



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



“Large families are a joy for the Church. They are an expression of the fruitfulness of love. At the same time, Saint John Paul II rightly explained that responsible parenthood does not mean “unlimited procreation or lack of awareness of what is involved in rearing children, but rather the empowerment of couples to use their inviolable liberty wisely and responsibly, taking into account social and demographic realities, as well as their own situation and legitimate desires. In the home, decisions cannot be made unilaterally, since each spouse shares responsibility for the family; yet each home is unique and each marriage will find an arrangement that works best.

Pope Francis *A/Laetitia*, Chap.167/220



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
26th - 27th October, 2019



Parish Priest:

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Assistant Parish Priest:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

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Smart-Loving Ministry

(Pre-Nuptial)

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

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

Four people went into a church to pray.

The first (woman) prayed like this: ‘Thank you, Lord, that my kids are well behaved. I’m not saying that they’re angels, but you won’t find them going around wrecking telephone kiosks or terrifying old people. Nor will you hear them using bad language. Unlike those gurglers down the street, who are let to run wild. These are the criminals of tomorrow.’

The second (woman) prayed like this: ‘Thank you, Lord, that my marriage is working out. Jim and I have had our problems, but we’ve stuck together. Not like those others whose marriages are breaking up left, right and centre. The first sign of a problem and one or both are gone. They can’t take the rough with smooth. It’s society that will pay for their fickleness when all those kids from broken homes are let loose on it.’

The third (woman) prayed like this: ‘Thank you, Lord, that I have been able to stick to the religion I was brought up in, unlike a lot of my neighbours. Maybe I’m a bit of a traditionalist. I don’t go for Communion in the hand. I’m not worthy of touching the Host. When I see some people coming up with her hand out, I feel like getting sick. You’d think by her holy attitude that she was the Blessed Virgin Mary herself.’

The fourth (man) didn’t go inside the church at all but said this prayer as he passed by: ‘Lord, I thank you that I am not like that crowd who go in there every Sunday to worship you. They’re nothing but a bunch of hypocrites. Inside there they give each other a handshake as a sign of peace, and I know for a fact that some of them aren’t even talking to one another. At least I’m being honest. I know I’m no saint, but then I don’t pretend to be one.’

The Pharisee in Jesus’ story was not a scoundrel. In fact, he was an honest, faithful, family man, and a meticulous observer of the Law. He did even more than the Law required of him. It required only one fast a year (on the Day of Atonement), but he fasted twice a week! It required tithes of certain commodities, but he paid tithes on everything.

Where then did he go wrong? First of all in his attitude to God. He believed that he had run up a formidable credit balance with God. Therefore, he had got God in his debt. Secondly, in his attitude to others. He despised others. He was a proud man without a trace of humility And humility is the soil in which all other virtues flourish. In him, we see arrogant self-reliance, complacency, and scorn of the sinner.

He was full of himself. He didn’t pray to God, but to himself. No less than six times in that short prayer he mentions ‘I’. There is no room for God in one who is full of himself. ‘If a man, after prayer, is proud or self-satisfied, he has prayed not to God, but to himself.’ (Baal Shem Tov)

The prayer of the tax collector is a model. He said simply, ‘Lord, be merciful to me I am a sinner.’ This is the most moving of all prayers and one that God cannot fail to hear. In saying this, he was simply telling the truth. If we can say, ‘I’m a sinner’ with conviction and humility, we are very close to God.

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta, A/Parish Priest

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 28 October 2019

Mon: Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-19
Tues: Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30
Thur: Rom 8:31-39 Lk 13:31-35
Fri: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12
Sat: Readings from Masses for the Dead
Sun: Wis 11:22-12:2
 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Maria Price, Harry Buckley, 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, 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

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

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

Parish Annual Retreat

The retreat this year will provide opportunities for prayerful reflection on Care for our Common Home as integral to our Catholic faith. It will also provide opportunities for prayerful reflection on key aspects of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home, and to better understand this very important encyclical in the development of Catholic Social Teaching.

The retreat will be facilitated by Rev Douglas Jones (the father of one of our parishioners). It will take place at Campfire in the Heart on Ragonesi Road from 9am-4pm on Saturday, 9 November and from 9:00am-midday on Sunday, 10 November.

Information will also be posted on the OLSH parish Facebook page. **Please sign up at the back of the church, or send an email to commonhomecarersalicesprings@gmail.com**

OLSH Parish SJAG Meeting

This coming Sunday, 27th November, the Parish social Justice Awareness Group will be holding its meeting from 3:00pm to 4:30pm at the Pope John Paul (JPPII) Room in the Parish House courtyard.

Anyone who is interested to come and find out what we are about, is warmly welcomed to attend, as the room is air-conditioned if it is a hot afternoon.

Looking forward to seeing you! - Sr. Kathleen Leahy - Chairperson

Youth Mass with Bishop Charles

On Thursday, 31st October, 6.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral Darwin, there will be a Youth Mass for young adults, celebrated by Bishop Charles Gauci. It will be followed by a Q&A.

All young people are welcome! - Caitlin - Diocese of Darwin NT

SVD CLERGY MOVEMENTS

♦ **Fr Raass:** 14 Oct- 4 Nov, NSW. In his absence Fr Alex will be the acting Parish Priest assisted by Fr Olivier and visiting SVD clergy Fr Gideon.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! **There are five places left** on Palms Australia's January 4th - 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020.

Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

MCSCA Meet and Greet

The Multicultural Community Services in Central Australia would like to invite everyone to a **Meet and Greet** on Friday, 1 November at 5B Wills Terrace, Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre Complex from 5:15-7:00pm.

Let us come together and enjoy our diverse culture by sharing food and meeting other migrants in Alice Springs.

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided but please feel free to bring a plate to share.

RSVP to info@mcsca.org.au or contact 08 8952 8776.

WELCOME!

To **VIOLET ANN DEMARCO**, daughter of Fabio Demarco and Jasmin Anne Tilmouth, who will be baptised on Sunday, 27th Oct. 27 at the 9:30am Mass.



proposed
**OLSH PARISH
 SPIRITUAL MARIAN
 PILGRIMAGE**

As part of the post-Golden Jubilee celebrations of OLSH Church and in thanksgiving to God for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, some parishioners are contemplating going on 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. Single Supplement: AUD\$1,890.00 per person.

It is a lot of money, so talk to Jesus and Mary about it if you are seriously interested, and feel free to discuss with Fr Raass.

Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass

The parish is planning a thanksgiving and farewell Mass for Fr Raass. It will be celebrated by Bishop Charles on 15 December at the 9:30am Mass.

After the Mass, there will be a small get-together in JPII Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate to share.

Thank you - PPC

DID YOU KNOW

- It is always important to look at who the characters are in the parables of Jesus .
- Pharisees were deeply religious laymen who observed the law very closely and met together regularly for prayer and table fellowship.
- Tax collectors were despised because their job gave them opportunity to cheat and defraud the people and also because they cooperated with the Roman oppressors. Their contact with the gentiles made them ritually unclean. No wonder this tax collector 'stood some distance away'. The Pharisees would have believed he had no right to be in the temple at all.

Cleaning: November 02, 2019 **Group 4**
 Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

Counters: November 03, 2019
 Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,224.40 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$768.70 (for the parish)
 Planned Giving: \$1,240.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

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| Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat Retreat Director: Rev 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 |
| Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass | 15th December 9:30am Mass |



Friendly Reminder: Please observe the use of the disabled parking bays around OLSH Church and refrain from using these if you do not carry a badge or permit.

Fr Raass

Self-Reflection:

- Are there times when you pass judgment on others or consider yourself as 'better' than certain people?
- How difficult do you find it to recognise your own shortcomings? Do you find it challenging to look beyond the shortcomings of others?
- The humble prayer of the tax collector makes a suitable prayer for you this week: **God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

Communion under both kinds

Drinking from the chalice is the preferred method of receiving the Blood of Christ because of the Lord's command: **Take and drink.** If intinction is used, it is the minister who dips the host in the chalice and places it in the communicant's mouth.

GIRM 286-287

HOLY COMMUNION: The more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful... receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice is strongly endorsed. Vatican II, SC 55

It is most desirable that the faithful...receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is unforeseen, they partake of the chalice so that, even by means of the signs, communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated. GIRM 85

... a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire o change... "we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart." Laudato Sí (2015) 218

Roster for weekend of November 02– 03, 2019

| | Commentator | Readers | Communion Ministers |
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| Sat 6:00pm | Greg Gilbert | Cindy Decosta Leonnice Smith | Helena Casseeram Thelma Bowen Darryl Smith |
| Sun 7:30am | Pat Gallagher | Tony Whitelum Julie Permezal | Kath McGargill Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp |
| Sun 9:30am | Mel Buenviaje | Matthew Tabbada Mary McPhee | Danilo Cortez Richelle Tabbada Virginia Loy |
| Sun 5:30pm | Pauline Otieno | Charles Gamon Tinna Buenviaje | Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives Goury Nair |

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Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

cf. Ps 104:3-4

First Reading:

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgment. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:2-3,17-19,23

R/ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading:

Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day, and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defense, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

cf. Ps 19:6

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday: November 10, 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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