



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



“We often hear that ours is “a society without fathers”. In Western culture, the father figure is said to be symbolically absent, missing or vanished. Manhood itself seems to be called into question. The result has been an understandable confusion. “At first, this was perceived as a liberation: liberation from the father as master, from the father as the representative of a law imposed from without, from the father as the arbiter of his children’s happiness and an obstacle to the emancipation and autonomy of young people. In some homes authoritarianism once reigned and, at times, even oppression”.¹⁹⁴ Yet, “as of-ten happens, one goes from one extreme to the other. In our day, the problem no longer seems to be the overbearing presence of the father so much as his absence, his not being there.

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.5/17



4th Sunday of Lent Year C
30th - 31st March 2019



Parish Priest:

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Assistant Parish Priests:

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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

HOLD ON & DO NOT PANIC

Jesus' story of the prodigal son this Sunday (Luke 15) is a wonderful illustration of how Jesus turns a spirituality upside down.

The younger son who has done it wrong and is humble about it is the one who is forgiven, transformed and rewarded. The older son who is proud of how he has done everything right-but also feel superior to his young brother, or feel he is now entitled –is not open to God's blessing.

It is like Jesus reversing everything. The older brother thought he came to His Father by doing it right, and lo and behold, surprise of surprises! His younger brother came to God by doing it wrong—but through humility and repentance, received his Father's embrace.

“I will return and go back to my Father”, Luke 15.

But I have to ask, “What prompted the younger son to go back?. What triggered?” Obviously it was basically hunger, loneliness and most importantly, life without the Father's embracing love that broke his heart. The younger son's situation has reached rock-bottom and now beyond his control and understanding.

But it was his opportunity to return, to say sorry, to begin again. He held on a little bit longer for the dawn of realization to come over him.

Life of pain and suffering could also be moments of faith or a place where faith could be rekindled. Remember Jesus when he called out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”. Jesus himself had to face the darkness and absurdity of life (Mathew 27:46). When in this dire situation, Jesus' human mind had no reason to believe that there is still a God, His Father, that God loved him. But at this moment, his faith was rekindled and fell into the hands of His living Abba Father—God. He held on a little bit longer to know this had to be.

“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing’. Take this cup of suffering from me. Yet not as I will, but as You will”. “Into your hands I commend my spirit”.

Do not despair when you fall down. Do not panic when you have sinned. Do not be afraid when you face the darkness. But hold on a little bit longer and before you know it, you will be falling into the hands of the God who loves you. Your moments of desolation could become agents of your own transformation.....such is this mystery!

Fr Raass 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.

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Daily Readings: starting 01 April 2019

Mon: Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54
Tues: Ezek 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-3,5-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-52
Sun: Is 43:16-21 Jn 8:1-11
 Phil 3:8-14

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Jenny Leahy, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Virgie Gomugda Golfo, Tom Wyatt, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, 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 (resume after Easter)

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

Neighbour Day 2019, Sunday 31st

Loneliness – what neighbours can do to create connections

- Loneliness is associated with poor physical health, poor socio-economic outcomes, social anxiety, and poor mental health.
- It increases the likelihood of mortality by 26% – similar to the effect of smoking 15 cigarettes a day.
- Loneliness is associated with an increased risk of coronary heart disease and stroke, high blood pressure and the onset of disability.
- People who are socially isolated, or do not have good quality social support, are at greater risk of dying earlier than those with good social connections.
- Teenagers who do not have close friendships and good social networks have lower levels of self-esteem, are poorly adjusted and at higher risk of suicide.

DO SOMETHING TODAY TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR
(From Relationship Australia)

CHRISM MASS & CLERGY CONFERENCE

There will be NO MASS celebrated in April from **5:30pm Monday 8 April - 7:00am Thursday 11 April**. All priests are expected in Darwin for the Chrism Mass and Clergy Conference. There will be the usual Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Holy Communion.

CUPPA FOR OUR 'GOLDEN JUBILEE' FUNDRAISING

To kickstart our fundraising efforts to cover costs of the upgrading of our Church, members of our Parish are invited to set up a Direct Deposit by donating the cost of a cuppa, or a glass of beer each week for this good cause. Be a part of this truly Golden Jubilee initiative!

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS:

Account Name: OLSH Golden Jubilee Fundraiser

BSB: 633.000

Account: 165749565

Reference: Your surname (if you wish)

Bank: Bendigo Bank

If you do not have internet at home but would like to join this Parish fundraiser, please complete the *Direct Debit Details* below, place in an envelope, mark it 'Golden Jubilee' and place in one of the Offertory Collections at Mass.



DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME: _____

BSB: _____

Account: _____

weekly/fortnightly/monthly (circle the period of your choice)

WELCOME!

To ALEXANDER ANDREW KENNETH ADAMS, son of Emma Rossi and Teigan Adams and OLIVE PATERSON, daughter of Matthew and Katelyn Paterson, who will be baptised on Sunday 31 March at the 9:30am Mass.

To new parishioners—please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. A cuppa after the 9:30am Mass is always a great way of meeting new faces and welcoming them to the community.

Catholic Funerals Coming Up

Michael L Dodd , R.I.P. (2nd April, 11:00am) & **Edward B Johnson**, R.I.P. (4th April, 10:00am).

Ecumenical Lenten Services in 2019

7pm on Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 3rd April | Uniting Church, Todd Mall

Wednesday 10th April | Lutheran Church, 49 Gap Rd

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross by St Francis | Friday, 5 April 6:15pm

Stations focusing on Renewable Energy | Friday, 12 April, 6:15pm

Stations with Refugees & Asylum Seekers | Friday, 7 April, 6:15pm

Olsh Parish Youth Group

Young people are invited to know Christ more deeply through our understanding of Jesus' values and how He cared for people in difficult situations. Youth group meets at 6:30pm every fortnight (2 weeks), the 1st & 3rd Friday. April 5th is our first get-together at the JPII Hall.

-Sr Patricia FMM

ST FRANCIS' RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CATECHESIS

Any baptised students studying in government and/or non-Catholic schools and are ready for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, please come on Tuesdays at St Francis Centre at Adamson Ave @ 3:30pm. For further details : Jenny Dietrich 8952 7910 or Fr Raass (08) 8952 1049.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Our Elect: **Joseph Shaw** will proceed through his **Period of Purification and Enlightenment** as follows:

- *Presentation of the Creed and 2nd Rite of Strengthening at 7.30am Mass 31/3/19*
- *3rd Rite of Strengthening : at 7.30am Mass 7/4/19 and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer*

In Preparation for his **Sacraments of Initiation, Easter Vigil 20/4/2019**

- Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM RCIA Directress

OLSH Parish would like to thank Fr Nick and Sue Bain for their great effort over the last 3 months in sorting, disposing and archiving two rooms full of all sorts of parish documents, accumulated over 50 plus years. Well done. May God Bless you both.
- Fr Raass

Cleaning: April 06, 2019 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: April 07, 2019
Darryl & Leonie Smith

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,644.00 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$977.50 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,696.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

A New Newsletter for our Children

This week we are introducing a newsletter for our children. Parents, you are invited to talk with the children during the week as they work through their newsletter. Enjoy. Pencils are provided for the children to begin their newsletter during Mass. We ask that you return the pencils to the holders at the end of Mass. Thank you.
- Sr Anne Surtees osu

LITURGY OF LAMENT

Since the Royal commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse was first called in 2013 much has been painfully revealed. Our Parish leadership team would like to provide an opportunity for you to respond to the statements contained in the single insert today. Take time to circle the emotion that most resonates with you. At the end of the mass today please place your responses in the boxes at the church door.

The Parish Leadership Team will gently hold your responses in prayer and hopes to conduct a **Ritual of Lament** on **Tuesday 16 April at 7:00pm** in the presbytery courtyard. Our plan is to help all of us name our feelings, anger, disillusionment, sadness etc in a faith filled context with the hope of an encounter with the transformative Spirit of God.

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end including individual Confession. It will fall on **Monday of Holy Week 15 April at 7:00pm** in the big church. It is always a moving experience to witness humility & forgiveness in

Did you know...

- The son going to 'a distant country' shows that he has turned his back not only on his father but also on his faith. He has left his true heritage behind. His repentance and return becomes all the more poignant.
- Accepting work with pigs shows just how low the son had sunk because pigs are unclean animals to the Jews and touching them rendered the son unclean as well.
- By asking for his inheritance, the son was as good as saying to his father, 'I wish you were dead.' This makes the father's forgiveness all the more astounding.

Roster for weekend of April 06 - 07, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta Leonie Smith	Rose Sabadin Marian Maddocks Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	Julie Permezal Mike Steller	Greg Gilbert John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Emil Tabbada Mel Buenviaje	Sue Marshall Mark Bensted Br James Hodge
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ocones	Pauline Otieno Jenny Dietrich	Mel Buenviaje Thomas J John Goury Nair

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4th Sunday of Lent Year C
30th - 31st March 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Isa 66:10-11

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord
Ps 33:2-7

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Second Reading:

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking his company to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them. So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me". So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. "When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. "While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Lk 15:32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: April 28, 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

TBA

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