



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
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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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

Year of the Word of God



In intimacy with God and in listening to his Word, little by little we put aside our own way of thinking, which is often dictated by our lack of openness, by our prejudice and by our ambitions, and we learn instead to ask the Lord: what is your desire? What is your will? What pleases you? (Pope Francis, General Audience 7 May 2014)

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
8th-9th February 2020

You are the salt of the earth... light of the world

Each one of us know the importance of the salt and the light in our life. Food does not taste as good, without the proper amount of salt and our life would be filled with darkness, if we do not have the light. So I don't think I need to remind each of us the part, salt and light, play in our life. However, Jesus today calls us that. We, each one of us, are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. What does it mean?

Let us take a scenario: I am called to represent my company in a gathering of business officials. Each one is trying his/her best to talk about how wonderful their company is in creating a difference in the business world. If I have to excel in this meeting, then I need to talk about the unique flavour my company provides for the business world and how it contributes to the well being of our customers. If my company does not do this, then it is of no use running a business because my company's contribution is no different than what others are doing!

Same way if I have to live as per my baptismal call, I need to bring flavour in people's lives and lighten each other's day. If I shy away from being the salt and the light to people around me, then I fail in my baptismal call.

What does it mean by being the salt of the earth and light of the world? It all starts from how my relationships are with my family. Am I a warm person or I am too busy to spend time with my loved ones? How is my communication in my work place? Is my presence appreciated by others or I am a difficult person? How appreciative am I of the other people in my family, workplace and community? Do I take time to thank people for what they are to me? Let us ponder over these this week and see how am I making a difference in the world around me?

In the mean time, let us also be aware that it is only a bit of salt which enhances the taste, anything more spoils the entire dish! Same with the light, moderate and enough light is pleasant, anything more is blinding! Let our presence be just enough to bring joy in the lives of people around us and let us make the difference, as I always say, little bit at a time.

Fr Prakash Menezes 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 10 February 2020**

Mon: 1 Kg 8:1-7,9-13 Mk 6:53-56
Tues: 1 Kg 8:22-23,27-30 Mk 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kg 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23
Thu: 1 Kg 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kg 11:29-32,12:19 Mk 7:31-37
Sat: 1 Kg 12:26-32,13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10
Sun: Sirach 15:15-20
 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



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

Oliver Surtess, Ailyn Talavera, Harry Buckley, Ethel Jean Candaroma, Leonie Palmer, Mike & Judy Bowden, Jim Brown, Nod Rioux, Kersley Dabeesing, May Shah, Jenny Leahy, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, 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

May the Lord grant them healing

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30am & 5:15pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. Formation of parents falls on the 1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm -8:00pm

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

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

Installation of New Parish Priest



The installation of Fr Prakash Brayan Menezes as the new Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will be held on Sunday, 16 February at the 9:30am Mass. It will be presided by Bishop Charles.

A small get-together will be held at the JPII Hall right after the Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate to share.

All are welcome!

A warm welcome to Bishop Charles Gauci who will arrive to Alice on Wednesday afternoon and will stay with us until Monday, 17 February. WELCOME, Bishop Charles!

Lenten Discussion Groups

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday 26th February. Would you like to participate in a Lenten discussion group? Being part of this discussion process helps us to deepen our understanding of the gospels for each Sunday.

The title of this year's Lenten program is 'Be Opened, A journey to new life'. If you would like to be part of a group please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

Thank you—Sr Anne Surtees osu

Hospital Church Service

Rev Jenni Weekes, the hospital chaplain of Central Australia has introduced the **Church in the Hospital** for patients, families and staff. She is putting up a **Chaplaincy Ministry** in the hospital for people who would have the gift of visiting and pastorally caring for the sick. Her dream is to have all patients visited and is keen to train a team who can assist in this ministry.

She has put down the Catholic Church to lead the Ministry on **Wednesday 18th March**. The service goes from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. It often doesn't go that long and depends on who is leading. Jenni will be at the first service to assist.

If you believe you have this gift, please contact Jenni on 8951 7742 or the hospital switchboard on 8951 7777 (pager 121).

David Reilly is one of the great supporters to the hospital, for which Jenni is very thankful. She hopes to recruit more people to the Ministry.

Clergy Movement

Fr Prakash and Fr Oli will be away this week (Monday 10 – Saturday 15 February 2020) in Sydney for a Workshop for the Leaders of Parishes and Communities administered by the Divine Word Missionaries. It will be a time for them to learn the current situation of the Australian Province of the Divine Word Missionaries and plan the next three years. Please pray for us.

WELCOME!

To JACK THOMAS WALSH, son of David and Kate Walsh, who will be baptised on Sunday 9 February after the 9:30am Mass.

To new parishioners. Please do not be shy to introduce yourself to the priests. May this Year of Youth be a fruitful one and may you be filled with God's blessings.



**OLSH PARISH
SPIRITUAL MARIAN
PILGRIMAGE**

In thanksgiving to God for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, OLSH Church is planning a traditional 18-Day Marian Pilgrimage, covering five countries in Europe departing on 4 October 2020.

The proposed Base Program is as follows:

- 4 nights - Medjugorje (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- 1 night - Dubrovnik (Croatia)
- 1 night - Lisbon (Portugal)
- 3 nights - Fatima (Portugal)
- 2 nights - Avila (Spain)
- 2 nights - Garabandal (Spain)
- 3 nights - Lourdes (France)
- 2 nights - Paris (France)

Indicative Costing: Based on 15-19 paying = **AUD\$10,250.00** per person / twin share.

Harvest Pilgrimages require a deposit of \$1,000.00 payable at the beginning of March. Remaining balance to be paid by August 2020.

Please see the parish office or Manfred Casseeram if you are thinking of joining this pilgrimage. Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of the church

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes for 2020-2021 are available for collection at the back of the church.



**Welcome to
Br Peter Shouzheng Wang**

Br Peter hails from China and has been studying for a year in Melbourne. The missionaries of the Divine Word has sent him to Central Australia for his pastoral year as part of his overseas training program (OTP).

He will spend half of his time in Santa Teresa Parish and the other half in the OLSH Parish.

Cleaning: February 15, 2020 **Group 5**
Sammy Nobleza, Oliver & Dorothy Ponado

Counters: February 16, 2020
Mel & Tinna Buenviaje

Previous Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,421.45 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$719.20 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$646.50
Special Collection: \$1,130.75 Bushfire appeal

*Thank you for your time and
kind generosity*

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

Notice for African Community

The African Community will have a short meeting in JP11 Hall this Sunday after the 9:30am Mass.

Bulletin / Newsletter Notice



Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your Parish priest, school principal or agency leader today about the details.

Expressions of Interest due by **12pm Monday 10 February 2020.**

Did you know...

- In the ancient world, salt was absolutely essential. It was used not simply to season food or to add to its taste, but as a preservative, enabling food to be stored and kept.
- At the time of Jesus, the main source of oil for lamps was the olive. A saucer-shaped lamp held the oil, and a wick, made of flax or a similar material, burned from a small opening on the rim. Such lamps were often placed in a niche in the walls of rooms.
- Lamp oil was a precious commodity. Once lit, a lamp was often placed high to give maximum illumination.
- Ancient cities were often built on hilltops so that they were easily defended against invaders and were visible for many miles around.

The **HOMILY** is part of the liturgy... It should develop some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day, and take into account the mystery being celebrated or the needs proper to the listeners. *GIRM 65*

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

Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47



Friendly Reminder: Please observe the disabled parking bays around OLSH Church and refrain from using these if you do not carry a badge or permit.

- Fr Prakash

Roster for weekend of February 15-16, 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Alf Goody	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Fred Twohig	M McNaught Julie Permezel	John Lillecrapp Christine Shibly Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Kevin Hickmott	Jeremy Jones Arrennte Elder	Emil Tabbada Oria Chiwariro M Lillecrapp
Sun 5:30pm	Myke Ociones	Losana Hay Charles Gamon	Myke Ociones Sammy Nobleza Cindy Decosta

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
8th- 9th February 2020

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 94:6-7

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

First Reading:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn .

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor; clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 111:4-9

R/ A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading:

Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God .

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

cf. Ps 106:8-9

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

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :

TBA

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: February 09, 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*