



# 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

## Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

## Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

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## Parish Treasurer

Mr Kevin Hickmott

## OLSH College Principal

Br Tony Caddy FMS

## St. Joseph's Flexible Centre

Mrs Sitinder Bahia

## Sunday School Catechists

Holroyd-Decosta, Knight

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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



A pregnant woman can participate in God's plan by dreaming of her child. "For nine months every mother and father dreams about their child... You can't have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies".<sup>185</sup> For Christian married couples, baptism necessarily appears as a part of that dream. With their prayers, parents prepare for baptism, entrusting their baby to Jesus even before he or she is born.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### A LIFESTYLE OF BEATITUDES

St Francis of Assisi once remarked that there is no reason to be religious or to "serve" God except "*to love greatly the One who has loved us greatly,*" (Bonaventure, The Major Legend of Saint Francis, chapter 9. See Francis of Assisi). It should not surprise us that religion is not about heroic will power or winning or being right all the time or simply professing a set of belief system (while our hearts are from God and each other)! It could easily become a counterfeit for holiness as expressed in much of our Christian history. True growth in holiness is a growth in willingness to love and be loved and a surrendering of wilfulness, even holy wilfulness (which is still "all about me").

What we are on about is to adopt a lifestyle in the true spirit of the Beatitudes. (Matthew 5 & Luke 6) Please read them and see how we exemplify each one. The eight Beatitudes of Jesus seems like disorder in our first attempt because it calls for a very different level of consciousness. Example, "Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh".

With the Beatitudes, there is no social or ego payoff. There is no competition to be "right" or better than others. Words such as code, commandment, obligation, right, duty, norm, principle are not found. The scrupulous observance of the law hits a big rock in the Beatitudes. It almost strips away any personal containment. With the Beatitudes the spiritual journey is stripped to its core and offers what we all long for –pure joy, But through poverty, hunger, grief and persecution for His sakes. These are the inner conditions to enter into the world of pure grace. It is demanding and yes only the heroic people can get inside.

Remember the story of the rich young man who followed the Ten Commandments, which is foundational to the first half of life, "I have kept all these from my youth," the rich young man says, before he then refuses to go further (Mark 10:22). Jesus also reminds us, "If your uprightness does not surpass that of the Pharisees, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mathew 5).

Many mystics and saints simply live the Beatitudes: they just live it on their path of love. These saints cannot be written off as mere soft and sweet figures. Their actual life and practice show how they did anything and everything solely for God. For them it is certainly the most purifying plan for happiness we can imagine. Living the Beatitudes.

It is not enough for us Catholics if all turn the gospel into law or into ethics if, at the same time we do not make it a mysticism, in the sense of a spirituality of our deeper and intimate union with Christ.

Each of us is capable.

All the best for 2019.

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.*

**+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +**

**Daily Readings: starting 18 Febraury 2019**

**Mon:** Gen 4:1-15,25                      Mk 8:11-13  
**Tues:** Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-15,10              Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed:** Gen 8:6-13,20-22                  Mk 8:22-26  
**Thu:** Gen 9:1-13                              Mk 8:27-33  
**Fri:** 1 Pet 5:1-4                                Mt 16:13-19  
**Sat:** Heb 11:1-7                                Mk 9:2-13  
**Sun:** 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
1 Cor 15:45-49                                Lk 6:27-38

**+ 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Dear OLSH Parishioners,

I hope it is not too late to wish you a Blessed 2019! I know...I arrived back this week from my home leave and had a wonderful time with my family in Fiji. I thank Fr Alex for holding the fort during my absence. May I also welcome all new parishioners and guests to the parish. Feel free to make yourselves known and help us build God's Church in Central Australia. In this Jubilee Year & 90 Years of Catholic Presence, I am requesting all of you to please participate in all or some activities in 2019. Stay safe & positive.

May Jesus Christ be praised in all we do and say.

*Fr Raass, PP.*

**2019 World Day of Prayer 8th March**

The Catholic Church will be hosting this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday evening 8th March at 7:00pm. Please join us in support of this wonderful event as the world prays for the people of Slovenia. If you have ties to Slovenia or any of the surrounding Balkan countries, or know of someone that does, we would like to invite you/them to participate in the service and bring a personal touch to this event. Even without a connection to the country, your help and support is always welcome and appreciated. Please contact Rita Steller to discuss further detail. 0439508180.

**WE NEED YOU**

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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".

If you would like to participate in a group, please contact the parish office. We desire more interactions in 2019. RISE UP!

**Blessed 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year & 90 Years of Catholic Presence**

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.

For your information, the external & internal Ramps will begin before the end of this month. The rejuvenation of the Pews are proceeding well and the Arrente painting of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart project is gradually taking shape. Watch this space!

**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.

**The Presbytery Receipts & Payments for the Year Ended 30 June 2018** is posted on the Notice Board at the back of the Church.

*Mr Kevin Hickmott & Finance/Works Team*

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

**FR ADRIAN MEANEY, R.I.P.**



Two weeks ago we received the sad news of the passing away of Fr Adrian Meaney, MSC, on Wednesday 6th Feb 2019 at the Prince of Wales Hospital. He died at the age of 85 and was buried in Randwick, NSW, on Friday 15th Feb. Fr Nick de Groot SVD and parishioner Mr Anthony Hay represented OLSH Parish.

Fr Meaney spent many years in Papua New Guinea, Darwin and here at OLSH Parish. He was OLSH Parish Priest from 1972-early 1981 and responsible for the setting up of the Sadaddeen Campus, OLSH College, and invited the Marist Brothers and the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to OLSH Parish. Indeed, he baptised and celebrated thousands of sacraments at OLSH Parish and loved the people of Central Australia.

OLSH Parish will celebrate and honour his priestly missionary life next Saturday 23rd February at the 11:00am Memorial Mass in the big Church. It is only right and proper that we come & pray for the repose of his soul. May Fr Adrian Meaney rest in peace.

**Cleaning:** February 23, 2019 **Group 3**

Frre & Lyn Twohig

**Counters:** February 24, 2019

Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

**Last Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,354.95 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$752.40 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,161.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

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

**Exploring the Word**

Luke takes care to alert us to who is present at this gathering. There are the newly formed twelve special friends of Jesus as well as many other disciples and both Jews and foreigners who come out of curiosity. The words of Jesus are meant for all but are especially addressed to his disciples. Luke does not speak of 'the poor in spirit' or 'those who hunger and thirst for justice' as Matthew does. Luke is much more interested in the lived experience of those who are literally poor, hungry and suffering. They were the ones who were persecuted under the status quo of their day, and it was they who had an openness to the new order announced by Jesus' preaching of the kingdom. The powerful, who directed the established order of the day, could not bear such a challenge to their own position and thus they will 'drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal' for preaching the new order of God's kingdom. Such is the challenge to those who are disciples.

- How do you feel about the fact that Jesus' words challenge many of the things we think we need to be happy and blessed?
- Reflect on what makes you truly happy. What does it mean to you to 'leave everything and follow him'?



**PARISH MINI-ASSEMBLY SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND 2019**

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**AIM:** To reflect on the Plenary Council 2020 question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia this time?" and submit a communal response to the Council before Ash Wednesday.

**DATE:** Saturday, March 2nd 2019

**VENUE:** TBA next week.

**TIME:** 9:00AM—Midday, Lunch provided.

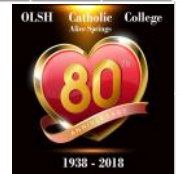
Parishioners who have not submitted their responses, please do so ASAP otherwise feel free to attend this mini-Parish Assembly. Be part of the Church you dream for!

**Roster for weekend of February 23 - 24, 2019**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Sr Anne Surtees Leonie Smith	Thelma Bowen Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	M McNaught Ruth Sexton	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jooby Mani	Pane Komene Elfy Jooby	Mel Buenviaje Sammy Nobleza Emil Tabbada
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Myke Ociones	Pauline Otieno Jenny Dietrich	Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje Debbie Cooke



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**



**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First Reading:**

Jer 17:5-8

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.' The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 1:1-4

R/ Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Second Reading:**

1 Cor 15: 12,16-20

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Lk 6:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Luke 6:17,20-26

*Happy are the poor, Woe to the rich*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.' The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and had they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**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*