



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



"A word should also be said about those whose love, like a fine wine, has come into its own. Just as a good wine begins to "breathe" with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and "body". Fidelity has to do with patience and expectation. Its joys and sacrifices bear fruit as the years go by and the couple rejoices to see their children's children. The love present from the beginning becomes more conscious, settled and mature as the couple discover each other anew day after day, year after year.

Saint John of the Cross tells us that "old lovers are tried and true". They "are outwardly no longer afire with powerful emotions and impulses, but now taste the sweetness of the wine of love, well-aged and stored deep within their hearts".²⁵³ Such couples have successfully over-come crises and hardships without fleeing from challenges or concealing problems".

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.6/231



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
24th - 25th August 2019



YOU STILL HAVE THE CHANCE

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priest:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

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Parish Treasurer

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Br Tony Caddy FMS

Sunday School Catechists

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Smart-Loving Ministry (Pre-Nuptial)

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

On August 31, 1998, the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana, many papers came out with the headline "Where is the Soul of Princess Diana." They were reporting the story that some women in England had withdrawn their children from an Evangelical Sunday school because the Sunday school teachers were teaching the kids that the soul of Princess Diana was in hell, whereas the women had already told their children that the soul of the Princess was in heaven. As a result, the question, "Where is the soul of Princess Diana?" became an issue.

How would Jesus have answered such a question? Suppose Jesus was on earth today and a reporter went to him and asked him, "Where is Princess Diana's soul?" what would be his answer? I think Jesus would look the reporter in the eye and tell him or her, "Try and save your own soul now that you still have the chance."

This is exactly what is happening in today's gospel. Jesus is going through the towns and villages teaching and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone interrupts him and asks, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" (Luke 13:33). What does Jesus answer? "My friend, strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able" (verse 24). We see that Jesus is not really answering the man's question: "Will only a few be saved?" In fact he is answering a more important question, "How can I be saved?"

As far as the important question of our salvation is concerned, there are two kinds of questions we could ask. We could ask curiosity questions aimed at obtaining information, facts and figures that do not affect our salvation one way or the other. Or we could ask a relevant question, which is a sincere quest for the truth that leads to salvation. Go through the gospels and you will find that Jesus has no time for questions of curiosity. In fact whenever someone asks a question of mere curiosity he does not answer it but uses the occasion to answer the relevant question that such a person should be asking. "Lord, will only a few be saved?" is a typical question of curiosity. If you know the answer, how will it affect your salvation one way or the other? So Jesus switches the question around, to one that is relevant for salvation and responds to the inquirer, "Strive to enter through the narrow door..."

So you see, it is a waste of breath to ask, "Where is the soul of Princess Diana?" or "Where is the soul of my friend?". Rather we should be asking questions of personal importance like, "What do I need to do to be saved? How can I serve God better in my present situation in life? How can I make use of the opportunities God gives me here and now for my eternal salvation?"

Fr Raass SVD, 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 26 August 2019

Mon: 1 Thess 1:1-5,8-10 Mt 23:13-22
Tues: 1 Thess 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26
Wed: 1 Thess 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32
Thu: Jer 1:17-19 Mk 6:17-29
Fri: 1 Thess 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Thess 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Lk 14:1, 7-14
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Ethel Jean Candaroma Peter Strachan, Leonie Palmer, 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 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
Recent Death: Neville Taylor RIP

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



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE,
PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
CONFERENCE**

The Victorian Court of Appeal has today announced that, in a 2-1 decision, Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his convictions for child sexual abuse offences has been dismissed.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia believe all Australians must be equal under the law and accept today's judgement accordingly. Cardinal Pell's legal team has said it will examine the judgement in order to determine a special leave application to the High Court. The Bishops realise that this has been and remains a most difficult time for survivors of child sexual abuse and those who support them.

We acknowledge the pain that those abused by clergy have experienced through the long process of the trials and appeal of Cardinal Pell. We also acknowledge that this judgement will be distressing to many people.

We remain committed to doing everything we can to bring healing to those who have suffered greatly and to ensuring that Catholic settings are the safest possible places for all people, but especially for children and vulnerable adults.

August 21, 2019

***Stay focused
Remain in Love***

...and it will make all the difference

Did You Know...

- The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel was made up largely of Gentiles (non-Jews). They are the ones from the 'east and west, north and south' who have come to a place at the feast because they came to faith in the risen Christ.
- This is a text about the universality of God's love and the redemption God offers. It is not limited to a particular group or nationality. It is open to all who respond positively.
- Some Christian denominations have a very exclusive view of salvation and believe that only 'a few' will be saved. This is not the case with the Catholic Church, which sees the salvation offered by Christ as very inclusive—open to all who come to faith.
- In John's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as the 'gate' through which people must come to be saved.

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.

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:
is **Prayerful and Eucharistic Church**

3 more to go

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

Time: 10am—2pm, Lunch provided,

Date: Sat 31 August

Facilitator: Fr Raass

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 19th - 25th August 2019

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.

Movie "Unplanned"

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.

5% of proceeds will be given directly to a charitable cause that cares for women during pregnancy.

It's that time again!

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.

We might be a small group, but we are open to new surprises!!

Kathleen Leahy FDNSC

Cleaning: August 31, 2019 Group 2

Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: September 01, 2019

Jo & Emily Ros, Emil & Richelle Tabbada

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,460.75 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$705.40 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,296.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!

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

1st Holy Communion for Bath Street Children & St Francis	Sunday 25th August, 9:30am
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
Police Remembrance Day (Organised by the Emergency Services Department, Alice Springs)	Friday 27th September 10:00am, OLSH Church
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 Saturday and Sunday 29 Sept
Feast of St Francis Mass & Blessing of Animals/Pets	Friday October 4th 5:30pm Presbytery Courtyard
Working Group on theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that open to renewal, conversion and reform.	DISCERNMENT 5 St Francis Centre @ 10am-2am. Saturday 5 October
Unveiling of the new "Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Memorial Window". Bishop Charles & Arrernte Elders	Saturday 12 October, 11:00am, No Mass but a Marian Liturgy of Thanksgiving
GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS Bishop Charles: Main Celebrant	Sunday 13 October, 10:00am Mass, Lunch & Cultural Entertainment
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary	Sunday 6th October 3:00pm, Rosary & Benediction in main Church
Working Group on theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Joy-filled, Hope-filled & Servant Community	DISCERNMENT 6 St Francis Centre @ 10am-2am. Saturday 26 October
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat Retreat Director: Douglas Jones Theme: Laudato Si	Sat 9th Nov (9-4) — Sun 10th Nov (9-midday)
Seniors Pre-Xmas Lunch	Saturday 7th December 12:00nn - 3:30pm

It is strongly recommended that the faithful receive holy communion in the course of a eucharistic celebration. CCL 919

Roster for weekend of Aug 31 - Sept 01, 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 Ruth Sexton	Kath McGargill Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Matthew Tabbada Gesheila Cortez	Richelle Tabbada Virginia Loy Br James Hodge
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Charles Gamon Debbie Cooke	Thomas J John Goury Nair Marieta Ives

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness by glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 116

R/ Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try and enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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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