



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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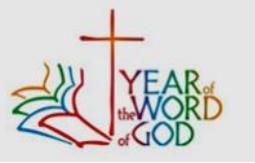
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Parish Mass Schedule

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
3rd Sunday of every month

Year of the Word of God - 'A God Who Speaks'



The interpretation of Sacred Scripture is of primary importance for the Christian faith and the life of the Church. The way we interpret the biblical texts for men and women of our time has direct consequences for their personal and communal relationship with God, and is also closely linked to the mission of the Church.
John Paul II

1st Sunday of Lent Year A
29th February - 1st March 2020

Led by the Spirit

We have begun the season of Lent with ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday. Some of us have resolved to give up something or the other to make this Lent meaningful. Some of us are still working on what to give up! Never mind, take your time, little less than forty days to go!

As all these decisions making and fulfilling resolutions going on, the Gospel speaks of Jesus' temptations in the desert. He was tempted with food, power and glory. He was asked to do things, which seem quite simple: turn the stones into bread, jump down from the citadel of the temple, just bow down to the tempter, easy right? For a person who has fasted for forty days, these temptations are quite tantalising. After all Jesus is the Son of God, and He can do these with a flick of a finger! Why didn't He heed to these enticements?

Well, first of all, they were from the devil. They were not for Jesus' good, though, they seemed like that. Jesus was aware of the evil intention behind them. Secondly, Jesus was able to discern between right and wrong. The tempter quoted the Holy Scriptures to make his point, but Jesus knew the Holy Scriptures too well, so he was able to counter quote and defeat the temptations. He was led by the Spirit.

What about us? We too are tempted in our everyday life. We are called today to overcome our temptations. The first reading from the book of Genesis tells us about the temptations of Adam and Eve and how they fell for it. We too can fall easily and disobey God's commandment. We too can go away from God's presence. We need the strength and power from Jesus. We need the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. We need the gifts of the Spirit. Let us make time, this Lent then, to familiarise ourselves with God's Word. We are celebrating the Year of the Word of God, so let us take our Bibles and read them, at least once a day. Let us participate in sharing the Word of God with our friends and family. Let us continue to pray that we may be strong enough to resist the temptations and for the wisdom to discern right from wrong. Let us be led by the Spirit. Let this be our prayer this week.

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
Parish Priest OLSH Parish

What is Lent?

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of almsgiving, fasting, prayer, penitence and denial of ego beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is violet.

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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings starting 02 March 2020

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 5:20-6
Sat: Deut 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gen 12:1-4
 2 Tim 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Second Rite of Reconciliation

For a meaningful preparation for Lent, the Parish is organising a Second Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday, 3rd March at 7:00pm in the Church. Please come along and bring a friend for this meaningful ceremony to reconcile with each other.

The **SEASON OF LENT** is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **Sacrament of Penance** RP 13. The Sacrament is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.

Lenten Sharing Groups

It is not too late to attend one of the three parish Lenten Sharing Groups below.

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

Maria Price, Steve Bull, Oliver Surtees, Ailyn Talavera, Harry Buckley, Ethel Jean Candaroma, Leonie Palmer, Mike & Judy Bowden, Nod Rioux, Kersley Dabeesing, May Shah, Jenny Leahy, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Felisa Sara, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

GROUP FACILITATOR	VENUE	DAY	TIME
Sr Sue Smith FMM	Presbytery Meeting Room	Every Thursday evening. Starts this Thursday 27 Feb and all Thursdays of Holy Week.	6:15pm
Sr Anne Surtees OSU	Presbytery Meeting Room	Every Saturday morning. Starts this Saturday 28 Feb and all Saturdays of Holy Week.	9:00am

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent in the Church after the 5:30pm Mass. It is an opportunity to walk with Jesus and participate in His passion. Please encourage each other to come along.



Reconciliation:
Saturday 11:30am & 5:15pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. Formation of parents falls on the 1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm -8:00pm

Marriage:
By appointment only, 12 months' notice required for divorced requiring annulment, otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

Ecumenical Lenten Services

The Uniting Church at Todd Mall will host the first Ecumenical Lenten Service for this year on **Wednesday, 4th March at 7:00 pm.**

Bible Sharing Group

An invitation to all Parishioners who want to be part of the weekly Bible Sharing group every **Wednesday evening at 6:15 pm.** Please come along and encourage others to be part of this reflection time and be nourished by God's living Word for the week.

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

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

BIBLE TIMELINE Open Invitation

Bible Study Open Day: Fr Elmer Ibarra SVD, the Bible Apostolate Coordinator of the SVD Australia province will present an "open day" on the Bible Timeline as a possible Bible Study course for the parish.

This will be on the 8th of March, 3:00pm at the Meeting Room in the Parish Presbytery. All welcome! - Fr. Elmer I. Ibarra, SVD

Survey on the **decision regarding the wooden partition** in the church will take place this weekend as well as next weekend. Please participate to let us know of your decision. Thank you for your cooperation

WELCOME!

To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of the Word of God be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

Lenten Resource 2020

Laudato Si' reminds us that "the ecological crisis is . . . a summons to profound interior conversion. . . which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." This Lent, let us examine each sin through the lens of creation and pair it with an ecological virtue that can help us to restore our relationships and to live in sublime communion.

Week 2: March 1

ECOLOGICAL SIN	LUST
	Lust is the inability to appreciate someone or something beyond its appearances, and to wish to obtain it because of its appearance. This sin cuts us off from forming deeper relationships with creation, and, through it, with God.
ECOLOGICAL VIRTUE	SELF-CONTROL
	The virtue of humility reminds us that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return." We are creatures, not Creator, and we are called to live in deep communion with all of life.
HEALING ACTION	PRAY OUTSIDE
	Spend time praying outside to appreciate creation as a gift from God, sacred in its own right. Say a rosary or listen to how God is speaking to you through creation

Fr Alex's New Appointment

As some of you are aware, Fr Alejandro de la Sotta (Fr Alex) has been appointed as the Chaplain to the Spanish speaking population of Auckland Diocese in New Zealand. He will be moving there on the 17th of March.

We will organise a fond farewell to thank him for his service in our Parish on Sunday 15th of March at the 9:30am Mass.

A get-together will follow at the JP II Hall and courtyard. Please bring a plate to share.

Cleaning: March 07, 2020 **Group 1**
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Counters: March 08, 2020
Eric & Kath McGargill

Previous Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,265.55 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$965.25 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$930.00

*Thank you for your time and
kind generosity*

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

What Our Banner Colours Mean

This year as we celebrate Lent, our church is draped with the purple of the Season with the added colours of burnt orange and black patterned materials. The colours represent the devastating result of the massive fires that scorched so much of our country.

As we journey through Lent, we remember and pray for all those who have suffered as a result of the fires.

When the life giving rain falls, we see signs of new life - just as we see signs of new life within ourselves when we come to the living water, JESUS.

- Sr Anne Surtees OSU



OLSH PARISH SPIRITUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

In thanksgiving to God for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, OLSH Church is planning a traditional 18-Day Marian Pilgrimage, covering five countries in Europe departing on 4 October 2020.

The proposed Base Program is as follows:

- 4 nights - Medjugorje (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- 1 night - Dubrovnik (Croatia)
- 1 night - Lisbon (Portugal)
- 3 nights - Fatima (Portugal)
- 2 nights - Avila (Spain)
- 2 nights - Garabandal (Spain)
- 3 nights - Lourdes (France)
- 2 nights - Paris (France)

Indicative Costing: Based on 15-19 paying = **AUD\$10,250.00** per person / twin share.

Harvest Pilgrimages require a deposit of \$1,000.00 payable at the beginning of March. Remaining balance to be paid by August 2020.

Please see the parish office or Manfred Casseeram if you are thinking of joining this pilgrimage. Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of the church

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 - ZIMBABWE

A World day of Prayer will be held at the Anglican Church on 06 March 2020 at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Roster for weekend of March 07 - 08, 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Heather Buescher Sr Anne Surtees	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Greg Gilbert
Sun 7:30am	Kath McGargill	Oliver Ponado Jo Molin	Christine Shibly Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30am	Mel Buenviaje	Precy Taylor Jeremy Jones	Sue Marshall Richelle Tabbada Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30pm	Debbie Cooke	Aileen Batimana Tinna Buenviaje	Marieta Ives Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje

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Entrance Antiphon:

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

cf. Ps 90:15-16

First Reading:

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under the pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed; Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

Ez 36:26

Second Reading:

When sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Romans 5:12, 17-19 (Short form)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Your words are spirit and life

Ps 19:8-11

Gospel:

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Mt 4:4

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays TBA

Sunday: March 29, 2020

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 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 at the
main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and
participate 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*