



# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

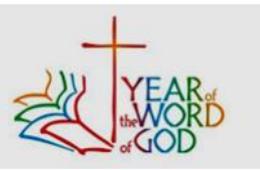
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*Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' love bringing justice, compassion and charity to all creation.*



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Monday to Friday  
8:30 am - 12 noon  
Saturday and Sunday - Closed



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

**FAITH AND AN OPEN HEART** – Along with the necessary approach to biblical texts through exegesis, the key to understanding each biblical text is the search for the relationship of the text to God's plan of salvation for all humanity. We find this attitude, for example, in the story of Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40).

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Year A  
14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Parish Priest:

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Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

## Living Water

The Gospel reading today talks to us of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The dialogue between the two of them involves lot of questions and answers, prejudices and clarifications, embarrassments and joys. Jesus pushes the cultural barrier of being a Jew and begins the dialogue by asking for water. Perplexed by the request, the Samaritan woman replies with hesitation and the dialogue ensues. The conversation moves from historical understandings to cultural differences to the hope of Israel to, finally, recognition of the Anointed one. And the woman becomes a messenger of the good news to her fellow villagers, who say to her, "Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world." The living water that Jesus spoke of to the Samaritan woman becomes real in her life.

As the followers of Christ, we too are challenged to begin a dialogue with people and situations around us. We are called to push the barriers of culture, language, race, etc., and engage in conversation. We are called to share the living water that is in us and bring life to each other. We are called to be the messengers of the good news to all who are thirsting.

Samaritan woman hesitated, at first, to accept the request of Jesus. We too will face hesitations and confrontations when we bring the good news. We can be tested with our ability to share the good news. We can be treated badly just because we have dared to push the boundaries. But we have an example in Jesus himself who did not hesitate to go beyond the realm of hurdles. We have tasted the living water through Him. Let us live it in our day to day life. Let us rise up from our petty differences and open our eyes and hearts to the needs of our neighbour. May this season of Lent enable us move in this direction.

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. During Lent, **penance** should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social.

*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 16 March 2020	LENTEN SERVICES	VENUE	DAY	TIME
<b>Mon:</b> 2 Kg 5:1-15                      Lk 4:24-30 <b>Tues:</b> Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49      Lk 10:1-12 <b>Wed:</b> Deut 4:1,5-9                      Mt 5:17-19 <b>Thu:</b> 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14 Rom 4:13,16-18,22                      Mt 1:16,18-21,24 <b>Fri:</b> Hosea 14:2-10                      Mk 12:28-34 <b>Sat:</b> Hosea 5:15-6:6                      Lk 18:9-14 <b>Sun:</b> 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13 Eph 5:8-14                                  Jn 9:1-41 + Pray & read your Bible every day +	Lenten Sharing Group with Sr Sue Smith FMM	Presbytery Meeting Room	Thursday evenings of Lent	6:15pm
 <b>Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick</b> Maria Price, 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>	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
	<b>Ecumenical Lenten Service</b>	Catholic Church	<b>This Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
	Ecumenical Lenten Service	Lutheran Church	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm
	Ecumenical Lenten Service	Lutheran Church	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7:00pm
<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11:30am & 5:15pm <b>Baptism:</b> By appointment, one month's notice required. Formation of parents falls on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00pm -8:00pm <b>Marriage:</b> By appointment only, 12 months' notice required for divorced requiring annulment, otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.	<b>Directive from Bishop Charles Gauci</b> In view of the increasing seriousness of the spread of the corona virus, I now give the following directives: 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. Avoid physical contact at the sign of peace for the time being. 6. Empty holy water fonts of water. 7. Make alcohol gel or rub available at entrances and around our churches and shared spaces. 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. - Bishop Charles Gauci <b>Please note:</b> In addition to these directives, we have received suggestions from our Bishop to do collections with the long handled bags. Till we get these bags sourced, or alternative measures are put in place, we request the collectors to handle the current bags with minimal touch by the congregation and use wipes and hand sanitisers while handling the bags.			
<u><b>Devotional Practices:</b></u> <b>Prayers of the Holy Rosary</b> Monday to Thursday 5pm <b>Prayers of Devotion to St. Joseph</b> First Wednesday of the month 9am Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991 <b>Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship</b> Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based) <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Every Friday from 6-7pm; every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent. <b>Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)</b> Thursday 12:00 - 12:30pm <b>Weekly Bible Sharing</b> Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:00pm <b>Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word</b> Every Sunday from 9:20am <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b> Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm <b>Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours</b> Monday to Friday 6:45am	<u><b>Wooden Partition Survey Result</b></u> We thank you for taking part in the survey regarding the wooden partitions at the entrance of the Church. Following are the results to the question, <i>Would you want to have the wooden partitions re-installed?:</i> <b>Yes (29.6%) No (66.8%) Undecided (3.6%)</b> Therefore the overwhelming majority has answered that the partitions are not to be re-installed and we respect this decision. We appreciate the various reasons for and against. We will consider them and work our way to make the entrance of the church a welcoming space. Thank you.			

## 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 4: March 15

<b>ECOLOGICAL SIN</b>	<b>GLUTTONY</b> Gluttony, often defined as over-eating and drinking, can be seen in our epidemic of waste. Around one-third of the world's food is lost or thrown away each year. Pope Francis reminds us that "whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor." (LS 50)
<b>ECOLOGICAL VIRTUE</b>	<b>TEMPERANCE</b> Laudato Si' invites us to "replace . . . wastefulness with a spirit of sharing." (LS 9) We all must consume resources to survive. We can do so with an understanding that we are not the only ones who require those resources, and that taking more than our fair share will inevitably leave us with nothing.
<b>HEALING ACTION</b>	<b>EAT AND DRINK SIMPLY</b> Look at ways that you can eat more simply, such as striving to eat a local, plant-based diet. What are ways that you can also reduce waste in your household or community? Can you go without canned or bottled beverages this week?

### Project Compassion

Please take the Project Compassion box and envelope and help in this great work of Caritas to the people in need.

### Farewell Fr Alex

As we bid farewell to Fr Alex, we wish you a blessed time in Auckland diocese and a fruitful ministry.  
**May God go with you.**

### **Cleaning: March 21, 2020 Group 3**

Fred & Lyn Twohig

### **Counters: March 22, 2020**

Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

### **Previous Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,333.90 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$971.90 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,445.50.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity*

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

## What Our Banner Colours Mean

This year as we celebrate Lent, our church is draped with the purple of the Season with the added colours of burnt orange and black patterned materials. The colours represent the devastating result of the massive fires that scorched so much of our country.

As we journey through Lent, we remember and pray for all those who have suffered as a result of the fires.

When the life giving rain falls, we see signs of new life - just as we see signs of new life within ourselves when we come to the living water, JESUS.  
- Sr Anne Surtees OSU

### Marian Pilgrimage Postponed

Marian Pilgrimage that was scheduled to take place in October this year has been **postponed to next year** due to the fact of restricted travel worldwide. Expression of interest is encouraged. Please await further instructions on this space regarding the costings and dates.

### Prayer Cards

At the back of the Church, there are prayer cards to take with you to pray during the weeks of Lent. Please feel to take one per family and use them as you journey through Lent.

### **Did you know...**

- There was an ancient enmity between the Jews and Samaritans that sprang from the split of Israel and Judah into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom while Jerusalem remained the capital in the south. The Samaritans built a 'break-away' Temple on Mount Gerizim.
- In speaking to a woman who is unknown to him, and a Samaritan woman at that, Jesus is contravening the acceptable social mores of his time. This causes shock in the disciples but indicates that the kingdom of God is open to all who recognise Jesus.
- The first scrutiny for those preparing for baptism or reception takes place today. A scrutiny is a rite in which people are encouraged to uncover 'all that is weak, defective and sinful in their hearts' so that God may heal it, and to recognise 'all that is upright, strong and good'.

**WELCOME!** To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of the Word of God be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.

### **Roster for weekend of March 21 - 22, 2020**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta Leonie Smith	Heather Buescher Darryl Smith Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Kath McGargill Oliver Ponado	Christine Shibly Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jooby Mani	Peta Baille Elfy Jooby	Mel Buenviaje Sammy Nobleza Emil Tabbada
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Debbie Cooke	Pauline Otieno Mel Buenviaje	Marieta Ives Debbie Cooke Thomas J John

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A**  
**14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. cf. Ps 24:15-16

**First Reading:**

Exodus 17:3-7

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?' The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 94:1-2,6-9

**R/** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:**

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jn 4:42,15

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord,** you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that may never thirst again. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**

John 4:5-42

*The water that I give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.' The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Communion Antiphon:**

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**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*