



# 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

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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



When a loving person can do good for others, or sees that others are happy, they themselves live happily and in this way give glory to God, for "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). Our Lord especially appreciates those who find joy in the happiness of others. If we fail to learn how to rejoice in the well-being of others, and focus primarily on our own needs, we condemn ourselves to a joyless existence, for, as Jesus said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). The family must always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them.

Pope Francis, Ch.110, Amoris Laetitia

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

NO PROPHECY  
IS ACCEPTED  
IN HIS OWN  
NATIVE  
PLACE



In last Sunday's text, Jesus told us what type of "anointed one" he would be. He would offer the 'acceptance of God' to all people, especially to those who were oppressed. Luke's signature parables – the Prodigal Son and the Lost Sheep – show the lengths to which God will go, to include all within his embrace.

The people of Nazareth welcome what Jesus can offer them. Unfortunately, they see his role as of service to themselves primarily and are profoundly offended at the prospect of salvation being offered to the Gentiles. Jesus' preaching does what Simeon had earlier predicted Jesus would do: lay bare the secret thoughts of many. Jesus in his goodness brings out the evil, the selfishness which is in the human heart, an evil that is capable of the murder of the innocent. As Jesus' ministry comes to its culmination that is what ultimately happens. In Jerusalem, Jesus will receive, at first, favourable acceptance. Then he will provoke the anger of the religious authorities and the plot to kill him will be successful.

'He came to his own domain and his people did not accept him.' These words from the Gospel of John could well be used of this scene from Luke. Yet the initial response to his preaching seemed so positive...or was it? Yes, they were astonished at his words, but had they got the point of what he was saying? Jesus was talking about the 'acceptance of God' but their acceptance of him was dependent on him fulfilling their will – not God's. And when they realised that God's acceptance included foreigners they were horrified. They acted unconsciously and viscerally. They could not accept his words.

But before I, or we, start feeling superior to *that* group of people, we must face the fact that we all feel inferior, have a chip on our shoulder, put others down to make ourselves feel better. Sin does that to us. Only 'acceptance by God' can heal us. When we know that, our hearts open and we are given the gift of loving as Jesus loved, freely, accepting all.

**Fr. Nick 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.*

**+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

**Daily Readings: starting 04 February 2019**

**Mon:** Heb 11:32-40                      Mk 5:1-20  
**Tues:** Heb 12:1-4                        Mk 5:21-33  
**Wed:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15                Mk 6:1-6  
**Thu:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24              Mk 6:7-13  
**Fri:** Heb 13:1-8                         Mk 6:14-29  
**Sat:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21              Mk 6:30-34  
**Sun:** Is 6:1-8  
1 Cor 15:1-11                              Lk 5:1-11

**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**



**Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick**

Maria McDonald, Kathy Golotta Kwerralya Quall, Virgie Gomugda Golfo, Tom Wyatt, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Recommencement of Ministries**

The following OLSH Parish ministries will recommence on the week beginning February 11, 2019.

- Wednesday Bible Sharing
- Sunday Children School
- Thursday midday Christian Meditation
- Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- Catholic Youth of Alice Springs
- Tuesday Prison Ministry

**AN INVITATION**

Calling All People of Faith. Your community needs YOU. What wonderful thought! My faith community needs me to share my gifts and my faith. With this in mind, you are invited to consider becoming a Reader, Commentator or Communion Minister in our weekend liturgies. The more volunteers we have the stronger are our rosters.

There will be training sessions so that you will feel comfortable and confident in offering your service. Sometimes people feel that they are too shy or nervous about being in the front of the community. This is understandable. However, practice builds confidence and your community appreciates your generous response.

Thank you for considering this invitation.

Please leave your name and contact details at the parish office. The training sessions will be held towards the end of February.

**Liturgical Notes**

'Places for the faithful should be arranged with appropriate care so that they are able to participate in the sacred celebrations, duly following them with their eyes and their attention. It is desirable that benches or seating usually should be provided for their use. However, the custom of reserving seats for private persons is to be reprobated' (General Instruction of the Roman Missal §311).

The faithful must be placed so that they can exercise their priestly roles during the celebration of the Mass – they assemble as the one holy people of God, to listen attentively to the Word proclaimed, they make intercession for the needs of the world, they present their gifts for the Eucharistic sacrifice and they all process to the Table of Eucharist to be consecrated as the people of God. The design of the space needs to ensure that they can exercise their right to participate in the liturgy.

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.' (communion antiphon).

**Planned Giving**

The planned giving envelopes are ready for collection. They are located by the main entrance of the Church. If you want to be part of the Parish Planned Giving Programme please see the Parish Priest or contact the Parish Office on 89521049 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 12:00nn.

**Happy New Year OLSH Parish \* Blessed 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year**

It's finally here! 50 years ago, this past Christmas Eve, Mass was celebrated in our then, new, parish sanctuary for the first time. As we spend 2019 rejoicing in our achievements, to include 90 years of celebrating Mass in Central Australia, we must also look ahead to our future here in our strong Catholic Community. This space will be used specifically this year to broadcast events, fundraising and milestones reached as we move to our 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration later in the spring. Peace and Joy to all – it's our Jubilee!

# Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.*

*Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Between Pentecost 2018 and Ash Wednesday 2019, everyone is invited to engage in prayerful listening and dialogue encounters where—together—we will develop a habit of dialogue and discernment as we work towards the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Have your say! Contact our Parish Office to find out how you can get involved or have your say online at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).



### THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Lent is a time for us to renew and deepen our Christian commitment as we journey ever more deeply into God. We will hear again Gospels that are very familiar to us, sometimes a little too familiar. As we begin the season of Lent, a suggestion that may assist us in our understanding of the message of each of the Gospels, is to participate in a Lenten discussion group.

This year we will be using the Lenten program from Brisbane called "Compassion". The Gospels for this year are from the Gospel of Luke, often called the 'Gospel of Compassion'. During this Lenten season we are also challenged to 'clothe ourselves with compassion' (Col.3:12).

If you would like to participate in a group, please contact the parish office. Times of groups will be organised closer to the beginning of Lent.

### Roster for weekend of February 9 - 10, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta Losana Hay	Greg Gilbert H Casseeram Anne Chivers
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Fred Twohig	Julie Permezel Mike Steller	Rita Steller Greg Gilbert John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Br Tony Caddy	Tony Hay Jeremy Jones	Sue Marshall Br James Hodge Mark Bensted
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Aileen Batimana Joel Tolentino	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Goury Nair

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Capernaum is a town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed miracles. It was the hometown of Peter.
- Elijah was one of the greatest prophets of Israel. He lived around 850 years before Jesus and was famed for resisting the idolatry of the time and for his preaching and wonder working. Elisha was his successor.
- Both Syria and Sidon were close neighbours of Israel but they worshipped pagan gods and were not part of the chosen people. Despite this, both Elijah and Elisha worked wonders in God's name among them. They reached out to the gentiles when they found people of faith there.

**Cleaning:** February 9, 2019 **Group 1**  
Sammy Nobleza, Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

**Counters:** February 10, 2019  
John & Margaret Healy

#### Last Week's Collections:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,400.65 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$849.45 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$879.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**



**Entrance Antiphon:**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you. Ps 105: 47

**First Reading:**

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’ The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 70:1-6,15,17

**R/** I will sing of your salvation.

**Second Reading:**

1Corinthians 13:4-13

*There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous, love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 4:21-30

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ ‘ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. ‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’ When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away. The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation :**  
( to continue February 2019)

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**  
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Sunday: March 10, 2019

**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*