



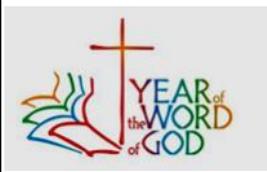
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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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 Saturday and Sunday - Closed



Year of the Word of God - 'A God Who Speaks'

SILENCE – “The Word can only be spoken and heard in silence, outward and inward”⁷⁸. It is therefore necessary to form the people of God in the value of silence to discover the sense of recollection and inner quiet, following the example of Mary, who teaches us to be silent, permitting the Word resonate in our hearts. (cf. Lk 1:26-38)

2nd Sunday of Lent
 Year A
 7th - 8th March 2020

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Listen to Him

The Gospel reading of today speaks of the transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus' appearance changed on the high mountain: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah were talking with him and all this was witnessed by Jesus' three disciples: Peter, James and John. Not surprisingly, Peter blurts out his wonderful plan, "I'll make three tents" he says, "one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!" But his plan goes unnoticed, as a cloud surrounds them and they hear the proclamation from the Father, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." Peter's plans were not God's plans, for God wanted him to *listen*.

Quite often we too have wonderful plans; plans to make our lives better, plans for a safe and healthy lifestyle for our family, plans to have a comfortable and well sourced retirement, plans to give good and valued education to our children, and so on. And many of these plans are genuine and worth it. The challenge is, are we too immersed in *planning our life* and fail to *live and cherish our life*? Are we too busy putting the things away for tomorrow, and fail to make use of them today (we see the panic buying around us these days, don't we)?

Our loving God invites us today to *listen*. Listen to what is going on around us. Listen to the voice of the voiceless. Listen to the cries of those who have not. Listen to the people struggling with trauma. Listen to the subtle voice of God in our busy life. *Listen Deeply* says Mrs Wallace in her book while talking about the need of the Aboriginal people of our country. Let us listen; stop and listen and respond accordingly.

We do need plans, we do need to put things away for tomorrow, we do need to do this and that, but let us not spend our lives just planning and putting away, rather *listen* and live our life today, here and now. For, as we hear in the second reading, "God has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done, but for his own purpose and by his own grace." Let us embrace this grace, listen to God, and go forth, like Abram, without worrying and planning too much for tomorrow. God will look after us, if we can *listen* to God's voice.

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

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

What is Lent?

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of almsgiving, fasting, prayer, penitence and denial of ego beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is violet.

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 09 March 2020 Mon: Dan 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38 Tues: Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12 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 15:1-3,11-32 Sun: Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42 + Pray & read your Bible every day +	LENTEN SERVICES	VENUE	DAY	TIME
	Lenten Sharing Group with Sr Sue Smith FMM	Presbytery Meeting Room	Thursday evenings of Lent	6:15pm
	Lenten Sharing Group with Sr Anne Surtees OSU	Presbytery Meeting Room	Saturday mornings of Lent	9:00am
	Stations of the Cross	Catholic Church	Every Friday of Lent	After the 5:30pm Mass
 Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick Maria Price, Steve Bull, Oliver Surtees, Ailyn Talavera, Harry Buckley, Ethel Jean Candaroma, Leonie Palmer, Mike & Judy Bowden, Nod Rioux, Kersley Dabeesing, May Shah, Jenny Leahy, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Felisa Sara, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Luigia Sabadin <i>May the Lord grant them healing</i> Recent Death - Colleen Langcake RIP	Ecumenical Lenten Service	Anglican Church	Wednesday 11 th March	7:00pm
	Ecumenical Lenten Service	Catholic Church	Wednesday 18 th March	7:00pm
	Ecumenical Lenten Service	Lutheran Church	Wednesday 25 th March	7:00pm
	Ecumenical Lenten Service	Lutheran Church	Wednesday 1 st April	7:00pm
	<u>Directive from Bishop Charles Gauci</u> In view of the increasing seriousness of the spread of the corona virus, I now give the following directives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communion will still only be distributed in the form of bread. 2. Communion on the tongue is very strongly discouraged because of the possible transfer of saliva. If for a serious reason anyone cannot receive communion on the hand they must go only to the priest who will have disinfectant handy. Even then it is imperative that there is no contact with saliva. 3. When communion is distributed in the hand ensure that there is no contact with the priest's or lay minister's hand. Wait until the eucharist is placed in your hand before you pick it up and the priest's hand is away from your hand. 4. Ensure that all ministers of holy communion clean their hands with an alcohol gel or rub before and after distribution of holy communion, and avoid all skin contact. 5. Empty holy water fonts of water. 6. Make alcohol gel or rub available at entrances and around our churches and shared spaces. 7. Avoid physical contact at the sign of peace for the time being. 8. If anyone has been in contact with corona virus infected places or persons within the last 14 days, and is experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, remain away from Mass till the symptoms have passed or are cleared by a doctor. The Sunday Mass obligation will be met by a time of prayer at home. Thank you for your understanding. As soon as we can, we will go back to our normal practices. <p style="text-align: right;">- Bishop Charles Gauci</p>			
Reconciliation: Saturday 11:30am & 5:15pm Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. Formation of parents falls on the 1 st 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.	<u>Project Compassion</u> Spanning through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of Caritas Australia's caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The envelopes for Project Compassion 2020 are now available at the entrance to the Church. It only takes seconds to make the world a better place. Are you with us?			
<u>Devotional Practices:</u> 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 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 6:35am				

Lenten Resource 2020

Laudato Si' reminds us that "the ecological crisis is . . . a summons to profound interior conversion. . . which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." This Lent, let us examine each sin through the lens of creation and pair it with an ecological virtue that can help us to restore our relationships and to live in sublime communion.

Week 3: March 8

ECOLOGICAL SIN	ENVY
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ECOLOGICAL VIRTUE	GRATITUDE
Gratitude is "a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works." (LS 220) How might we be grateful for what we have before us? How can we pass on the abundant blessings that we have been given?	Gratitude is "a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works." (LS 220) How might we be grateful for what we have before us? How can we pass on the abundant blessings that we have been given?
HEALING ACTION	REDEFINE HAPPINESS
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Fr Alex's New Appointment

Farewell Mass for Fr Alejandro de la Sotta (Fr Alex) will be on Sunday 15th March at the 9:30am Mass. He will be moving to the Diocese of Auckland in NZ on the 17th of March. A get-together will follow at the JPII Hall and courtyard. Please bring a plate to share.
All Welcome!

Parish Discernment Group next meeting is on Saturday 14th March 10am-12noon at the St Francis Centre, Cnr Memorial Ave and Adamson Ave. Ongoing focus: How can Aboriginal life be fully included in our parish? Contact: Dennis Johnston on 0429 655 197.

Cleaning: March 14, 2020 **Group 2**
Gury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: March 15, 2020
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Previous Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$2,122.05 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,409.10 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$821.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity

Bible Sharing Group

An invitation to all Parishioners who want to be part of the weekly Bible Sharing group every **Wednesday evening at 6:15 pm**. Please come along and encourage others to be part of this reflection time and be nourished by God's living Word for the week.

BIBLE TIMELINE Open Invitation

Bible Study Open Day: Fr Elmer Ibarra SVD, the Bible Apostolate Coordinator of the SVD Australia province will present an "open day" on the Bible Timeline as a possible Bible Study course for the parish on the 8th of March, 3:00pm at the Meeting Room in the Parish Presbytery. All welcome!

- Fr. Elmer I. Ibarra, SVD

PROJECT COMPASSION

GIVE LENT 100% ! Project compassion is Catholic Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Please take a Project Compassion Box at the back of the church for your family or workplace



OLSH PARISH SPIRITUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

In thanksgiving to God for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, OLSH Church is planning a traditional 18-Day Marian Pilgrimage, covering five countries in Europe departing on 4 October 2020.

The proposed Base Program is as follows:

- 4 nights - Medjugorje (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- 1 night - Dubrovnik (Croatia)
- 1 night - Lisbon (Portugal)
- 3 nights - Fatima (Portugal)
- 2 nights - Avila (Spain)
- 2 nights - Garabandal (Spain)
- 3 nights - Lourdes (France)
- 2 nights - Paris (France)

Indicative Costing: Based on 15-19 paying = **AUD\$10,250.00** per person / twin share.

Harvest Pilgrimages require a deposit of \$1,000.00 payable at the beginning of March. Remaining balance to be paid by August 2020.

Please see the parish office or Manfred Casseeram if you are thinking of joining this pilgrimage. Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of the church

Roster for weekend of March 14 - 15, 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Alf Goody	Heather Buescher Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	M McNaught Maria Ponado	Christine Shibly Kath McGargill John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Gesheila Cortez Arrente Elder	Mary McPhee Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Losana Hay Jenny Dietrich	Marieta Ives Myke Ociones Sammy Nobleza

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2nd Sunday of Lent Year A
07th - 08th March 2020

Entrance Antiphon:

cf. 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 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. "I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." ' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22

R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you

Second Reading:

Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Lord

The Word of the

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 17:5

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:

Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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 TBA

Sunday: March 29, 2020

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am
at Desert Life Church

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 7:00pm-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

Parish Council Meetings

1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall

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

Finance Team Ministry

1st Saturday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

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 at the
main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and
participate in God's Mission.*

*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*