



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 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

Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



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. (167)

Pope Francis, Ch.167, Amoris Laetitia

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
9th - 10th February 2019

Night time was the time for fishing. If anyone else had said to Peter, 'Launch out into the deep and let down the net for a catch,' he would have said, 'Are you mad? Do you want me to make a fool of myself in front of all these other fishermen? If we didn't catch anything during the night, what chance have we of catching anything in broad daylight?'

But when Jesus said those words to Peter, Peter's spontaneous response was, 'Lord, we fished all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the net.'

For Peter, the word of Jesus was different from the word of anyone else. It carried an authority which no other word carried. Hence, if Jesus called for it, then no matter how hopeless the situation might seem, or how tired he was, or how foolish he might appear, he would try again.

Peter had absolute trust in Jesus. At his word, he was prepared to attempt the impossible. We see this again later in the Gospel when he attempted to walk on water at the word of Jesus.

How many people are there whose word we would take seriously? Whose word we would trust absolutely? Whose word we would completely rely on? The answer is, 'Very few.'

Fishing is a worthy calling. However, Jesus saw that Peter was capable of other things. He was the kind of man he wanted to have helping him with his work. What qualities did Jesus see in Peter that made him call him to share in his work? He had the first and most essential one: faith in Jesus. He also had humility.

The Gospel story is not so much a story about fishing, but about trust. Jesus was saying to Peter: 'How far are you prepared to trust me?' It was a turning point in the life of Peter. What started out in failure ended in a new beginning, starting out in a new direction.

Fishing was an important occupation. But Jesus was calling Peter and his companions to an even more important occupation. He was offering them not just a new work, but a cause to which to dedicate their lives. They understood that he was calling them to service of others: 'I will make you fishers of people.' Jesus called the apostles, not to service of himself, but to service of others.

The Lord still calls people, and the need is just as great today.

By our baptism, we too are called to follow Christ. But what does the following of Christ mean for the ordinary person? It means to be a Christian where you are and in your chosen profession. There are more ways than one of serving Christ and his Gospel. The call in the first instance is not to an apostolate but to discipleship.

Fr. Alex, 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 11 February 2019

Mon: Gen 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56
Tues: Gen 1:20 - 2:4 Mk 7:1-13
Wed: Gen 2:4-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23
Thu: Gen 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30
Fri: Gen 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37
Sat: Gen 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10
Sun: Jer 17:5-8
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

+ 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

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 Church 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

YOUR GIFTS ARE NEEDED

Calling All People of Faith

Your community needs YOU. What a 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.

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

Thank you for considering this invitation.

- Sr Anne Surtees

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th 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

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens* for Joseph Shaw is scheduled for the 7:30am Mass, 10 February. He has been journeying with RCIA since November 2018 and will continue with Sr.Helen and his Sponsor in his preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.

All parishioners are invited to support our OLSH community's new member by your prayers and faith witness.

- Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM OLSH RCIA director.

Happy New Year OLSH Parish Blessed 50th 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 50th Jubilee celebration later in the spring. Peace and Joy to all – it's our Jubilee!

Are you interested in learning about a more contemplative style of prayer?

Christian Meditation is conducted in the OLSH Presbytery chapel every Thursday from 12:00 to 12.30pm. and everyone is welcome. Just come as you are.

Christian Meditation is a form of contemplative prayer. In our Christian tradition, contemplative prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart – our whole being – to God, the Ultimate Mystery. We don't 'say' a lot of things or even 'think' a lot, we simply try to be present and be aware of God's loving indwelling presence. It is a tradition grounded in Biblical wisdom – "Be still and know that I am God", the early Christian desert mothers and fathers, and the spiritual classic "The Cloud of Unknowing" (author unknown). The silent word of God meets the silence of you and becomes life giving. As a mother holds her child in a silent embrace of love, so our God wants to hold us. Or as St. Paul would say, "I live in God and God lives in me".
- Fr. Nick

The **Associates of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart** will be holding their first meeting for 2019 on Saturday 23 February at 2:00pm at the OLSH Convent, 17 Grevillea Drive. We will gather for the 11am Mass that morning.

Anyone interested in finding out who we are is very welcomed to join us.
- Sr. Kathleen Leahy

The **Parish Social Justice Awareness Group** will be holding its first meeting for 2019 on Sunday 24 February 3-4:30pm to plan its activities for 2019.

We welcome anyone who would like to come along to assist in planning for 2019 and joining us for an interesting 2019.
- Sr. Kathleen Leahy

Did you know?

- The lake of Gennesaret is simply another name for the Sea of Galilee. It is also sometimes known as the Sea of Tiberias.
- This episode probably took place on the north-west corner of the lake near the village of Capernaum, where Simon Peter lived.
- The huge haul of fish is symbolic of the overabundance of good that is promised to those who believe in and follow Jesus. It is also a symbol of the abundance of the messianic banquet that Jesus brings.

Cleaning: February 16, 2019 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: February 17, 2019
Mel & Tnna Buenviaje

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,727.25 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$1,067.70 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,490.20

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

Exploring the Word

This text tells Luke's story of the call of Simon to become a disciple of Jesus. Jesus already knew Simon; he had cured his mother-in-law after 'they interceded with him about her' (Luke 4:38). Jesus had already spent time in Capernaum, Simon's home town, and had performed miracles and cures. The large crowd who had witnessed these things now pressed on Jesus and he made use of the 'pulpit' of the boat. When asked to 'put into the deep', Simon, despite his misgivings, complies. The sheer wonder of the unprecedented catch of fish hints that somehow the action of God is to be traced in this extraordinary event. Simon—now with his Christian name, Peter, added to his Hebrew name—confesses his unworthiness and addresses Jesus as 'Lord'. It is only then, in the face of Peter's faith, that Jesus reveals the vocation and the mission of the disciple, and Peter, James and John immediately accept that mission wholeheartedly. They leave everything and follow him.

- Spend some time imagining what 'putting out into the deep' may have meant for Peter and his companions.
- What does it mean for Christians today to confess Jesus as 'Lord'?
- What does it mean to you to 'leave everything and follow him'?



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.

Roster for weekend of February 16 - 17, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sue Bain Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Cindy Decosta
Sun 7:30am	Kath McGargill	Pushpa Vida Jo Molin	Mike Steller Kath McGargill John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Emil Tabbada Mary McPhee	Richelle Tabbada Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Joel Tolentino	Lennie Sumang Tinna Buenviaje	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives



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Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Ps 94:6-7

First Reading:

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged'. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me'.

Isaiah 6:1-8

The word of the Lord

Ps 137:1-5,7-8

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading:

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1 Cor 15: 3-8. 11 (*Shorter Form*)

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord

Mt 4:19

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.- He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty souls, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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