



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 Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed



“This larger family should provide love and support to teenage mothers, children with-out parents, single mothers left to raise children, persons with disabilities needing particular affection and closeness, young people struggling with addiction, the unmarried, separated or widowed who are alone, and the elderly and infirm who lack the support of their children. It should also embrace “even those who have made ship-wreck of their lives”. This wider family can help make up for the shortcomings of parents, detect and report possible situations in which children suffer violence and even abuse, and provide wholesome love and family stability in cases when parents prove incapable of this.

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Chap.5/197



5th Sunday of Lent Year C
6th - 7th April 2019



REMEMBER NOT THE EVENTS OF THE PAST

“Remember not the events of the past,” Isaiah 43:17. This is a strange admonition for a penitential season, and yet it is the theme of all three readings.

The first reading from Isaiah goes on to say, “the things of long ago consider not” or “no need to recall the past” - “see I am doing something new!”. God asks us to have confidence in him, to give him the chance to do something new for us. In other words, there is no need for any morbid dwelling on our past sins. It is paralyzing and obstructionist to God’s empowering grace.

St Paul certainly did not dwell on his personal guilt over his previous persecution of Christians. What St Paul did was: 1) He acknowledged his past sins “Not that I have become perfect yet”, (Phil 3:8-14), 2) He made amends by saying yes to God to minister to the Gentiles, 3) He moved on, “I am still running”. Any runner who has lost confidence in himself because of past defeats is not worth the price of his or her shoes. But a runner, or a sinner, who has learnt from past mistakes, who has trained to strengthen weakness, can be a real winner. St Paul says, “All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come..”, Phil 3:14. His confidence is sure because it not based on his own ability but on the faith that he has been “grasped by Christ.” It is God who call all of us to never give up the good fight. Keep running the race to the finish line.

The Gospel tells us about the woman caught in adultery (red handed!) not the woman who had been an adulteress. And the Pharisees area about to stone her to death according to Law. But Jesus shifted their minds away from remembering her past offences; he was calling attention to the very sin they were at that moment involved in: judging the woman and judging him. “let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her”, (John 8:1-11). All drifted away one by one. Violence and revenge are met with gentleness, forgiveness and compassion. Jesus is only compassion. He did not ask the lady to remember her sins or speak of her past; instead he teaches her that she is not alone in her weakness, and that no one has the right to condemn her. No lecture, no penance, just pure forgiveness and the gentle invitation “don’t sin anymore”.

When you fall, rise up! When you fall twice, rise up twice. Strain ahead and accept God’s forgiveness and love along the way. You’ll get there.

Fr Raass SVD

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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

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 08 April 2019

Mon: Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Jn 8:1-11
Tues: Num 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28 Jn 8:31-42
Thu: Gen 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ezek 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Is 50:4-7 Lk 22:14-23:56
Phil 2:6-11

+ 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

POST-ROYAL COMMISSION PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Leadership team thanks the 51 respondents who took part in the mini-survey last week– how we were travelling with the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sex Abuse, the recent sentencing of Cardinal George Pell, the survivors of Child Sexual Abuse & often against an unresponsive or even obstructionist Catholic Church. Far too many clergy, religious and lay people within the Church in Australia have failed in their duty to protect the most vulnerable in our faith communities. We have all been affected by the heinous crimes committed. As the Church begins to commit herself to doing what is best for children & vulnerable adults, how about we all come together for a Liturgy of Lament on Holy Tuesday at 7:00pm and share our deepest feelings in a safe prayerful space.

-The Parish Leadership Team

LESSONS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL (JOHN 8:1-11)

- ⇒ Avoid dwelling on the sins of the past.
- ⇒ Offer hope and healing to those who rely on our kindness and compassion.
- ⇒ Nothing outweighs the supreme advantage of knowing Christ.
- ⇒ We don't achieve conversion by throwing stones but by loving and acceptance.
- ⇒ God is doing something new—OPEN YOUR EYES!

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)

PALM SUNDAY

As we listen to the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem, we hear that the crowds grabbed any branches that were at hand to wave in welcome. If we were to welcome Jesus into Alice Springs next Sunday we might grab branches from gum trees.

So if you are looking to bring branches to be blessed next Sunday, what trees are in your garden? Bring them. *- Sr Anne Surtees osu*

CHRISM MASS & CLERGY CONFERENCE

There will be NO MASS celebrated this week from Monday **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

PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

14 April

Masses – Vigil Saturday 6:00pm.
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm.

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION

15 April

7:00pm – 8:00pm

LITURGY OF LAMENT/ POST-ROYAL COMMISSION

16 April

7:00pm – 8:30pm, Courtyard

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY

18 April

The Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet -
7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

19 April

Two Stations of the Cross -10:00am, main Church & Todd
River

Veneration of the Cross - 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

20 April

Liturgy of the Word, Initiation Ceremonies & Liturgy of the
Eucharist (The Easter Vigil) - 7:30pm

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

21 April

Masses -7:30am, 9:30am (Combined Mass) & 5:30pm

EASTER MONDAY/Octave of Easter

22 April



Our Sunflower seeds are flourishing in the garden. They are a good reminder Lent is a time for growth. Growth in our relationship with God. All our fasting and prayer is to help us nurture the parts of our lives that need to be healed.

So as we are nearing the end of Lent let us recommit ourselves to grow more confidently in God's love.



Remember the Children's newsletter is available at the entrance to the church. Take it home with you.

Cleaning: April 13, 2019 Group 3

Fred & Lyn Twohig

Counters: April 14, 2019

Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:

1st Collection: \$1,611.7 (for the presbytery)

2nd Collection: \$1,144.30 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$942.00

Total planned giving donations and first collection made direct to Parish bank account for December, 2018 quarter: \$9,890.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

Try this Grace Before and After Meals

"O God, bless our food and drink, you who so dearly bought us and saved us from sin. And since you give us our share now, may you give us our share in your glory hereafter through Christ our Lord, Amen".

"We give you thanks, holy Lord, our Father, for your loving gifts of food and drink. Grant that one day we may sit at the table of your heavenly kingdom and there sing a hymn of praise to you for ever. Amen."

—The Glenstal Book of Prayer

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

Fr Raass is conducting some hands-on workshops for new altar servers every Thursdays from 3:15pm—3:45pm. Boys and Girls who have received Holy Communion are welcome to attend. Next session coming up on Thursday 11 April in the main Church.

SYRO-MALBAR COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Fr Francis, Vicar General, Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne, will arrive on Holy Thursday for the Syro-Malabar Holy Week Pastoral/Liturgical activities.

Palm Sunday (14 April): Palms & Qurbana—4:00pm @ Bath Street Hall

Holy Monday (15 April): Qurbana—6:00pm, main Church

Holy Tuesday—Wed (16-17 April) - Qurbana-6:00pm—main Church

Holy Thursday (18 April)-Washing of the Feet & Qurbana – 4:30pm, main Church

Good Friday (19 April) - Reading of the Passion, Communion Service & Stations of the Cross—11:15am, main Church.

EASTER SUNDAY Service & Qurbana (21 April), Bath St

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 action.

The **EUCCHARIST**... is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47

Roster for weekend of April 13 - 14, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Anne Surtees Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Cindy Decosta
Sun 7:30am	Kath McGargill	Jeremy Jones Jo Molin	Kath McGargill John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig
Sun 9:30am	Br James Hodge	Precy Taylor Richelle Tabbada	Emil Tabbada Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Joel Tolentino	Lennie Sumang Jenny Dietrich	Mel Buenviaje Thomas J John Marieta Ives

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6th - 7th April 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my case against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 125

R/ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for is the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel:

John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her'. Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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

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