



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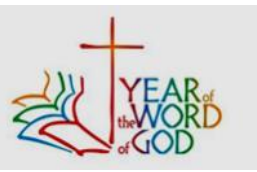
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Monday to Friday  
8:30 am - 12 noon  
Saturday and Sunday - Closed

## Parish Priest:

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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 Aboriginal Community Mass  
**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass**  
3rd Sunday of every month



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

Indeed, the Church is built upon the Word of God; she is born from and lives by that Word. Throughout its history, the People of God have always found strength in the Word of God, and today the ecclesial community itself grows by hearing, celebrating and studying that Word<sup>36</sup>.  
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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Year A  
21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## Lord I believe

The faith response of the blind man in today's Gospel invites us to reflect on our own faith response to Jesus. Looking around the world now, I feel it is the right time to make this faith response: *Lord I believe you, I believe you want something good for me out of this difficult and testing time, I believe you are with me, I believe you give me the strength to carry on, I believe!*

We are aware of the effects of the pandemic in our lives today. We are called to be safe and keep others safe. We are called to observe 'Social Distancing' and work from home. We are restricted in our movement and made, almost, homebound. It is a real challenge and can make us loose our mind. How can I practice my faith in this situation? How can I say, 'Lord I believe?'

I feel it is a real opportunity to *practice* my faith. A real opportunity, as many of the great minds have observed, to *strengthen* my family life. A wonderful opportunity to *slow down* in this busy, unstoppable and fast lane world. A time to *reflect* and *rejuvenate* my connection with God.

Shall I then begin to talk with my children about my own faith? Share with them, what does it mean to believe? As the Masses will be live-streamed over the internet and through the television network, shall I join in as a family and teach my family the value of the Sacrament? Shall I spend some more time in the living room and observe my children grow? Shall I spend a little bit more time with my elderly parents and listen to their wisdom? Shall I find some time to look after myself and catch up with that exercise regime I had been thinking about for the past, who knows, how many years! Shall I get in touch with my God, who is always with me and looks after me?

I feel, it is a wonderful, but testing, time for us to really mean what we believe and put it into practice. I join you all through my prayers. God bless.

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

## MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK


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## WEEKLY BULLETINS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

<http://www.olshparishalicesprings.rg.au>

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 +

<b>Daily Readings starting 23 March 2020</b>	<b>LENTEN SERVICES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Mon:</b> Is 65:17-21                      Jn 4:43-54 <b>Tues:</b> Ezek 47:1-9,12                      Jn 5:1-3,5-16 <b>Wed:</b> Is 7:10-14,8:10; Heb 10:4-10      Lk 1:26-38 <b>Thu:</b> Ex 32:7-14                              Jn 5:31-47 <b>Fri:</b> Wis 2:1,12-22                          Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30 <b>Sat:</b> Jer 11:18-20                          Jn 7:40-52 <b>Sun:</b> Ezek 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11                                      Jn 11:1-45  <b>+ Pray &amp; read your Bible every day +</b>	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
 <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>	Stations of the Cross	Catholic Church	Every Friday of Lent	After the 5:30pm Mass
<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.	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><u>Suspension of Weekend Masses and Important Notices</u></b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the directive received from Bishop Charles Gauci (please see included letter) from next week he weekend Masses will be suspended in OLSH Parish Alice springs, until further notice .</li> <li>Weekday masses will continue to be celebrated with appropriate precautions, provided numbers are very small.</li> <li>Church will be open during the day to visit the Blessed Sacrament and personal prayer, please maintain precautionary distance, wash hands, use sanitisers and wipe down the space you used or touched, e.g. the pew.</li> <li>Please contact the Parish Office if you want a visit by the priest with Holy Communion and prayer.</li> <li>Confessions will still be carried out on Saturdays at 11:30 am and 5:15 pm.</li> <li>Funerals, Baptisms, and weddings will be held with appropriate precautions .</li> <li>Further instructions are awaited regarding the Holy Week and ester celebrations.</li> </ul>			
<b><u>Devotional Practices:</u></b> <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	<b><u>Suspension of the Sacramental Programme</u></b>			
	In view of the increased number of confirmed cases in the Northern Territory, and after contact with anxious parents, I have reluctantly decided to suspend all sacramental preparation for the sacraments of initiation. That is first confession, first communion, and confirmation throughout the Darwin Diocese. We will resume these preparations as soon as possible following medical advice. <u>This applies immediately.</u>  Yours in Christ Bishop Charles Gauci			
	<b>Did you know...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Jesus' time, blindness and other illnesses were seen as punishment for sin.</li> <li>The Sabbath was a day for God, and no work could be done. The action of 'making a paste' was considered work, so the Pharisees accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath laws.</li> <li>The Pool of Siloam was famous from ancient times as it was a pool inside the city walls of Jerusalem that was linked by a tunnel, built by King Hezekiah, to the Gihon Spring outside the city. This meant that during times of siege, the city always had a water supply.</li> </ul>			

## 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 5: March 22

<b>ECOLOGICAL SIN</b>	<b>WRATH</b>
	It can be easy to judge or even dismiss others who do not share your same concern for Earth. Notice what thoughts or feelings arise when your efforts are dismissed or your perspective seems to be misunderstood.
<b>ECOLOGICAL VIRTUE</b>	<b>PATIENCE</b>
	However challenging, Laudato Si' calls us all to embark "on a path of dialogue which demands patience, self-discipline and generosity, always keeping in mind that 'realities are greater than ideas.'" (LS 201)
<b>HEALING ACTION</b>	<b>ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE</b>
	Engage in one difficult conversation around your concern for the Earth. This might be talking to your community about an energy audit or divesting from fossil fuels. Before the conversation, pray for the grace of patience and listening.

**FRIDAY PENANCE.** Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by:

- ◆ **PRAYER** - participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting a church, reading the scriptures, making the Way of the cross, praying the rosary;
- ◆ **SELF DENIAL** - abstaining from meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor;
- ◆ **HELPING OTHERS** - giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely and overburdened.

**Cleaning:** March 28, 2020 **Group 4**  
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford

**Counters:** March 29, 2020  
Jo & Emily Ros, Emil & Richelle Tabbada

**Previous Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,333.30 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$899.35 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$820.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity*

## Supporting the Parish in this time of need

Dear Parishioners, we are in a difficult time in the world, where the Churches are closed and masses are being cancelled. It is a difficult time for our families as well; there is uncertainty of employment and fear of global recession. But we will try our best to keep OLSH Parish Church open for you to come and visit the Blessed Sacrament and pray at this tough time. We will try our best to keep things normal and weekday masses going, as long as we can, keeping in mind the safety of all by providing hand sanitisers, hand wash, and wipes to keep you safe. But, as we are aware, they're in short supply and things are hard to get, bills need to be paid and priests need to eat! So may I request, if you wish to donate, then please do so by organising a direct debit to the following accounts which will help us to keep things moving:

**Presbytery account bank details (First Collection)**  
**Name of Account:** Catholic Church of the Diocese of Darwin  
**Property Trust** Alice Springs  
**BSB Number:** 065 900  
**Account Number:** 0080 0276

**Parish account bank details (Second collection)**  
**Name of Account:** Catholic Church of the Diocese of Darwin  
**Property Trust** Parish of Alice Springs  
**BSB Number:** 065 900  
**Account Number:** 0080 0268

**Planned giving envelopes or cash donations**  
 Please drop them in the wall safes at the church.  
 Locations: back wall (next to the main entrance) and side wall (next to the side doors). They will be emptied everyday.

**Thank you so much for your generosity.** Your cooperation is much appreciated. Let us work together to defeat this pandemic.  
 Fr Prakash Menezes

### 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.

### 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 28 - 29, 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm			
Sun 7:30am			
Sun 9:30am			
Sun 5:30pm			

**Sunday Masses next weekend and onwards are suspended indefinitely due to the COVID-19.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A**  
**21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. cf. Isa 66:10-11

**First Reading:**

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R/** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ps 22

**Second Reading:**

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Ps 19:8-11

**Gospel:**

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (Short form)

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg? Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' and there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir, the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgment that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

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

Jn 4:13-14

**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***