



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



“Certainly, “a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth... Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world”.

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.5/173#b

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Smart-Loving Ministry

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

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



2nd Sunday of Lent Year C
16th - 17th March 2019



REVEALING THE PROFOUND REALITY OF JESUS

The Transfiguration. What is its meaning? The Transfiguration is a revelation of the Person of Jesus, of his profound reality.

In fact, the eye witnesses of the event, that is, the three Apostles, were enfolded in a cloud, also bright – which in the Bible always heralds God's presence – and they heard a voice saying: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Mt 17:5). This event prepared the disciples for the Paschal Mystery of Jesus: to endure the terrible trial of the Passion and also to understand properly the luminous event of the Resurrection.

The narrative also speaks of Moses and Elijah who appear and talk with Jesus. Actually, this episode is related to another two divine revelations. Moses climbed Mount Sinai and there received God's revelation. He asked God to show him his glory but God answered Moses that he would not see his face but only his back (*cf.* Ex 33:18-23). God made a similar revelation to Elijah on the mountain: a more intimate manifestation, not accompanied by a storm, an earthquake or by fire, but by a gentle breeze (*cf.* 1 Kings 19:11-13). Unlike these two episodes, in the Transfiguration it is not Jesus who receives the revelation of God; rather, it is precisely in Jesus that God reveals himself and reveals his face to the Apostles. God's will was fully revealed in the Person of Jesus.

Thus, those who wish to know God must contemplate the face of Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit, (his face transfigured): Jesus is the perfect revelation of the Father's holiness and mercy. “Listen to him”, encounter him in the Eucharist, listen o his word, in prayer and in charity.

Fr Raass SVD

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 18 March 2019
Mon: Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-12,17-20
Tues: 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16
Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24
Wed: Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-11,32
Sun: Ex 3:1-8,13-15
1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us. Every year OLSH Parish focuses on various relevant social justice issues and related themes. What a reflective & meaningful way to finish a week!

The Face of Christ, the Face of Man & Woman	Friday 22 March, 6:15pm
My Wounded Hands	Friday 29 March, 6:15pm
Mary's Way of the Cross	Friday 5, April, 6:15pm
Stations for Marriages Families	Friday 12 April, 6:15pm
Stations with Refugees & Asylum Seekers	Friday 7 th April, 6:15pm

 **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

PARTNERS ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

How about joining a Lenten Sharing Group this year? Join a group of parishioners sharing life and faith, valuing one another, connecting with Church's story and reaching out in service. Together with your group, you'll explore how we live as Catholics on our spiritual journeys. Bring an open heart and a questioning mind. The addresses and facilitators of the three groups are at the back of the church. It's not too late.

Notice how the seedlings in our garden bed are growing towards the Sun. A gentle reminder of our Lenten journey deeply into God.



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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.

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

After weekly Inquiry Gatherings, our new Candidate, ***Nkemdilim Orange*** expressed her readiness for the next stage of her RCIA Journey. She has a particular member of the OLSH community to be her Sponsor during these months of preparation. All parishioners are invited to support our new member of OLSH Parish by your prayers and faith witness.

We will celebrate the **Rite of Welcoming of a Candidate** preparing for Reception into full communion of the Catholic Church for her at the **9.30 am Mass on March 17th.**
- Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Director

BAPTISM & WARM WELCOME

OLSH Parish welcomes BRIANNA ELIZABETH GRACE PRIAL daughter of Elizabeth Mary Prial to be baptised on **Sunday 17/3/19 at 9:30 am Mass.**

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 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

MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 7th 2019

- ◇ More attention on our OLSH Church audio equipment.
- ◇ Request for a technical officer to ensure the overhead projector is operable and equipment in the AV Room –speakers, mixers, amps etc
- ◇ Main Screen might be replaced with a new projector.
- ◇ Entrance to the worn-out side-door carpet be fixed.
- ◇ Fundraising Team & Golden Jubilee Planning Team established and running.
- ◇ Church Pews – ongoing, still exploring colours, taking a bit longer than desired but going well.
- ◇ Disability Ramps – External ramp will be completed soon. Internal Ramp—looking at **25 March start.**
- ◇ Tiles have been laid, a stainless steel plate will be included to protect the tiles from the inside out, hoping for completion by next week.
- ◇ “Our Lady of Altyerre” (name not confirmed) Project ongoing. –PR exercise to begin with the parish body.
- ◇ Mini Parish Assembly was held 2 March 2019, good outcome, 25 attendees.
- ◇ Parish Annual Retreat confirmed 8/9/10 Nov 2019
- ◇ Aboriginal Chaplaincy to concentrate on bush communities inn 2019
- ◇ Soup Van Ministry suspended until further notice due to liabilities and other regulations.
- ◇ Safeguarding Children workshop confirmed & executed on Tues 12th @ 6:30pm.

ST FRANCIS’ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CATECHESIS

Any baptised students studying in government and/or non-Catholic schools and are ready for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, please come to your first session this coming Tuesday at St Francis Centre at Adamson Ave @ 7:00pm. Further details : Jenny Dietrich 89527010 or Fr Raass (08) 89521049. As the Sacrament of Confirmation, more details later.

Cleaning: March 23, 2019 **Group 7**
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell
Counters: March 24, 2019
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje
Last Week’s Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,705.65 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,019.55 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,198.00

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

13. Establish provisions that regulate and facilitate the participation of lay experts in investigations and in the different degrees of judgment of canonical processes concerning sexual and / or power abuse.

14. The right to defence: the principle of natural and canon law of presumption of innocence must also be safeguarded until the guilt of the accused is proven. Therefore, it is necessary to prevent the lists of the accused being published, even by the dioceses, before the preliminary investigation and the definitive condemnation.

15. Observe the traditional principle of proportionality of punishment with respect to the crime committed. To decide that priests and bishops guilty of sexual abuse of minors leave the public ministry.

16. Introduce rules concerning seminarians and candidates for the priesthood or religious life. Be sure that there are programs of initial and ongoing formation to help them develop their human, spiritual and psychosexual maturity, as well as their interpersonal relationships and their behavior.

(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.

Roster for weekend of March 23 - 24, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Sr Mary Wicks Leonie Smith	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Jenny Montefiore	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Tony Hay Elfy Jooby	Oria Chiwariro Sammy Nobleza Debbie Cooke
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Aileen Batimana Lennie Sumang	Thomas J John Myke Ociones Sammy Nobleza

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants, he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel:

Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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 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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