



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



“The main contribution to the pastoral care of families is offered by the parish, which is the family of families, where small communities, ecclesial movements and associations live in harmony”. Along with a pastoral outreach aimed specifically at families, this shows the need for “a more adequate formation... of priests, deacons, men and women religious, catechists and other pastoral workers”. In the replies given to the worldwide consultation, it became clear that ordained ministers often lack the training needed to deal with the complex problems currently facing families. The experience of the broad oriental tradition of a married clergy could also be drawn upon.

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.6 /202



2nd Sunday of Easter Year C
27th - 28th April 2019



POPE FRANCIS' EASTER VIGIL HOMILY 2019

(An Extract)

The women bring spices to the tomb, but they fear that their journey is in vain, since a large stone bars the entrance to the sepulcher. The journey of those women is also our own journey; it resembles the journey of salvation that we have made this evening. At times, it seems that everything comes up against a stone: the beauty of creation against the tragedy of sin; liberation from slavery against infidelity to the covenant; the promises of the prophets against the listless indifference of the people. So too, in the history of the Church and in our own personal history. It seems that the steps we take never take us to the goal. We can be tempted to think that dashed hope is the bleak law of life.

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain; it does not come up against a tombstone. A single phrase astounds the woman and changes history: “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” (Lk 24:5). Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. Human history does not end before a tombstone, because today it encounters the “living stone” (cf. 1 Pet 2:4), the risen Jesus. We, as Church, are built on him, and, even when we grow disheartened and tempted to judge everything in the light of our failures, he comes to make all things new, to overturn our every disappointment. Each of us is called tonight to rediscover in the Risen Christ the one who rolls back from our heart the heaviest of stones. So let us first ask: What is the stone that I need to remove, what is its name?

Often what blocks hope is the stone of discouragement. Once we start thinking that everything is going badly and that things can't get worse, we lose heart and come to believe that death is stronger than life. We become cynical, negative and despondent. Stone upon stone, we build within ourselves a monument to our own dissatisfaction: the sepulcher of hope. Life becomes a succession of complaints and we grow sick in spirit. A kind of tomb psychology takes over: everything ends there, with no hope of emerging alive. But at that moment, we hear once more the insistent question of Easter: Why do you seek the living among the dead? The Lord is not to be found in resignation. He is risen; he is not there. Don't seek him where you will never find him: he is not the God of the dead but of the living (cf. Mk 22:32). Do not bury hope! © *Libreria Editrice Vatican*

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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

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 April 2019

Mon: Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8
Tues: Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Fri: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
Sat: Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 5:27-31,40-41
 Apoc 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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, 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, Patrick Monaghan

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

NEXT SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

SIP will resume on Friday May 3, 6:15pm (dinner) for 7:00pm start at the local Todd Tavern across the road.

Speaker: Mr Geoffrey Crabtree, Alice Springs Correctional Centre Chaplain for 18 years. **Theme:** *The Challenges & Blessings of a Prison Chaplain in Alice Springs: The Inside Story*. Free Admission. Call the Tavern to book yourself a seat & dinner. SIP could be much richer and more transforming than mere intellectual debate or discussion.

Organised by OLSH Social Justice Team



Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will fall next week, Thursday 2 May at 6:15pm. Parishioners are welcome to make written contributions to: chairpersonppc@gmail.com or the Suggestion Box.

UPCOMING NATIONAL ELECTION 2019

Bishop Charles would like to bring your attention to a document released by the Australian Catholic Bishop Conference on the upcoming election. It can be found at the ACBC home page under 'Our News'. The title of the document is "***Election Statement: Politics in Service of Peace***". Below is the link for the ACBC webpage, <https://www.catholic.org.au>

Bon Voyage & Thank You Fr Nick

After seven months of pastoral care & kindly presence at OLSH Parish, Fr Nick will finally depart next Sunday 3 May. The parish sincerely thanks him for saying yes to assist Fr Raass whilst he was away on home leave and decided to stay on to help out. Thank you Fr Nick. A get-together lunch will be held next Sat at 12:midday. Bring a plate.

OLSH CHURCH GOLDEN JUBILEE PARISH DINNER PARTY



When: **Saturday, 22 June 2019**

Time: **6:30pm-12 midnight**

Venue: **Marian Centre, Sadadeen Campus**

ALL PAST & CURRENT PARISHIONERS ARE WARMLY INVITED

(More details later. Mark your diary)

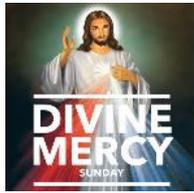
50th Jubilee Polo Shirt Fundraiser

The 50th Jubilee Polo Shirts are now on sale for \$55 each, sizes S, M, L, XL & 2XL. Using the form provided, order your shirt at either the Presbytery Office or in an envelope in the offertory with payment, size(s) and contact details. After Easter, look for Polo Shirts on sale at the end of Mass. Need more information? Ring or text Ruth Sexton 0487 860 283 for details.

Name: _____ Payment in Cash \$55.00

Contact number _____

Size(s) S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated this 2nd Sunday after Easter (28 April), the Octave of Easter, observed by Roman Catholics as well as some Anglicans. It is originally based our Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus. OLSH Parish will have an hour of Exposition of the Most Blessed Eucharist & Benediction including the full recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your whole family. Starts at 3:00pm in the main Church.

“SUMMER IN THE FOREST “ Movie

SUMMER IN THE FOREST is a moving documentary of an extraordinary man—Jean Vanier—and of L’Arche, the international organization of which he is the founder. Jean Vanier single-handedly revolutionized the way in which people with an intellectual disability are seen and cared for, by the simple act of inviting them out of institutions and into his home in the 1960s. ‘Meeting’ some of the current residents of that home in Trosly, France, is one of the many highlights of this beautiful film. **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW**

Friends of L’Arche Alice Springs brings you this special fundraiser screening of Summer in the Forest on Wednesday the 15th of May at 6:30pm at Alice Springs Cinema, NT! Buy tickets now before May 3 to ensure this screening <https://www.summerintheforest.com.au/>



Remember the Children’s newsletter is available at the entrance to the church. Take it home with you.

THE MONTH OF MAY

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord’s return....In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ’s mysteries, the Church honours with special love, Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son.

Sing ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing is for one who loves’, and there is also an ancient proverb: ‘Whoever sings well prays twice over’. *GIRM 39*

Cleaning: May 04, 2019 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Kate Kelly

Counters: May 05, 2019
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week’s Collections:
1st Collection: \$2,791.40 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,401.80 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$840.00
Project Compassion Caritas: \$2,049.25
Holy Thursday: \$552.00
Good Friday: \$1,298.05 (for the Holy Land)

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SRI LANKAN BOMBING VICTIMS & NZ SHOOTING VICTIMS

OLSH Parish will host an Interfaith Memorial Service as a show of support for the Sri Lankan community and to pray for the bombing victims. We will also remember the recent mass shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand. We strongly condemn these senseless acts. They are never justified. The Sri Lankan Association, Alice Springs Islamic Society, Hon Dale Wakefield and the Multicultural Society will be present.

WHEN: Monday 29 April
TIME: 7pm
VENUE: OLSH Church

ALTAR SERVERS’ TRAINING

Fr Raass will resume the Altar Server’s training on Thursdays at 3:30pm in the main Church for kids at Bath Street.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA (NCPR, 2016)

Total Population: 23,401,892

Catholic Population: 5,291,834

(Western Catholic, Maronite Catholic, Melkite Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic, Chaldean Catholic, Syro-Malabar Catholic)

Catholics make up 22.6 per cent of the total population (No Religion, 30.1%; Anglicans, 13.3%; Other Christians, 13.8%; Non-Christians, 8.2%)

Median age of Catholics is 40 years
Catholics were born overseas 136,360

TOP 2 BIRTHPLACES OF CATHOLICS BORN OVERSEAS

Philippines
Italy

TOP 2 BRITHPLACES WITH HIGHEST PROPORTIONS OF RECENT ARRIVALS

Brazil
Colombia

Australians attending Catholic Schools: 21% (719,000)
Percentage of Catholics still attending Mass: 39% (1,950,000) on any given Sunday.

(The Catholic Church is still the biggest active group of any Christian denomination in Australian today)

Roster for weekend of May 04 - 05, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	M McNaught Tony Whitelum	John Lillecrapp Ruth Sexton Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30am	Br James Hodge	Emil Tabbada Oria Chiwariro	Sammy Nobleza Virginia Loy Mary McPhee
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Debbie Cooke Tinna Buenviaje	Losana Hay Goury Nair Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

1 Pet 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 15:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117:2-4,22-27

R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:

Rev 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 20: 19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

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

Every 1st & 3rd week from 6:30pm, 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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