



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



“It is also helpful to encourage each of the spouses to find time for prayer alone with God, since each has his or her secret crosses to bear. Why shouldn't we tell God our troubles and ask him to grant us the healing and help we need to remain faithful? The Synod Fathers noted that “the word of God is the source of life and spirituality for the family. All pastoral work on behalf of the family must allow people to be interiorly fashioned and formed as members of the domestic church through the Church's prayerful reading of sacred Scripture. The word of God is not only good news in a person's private life but also a criterion of judgement and a light in discerning the various challenges that married couples and families encounter”.

“Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.6/227



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
17th - 18th August 2019



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Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

Is there anything worth dying for?

Anyone who thinks that the Christian life is meant to be easy should read the Scriptures we have heard today. In them we find Jeremiah tossed into a pit because of his preaching: we are reminded how Jesus endured the opposition of sinners to the point of shedding his blood; and we are told in the Gospel of Luke 12 that Jesus came not to establish peace, but division, and we can expect households and families to be divided because of him. The images are far from optimistic. If anything, they should make us pause in order to consider whether or not we really want to get involved in such a thing as Christianity.

Do we really want to commit ourselves to a way of life that causes division, misunderstanding, suspicion, maybe suffering and death? Most of us don't even like the ordinary patterns of our lives to be disrupted by minor inconveniences, much less by more radical demands.

God's call is “My life is not simply my own: I belong to another”. This means relinquishing final control over one's life and finding ultimate security not in oneself but in God. And it involves a struggle not for power and possession, but for a vulnerability to the cries of the suffering, the poor, and the afflicted, of whoever in need.

Most of us will not face the prospect of martyrdom, but is there something about us and our lives that is worth dying for? Is anyone out there willing to sacrifice prestige, position, self-image, security, bank accounts for the sake of the common good? Is self-preservation still your number one protective armour? If our response is negative, nothing to die for, no passion for anything good, then I think we need to look seriously at our Catholic journey. What are my deepest values I treasure to which direct most of my attention?

Do I take God seriously?
Do I take God's people seriously?
Do I take God's creation seriously?
Or do I take them for granted?

Are my Catholic values consistent with my behaviour?

Friends, at the end of the day, it is not going to be easy, as Jesus has shown by his life and teachings for the sake of Truth. And all throughout his journey, the Holy Spirit was always with him guiding his daily choices to please God His Father. Jesus maintained a single focus: the Reign of God. If any of us has vision worth giving our lives for, let's not lose sight of the bigger picture at the end of the world.

Fr Raass PP

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 August 2019

Mon: Judges 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Juges 6:11-24 Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Judges 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16
Thu: Judges 11:29-39 Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Apoc 21:9-14 Jn 1:45-51
Sun: Is 66:18-21
 Heb 12:5-7,11-13 Lk 13:22-30

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Neville Taylor, Mike & Judy Bowden, Jim Brown, 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 Dominiquez, 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

OLSH CHURCH GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER
THIS COMING SATURDAY

24 August, Marian Centre, Sadadeen Rd



Food Drop-Off: 5:00pm-6:45pm

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Dinner Begins: 7:00pm

Dress Code: Cultural Dress

Parking Available

BYO (alcohol)

Soft drinks & Jubilee Merchandise on sale

Licensed Security Guards will be present

(Children Under 10- FREE)

“Enjoy a full program of cultural entertainment, massive raffle prizes including a \$1000 travel voucher, \$1000 cash & many more, door & spin-the-wheel prizes, livestock auction (goat, poultry etc & Arrente paintings), and feast on the best of OLSH Parish food cultures”.

...430 tickets sold so far!

GOLDEN JUBILEE RAFFLE BOOKS



Thank you Parishioners for your overwhelming support! Raffle book return deadline is this weekend. Please note it is important that all books, sold or unsold, must be returned. The Committee will begin preparations for the draw at the Golden Jubilee Dinner this coming Saturday, 24 August. Please drop your book into the wooden box at the back of the Church or return to Mel at the presbytery ASAP. Thank you very much to Parishioners who have returned books.

REMINDER to \$10 Jubilee Ticket Sellers



If you have not sold your tickets or given money to Losana (Hospitality Coordinator), please do it before Wednesday this week. About 65 tickets left to be sold by sellers.



Rest in Peace

Deacon Boniface Nyipul, R.I.P. He was ordained the first permanent deacon in Australia. Funeral Mass at Port Keats, Friday 23 at 11:00am.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR—Help!

OLSH Parish is looking for someone to take on the role of Parish Social Media Coordinator. This is a voluntary role on behalf of the Church. The person will be in charge of our Facebook page, parish website and other online communication tools. Please see Fr Raass if you are interested.

WELCOME!

Baptism of LOUIS KRISTOFF MATAMMU, son of Janaree Celso Matammu and Egressa Capuli Gomez on Sunday, August 18 at the 9:30am Mass.

<p>PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Ignatian Communal Discernment Workshops at OLSH Parish</p> <p><i>Let your voice be heard ...</i></p> <p>How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is: is Prayerful and Eucharistic Church</p> <p>3 more to go</p> <p>Venue: St Francis Centre, (corner of Adamson & Memorial, Alice Springs) Time: 10am—2pm, Lunch provided, Date: Sat 31 August Facilitator: Fr Raass</p>	<p>Golden Jubilee Fundraising Dinner and Cultural Entertainment Marian Centre, Sadadeen Rd</p> <p>1st Holy Communion for Bath Street Children & St Francis</p> <p>Catholic Professional Standards Ltd OLSH PARISH AUDIT</p> <p>Working Group on theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic Church</p> <p>OLSH COLLEGE FETE</p> <p>Police Remembrance Day (Organised by the Emergency Services Department, Alice Springs)</p>	<p>Saturday 24 August 6:00pm door opens. Dinner starts 7:00pm</p> <p>Sunday 25th August, 9:30am</p> <p>Friday 30 August, whole day audit</p> <p>DISCERNMENT 4 Saturday 31 August St Francis Centre @ 10am-2 midday</p> <p>Friday 13 September 5pm-9pm</p> <p>Friday 27th September 10:00am, OLSH Church</p>	
<p>Natural Fertility Awareness Week 19th - 25th August 2019</p> <p>Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit www.billings.life.</p>	<p>CHARISMATIC WEEKEND RETREAT Facilitated by MGL's & St Martin de Porres Community, Darwin</p> <p>Feast of St Francis Mass & Blessing of Animals/Pets</p> <p>Working Group on theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that open to renewal, conversion and reform.</p>	<p>Friday 27 Sept start @ 5:30pm Mass & reflection, St Francis Full day 28 Saturday and Sunday 29 Sept</p> <p>Friday October 4th 5:30pm Presbytery Courtyard</p> <p>DISCERNMENT 5 St Francis Centre @ 10am-2am. Saturday 5 October</p>	
<p>Movie "Unplanned"</p> <p>In Alice Springs Cinema on 9th of October 2019 at 7:30pm. Unplanned is a true-to-life movie which depicts the reality of abortion. Unplanned is the story of Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in America who changed her view on abortion after working in the organisation. A young OLSH parishioner is trying to bring this movie to Alice Springs but he needs to have 55 tickets sold before 27 Sept 2019. You may purchase the ticket in the link below: https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-alice-springs-cinema/. It's \$22.</p> <p>5% of proceeds will be given directly to a charitable cause that cares for women during pregnancy.</p>	<p>Unveiling of the new "Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Memorial Window". Bishop Charles & Arrernte Elders</p> <p>GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS Bishop Charles: Main Celebrant</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p>Working Group on theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Joy-filled, Hope-filled & Servant Community</p>	<p>Saturday 12 October, 11:00am, No Mass but a Marian Liturgy of Thanksgiving</p> <p>Sunday 13 October, 10:00am Mass, Lunch & Cultural Entertainment</p> <p>Sunday 6th October 3:00pm, Rosary & Benediction in main Church</p> <p>DISCERNMENT 6 St Francis Centre @ 10am-2am. Saturday 26 October</p>	
<p>It's that time again!</p> <p>The Parish Social Justice Awareness Group will be holding its meeting on Sunday 25th August at 3pm, to finish at 4:30pm. All Parishioners and interested friends are invited to join us at the Pope JP2 room in the Parish Courtyard.</p> <p>We might be a small group, but we are open to new surprises!!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kathleen Leahy FDNSC</p>	<p>Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat Retreat Director: tba</p> <p>Seniors Pre-Xmas Lunch</p>	<p>Sat 9th Nov—Sun 10th Nov 9:00am—4pm</p> <p>Saturday 7th December 12:midday—3:30pm</p>	
Roster for weekend of August 24 - 25, 2019			
<p>Cleaning: August 24, 2019 Group 7 Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje</p> <p>Counters: August 25, 2019 John & Margaret Healy</p> <p>Last Week's Collections: 1st Collection: \$1,882.05 (for the presbytery) 2nd Collection: \$954.15 (for the parish) Planned Giving: \$1,027.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your kind generosity!</p> <p>Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.</p>	<p>Commentator</p> <p>Sat 6:00pm Brendan Heenan</p> <p>Sun 7:30am Jenny Montefiore</p> <p>Sun 9:30am Jooby Mani</p> <p>Sun 5:30pm Debbie Cooke</p>	<p>Readers</p> <p>Sr Mary Wicks Alf Goody</p> <p>Julie Permezel Kath McGargill</p> <p>Elfy Jooby Hilda Reeder</p> <p>Pauline Otieno Mel Buenviaje</p>	<p>Communion Ministers</p> <p>Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen</p> <p>Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Ruth Sexton</p> <p>Emil Tabbada Sue Marshall M Lillecrapp</p> <p>Christine Shibly Losana Hay Marieta Ives</p>

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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:

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 39:2-4,18

R/ Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us .

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord .

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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 :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday: September 22, 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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