



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: 8:30am -12 noon
 Saturday and Sunday: Closed



“The problems faced by poor households are often more trying. In such difficult situations of need, the Church must be particularly concerned to offer understanding, comfort and acceptance, rather than straightaway a set of rules that only lead people to feel judged and abandoned by the very Mother called to show them God’s mercy. “

“Rather than offering the healing power of grace and light of the Gospel message, some would ‘indoctrinate’ that message, turning it into ‘dead stones to be hurled at others.’

Pope Francis A/Laetitia, Chap. 49

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A
7th - 8th December, 2019

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Daily Readings: starting 9 Dec 2019

Mon: Gen 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tues: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
Wed: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30
Thu: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 Mt 17:10-13
Sun: Is 35:1-6,1 James 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

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, 7:00pm -8:00pm

Marriage:

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

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Bienvenida Samonte-Tolentino, Maria Price, Harry Buckley, Ethel Jean Candaroma, Peter Strachan, Leonie Palmer, Mike & Judy Bowden, Jim Brown, Nod Rioux, Kersley Dabeasing, May Shah, Jenny Leahy, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Virgie Gomugda Golfo, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, JamesHarvey, 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

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

Roster for Weekend of Dec 14 – 15, 2019

	Commentato	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	H Buescher Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	M McNaught MC Sister	John Lillecrapp Kath McGargill Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Pane Komene Arrernte Elder	Emil Tabbada Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Losana Hay Jennie Dietrich	Debbie Cooke Sammy Nobleza Cindy Decosta

Cleaning: Dec 14, 2019
Group 23

Fred & Lyn Twohig
Counters: Dec 15, 2019
 Emil & Richelle Tabbada
 Jo & Emily Ros

Last Week’s Collections:

1st Collection: TBA
 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: TBA
 (for the parish)
 Planned Giving: TBA

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

Watch this space:
 proposed OLSH PARISH
 SPIRITUAL MARIAN

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

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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Entrance Antiphon:

cf Isa 30:19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart .

First Reading:

Isaiah 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

R/ Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading:

Romans 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heavens is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday: December 29, 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 10:30am-11:30am

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 Sun-

day 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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