ms Turvey-Collins said most have understood the need for prayerful engagement in considering what God might want. "It's a challenging question to be asking ourselves. The Scripture is shaping this Plenary Council,

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying', is something that guides us very practically. In every conversation, every decision, we ask ourselves, 'how is this helping all of us to listen to what God's Spirit is saying?'" she said. "The habit of encountering one another through listening and dialogue has been critical in the first stage of the process and will become more and more important over the two-plus years we still have to go before the second Council session. "I am delighted that so many people from diverse parts of the Australian community have been a part of this process. It is a great sign of God with us on this journey." The second stage of the preparation phase of Plenary Council, which begins on June 9, will be "Listening and Discernment".

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 11 March 2019


Mon: Lev 19:1-2,11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jonah 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thu: Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14	Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ezek 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Deut 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gen 15:5-12,17-18	Lk 9:28-36
Phil 3:17-4:1	

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

LENTEN SHARING GROUPS

It is not too late to attend one of the three parish Lenten Sharing Groups and lasts approximately 90 minutes.

GROUP FACILITATOR	ADDRESS	Date & TIME	REMARKS
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM	St Francis Centre, corner of Memorial & Adamson Avenue.	Start Tuesday, 5 th March @ 5pm & every Tuesdays till Holy Week	FULL
Jeremy & Tanya Jones		Start Monday 4 th March @ 7:30pm & every Mondays till Holy Week	MORE SPACES LEFT
Sr Anne Surtees OSU	@ the Presbytery Chapel, 4 Hartley Street	Start Saturday, 9 th March @ 9am & every Saturdays till Holy Week	MORE SPACES LEFT


Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

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

Blessed 50th Jubilee Year & 90 Years of Catholic Presence

The official celebrations of the 50th Golden Jubilee of the OLSH Parish Church Building and 90 Years of Catholic Presence in Central Australian will fall on **Friday 11th, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th October 2019.**

PROPOSED FUNDRAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS ARE PROGRESSING & WILL SOON TAKE PLACE AND PRESENTED AT ALL MASSES. OUR TARGET IS \$50,000 BEFORE OCTOBER. THE FUNDRAISING IDEAS SO FAR FOR OLSH CHURCH ARE:

- A CUPPA FOR THE 50TH
- FUN/WALK RUN
- ONE-OFF FUNDRAISING DINNER & MULTICULTURAL DANCES
- CAR RALLY
- POST CARDS
- MAILER FOR DONATIONS
- NT GOVT GRANTS

- WHAT FOR?**
- * Internal & External Ramps
 - * Change old Sanctuary Lights to LED
 - * Repair Boxed Flower Beds
 - * Arrernte Painting of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, *a new exciting project*
 - * Solar Renewable Energy, *new project*
 - * Re-polish the Main Tabernacle (after Easter 2019)

FEEL FREE TO SPONSOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CHURCH REJUVENATION OR NEW PROJECTS.

"GIVE & IT WILL BE GIVEN BACK TO YOU", JC

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

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

PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"The Children's Choir has started practicing for the first Sunday of April Mass. We are cordially inviting all children to participate in this wonderful ministry of music. Children's choir practices are being held in the Church on **Saturdays, 1:00pm**. Hoping to see your children join us in singing in practices and in the Mass for the **first Sunday of April**, and thank you to the parents who have sent their children to join us."

Emi Tabbada—Children's Choir Coordinator

Ecumenical Lenten Services in 2019

7pm on Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 13th March	Anglican Church, 18 Bath St
Wednesday 20th March	Campfire in the Heart, Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd. (This follows a shared meal at 6.30pm)
Wednesday 27th March	Catholic Church, 4 Hartley St
Wednesday 3rd April	Uniting Church, Todd Mall
Wednesday 10th April	Lutheran Church, 49 Gap Rd

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The **Rite of Election** for Joseph Shaw is scheduled for the 7:30am Sunday Mass, 10th March. This celebration marks the beginning of the period of final and more intense preparation for the sacraments of Initiation, during which our Elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with even greater generosity.

All parishioners are invited to support our new member of our OLSH community by your prayers and faith witness.

Sr. Helen Kennedy RCIA Director

**LENT IS A TIME FOR GROWTH IN ACCEPTANCE
COMPASSION AND LOVE**

As we enter the front of the church this Lent, we will see a large garden bed in the shape of a cross. Over the weeks Sunflowers, hopefully, will bloom as we move through to the Easter season.

Our garden is to remind us that Lent is a time for us to grow; to grow in our understanding of God's desire for us to be in relationship. We need to nurture our hearts so that they become hearts of Compassion, understanding and openness. So just as we water and tend to the seeds of the Sunflower may we also water and tend to the seeds of compassion and love in our hearts this Lent.

Sr Anne Surtees OSU Parish Liturgy Coordinator

PROJECT COMPASSION

GIVE LENT 100%! Project Compassion is Catholic Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Please take a Project Compassion Box at the back of the Church for your family or workplace. ...a few left.

“The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity” - Pope Francis

Cleaning: March 16, 2019 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Kate Kelly

Counters: March 17, 2019
John & Margaret Healy

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,422.80 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$920.30 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,031.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

TWENTY-ONE REFLECTION POINTS FROM THE RECENT MEETING OF POPE FRANCIS WITH LEADERS OF ALL PRESIDENTS OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCES



Holy See Press Feb 2019, Vatican City

- Establish specific protocols for handling accusations against Bishops.
- Accompany, protect and treat victims, offering them all the necessary support for a complete recovery.
- Increase awareness of the causes and consequences of sexual abuse through ongoing formation initiatives of Bishops, Religious Superiors, clerics and pastoral workers.
- Prepare pathways of pastoral care for communities injured by abuses and penitential and recovery routes for the perpetrators.
- To consolidate the collaboration with all people of good will and with the operators of mass media in order to recognize and discern real cases from false ones and accusations of slander, avoiding rancour and insinuations, rumours and defamation (cf. Pope Francis' address to the Roman Curia, 21 December 2018).
- To raise the minimum age for marriage to sixteen years.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

Sunday School Catechists Needed

The parish is looking for 4 more Catechist Volunteers to help the Knight & Holroyd-Decosta Families at the Sunday School every Sunday at 9:20am except the school holidays. Ochre Card is compulsory. It takes only 15-20 minutes on a Sunday. Please contact the Parish Priest or Parish office if you can help.

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DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN 2019!

Roster for weekend of March 16 - 17, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Anne Surtess Alf Goody	H Casseeram Marial Maddocks Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	Kath McGargill Jo Molin	John Lillecrapp Mike Steller Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Pane Komene Arremte Elder	Richelle Tabbada Sammy Nobleza M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Joel Tolentino	Debbie Cooke Joel Tolentino	Thomas J John Marieta Ives Goury Nair

1st Sunday of Lent Year C
9th - 10th March 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall then take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me". You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 90

R/ Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading:

Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf'. But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone'. Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: 'He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,' and again, 'They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Mt 4:4

Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: April 28, 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

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

TBA

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

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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