



# 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 Prakash Brayan Menezes SVD

## Assistant Parish Priest:

Fr Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

## Arrernte Catholic Chaplain

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

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## Parish Council Chairman

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## Liturgy Coordinator

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## Sacristan

Ms Sue Bain

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TBA

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## OLSH College Principal

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## Sunday School Catechists

Knight Family

## Hospitality Coordinator

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## Parish Safeguarding Officers:

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## Smart-Loving Ministry (Pre-Nup)

Mr & Mrs Emil Tabadda

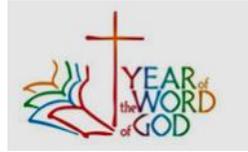
## Parish Mass Schedule

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



God, who spoke in the past, continues to converse with the spouse of his beloved Son. And the Holy Spirit, through whom the living voice of the Gospel rings out in the Church – and through it in the world - leads believers to the full truth and makes the word of Christ dwell in them in all its richness.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## You have learnt how it was said but I say this to you...

The Gospel reading today has some of the important wisdom teachings of Jesus. They talk of what was said and what his interpretation is. He talks of six important teachings, four of them we hear in today's Gospel. As we know, following the law is important, but blind following isn't going to help anyone. That is the challenge Jesus has for the Pharisees and the scribes, who followed the letter of the law perfectly. But that's all they did. They did not understand the spirit of the law. Jesus is concerned about the Spirit of the Law and not just following it just because it is there.

The scribes and Pharisees were also concerned about the acts which would offend God and would make them fall away from the state of grace. Therefore they went to the extent of interpreting the minute details of the law and breaking which would make them sinners. They did not even hesitate to brand people sinners if they did not follow these minute details; and, in the process, excluded many people from becoming part of the society. They were treated as outcasts and were not invited for the table fellowship. The scribes and Pharisees became an elite class unto themselves, segregated from the common people. Jesus comes into the picture and challenges this world view. The letter of the Law goes along the Spirit of the Law and the Spirit of the Law is mercy.

As the followers of Christ, we too need to obey the Law and our obedience is for the Spirit of the Law. I am called to include everyone and take everyone with me to heaven and not walk alone in the reign of God. As I am installed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Sacred Herat Parish today, I would like to follow this teaching of Jesus and go back to my Ordination Motto: To be with him and to be sent out (Mk 3:14). To be with Jesus, to continue to learn from Him, to listen to God's people and sent out to do God's will. Please pray for me as I officially take up this responsibility and I assure to walk with you.

May God bless us all.

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD  
Parish Priest OLSH Parish

In considering the Church as *'the home of the word'*, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.  
*Verbum Domini (2010) 52*

*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 17 February 2020**

**Mon:** James 1:1-11                      Mk 8:11-13  
**Tues:** James 1:12-18                    Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed:** James 1:19-27                    Mk 8:22-26  
**Thu:** James 2:1-9                        Mk 8:27-33  
**Fri:** James 2:14-24,26                Mk 8:34-9:1  
**Sat:** 1 Pt 5:1-4                            Mt 16:13-19  
**Sun:** Lev 19:1-2,17-18  
           1 Cor 3:16-23                        Mt 5:38-48

**+ 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 this 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 arrived to Alice last Wednesday afternoon and will stay with us until Monday, 17 February.

**Lenten Discussion Groups**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**Lenten Resource 2020**

As we prepare for Lent, I invite you to bring Laudato Si' into the season by using a Lenten calendar for creation. This free resource is a week-by-week guide to reflection on our role in God's creation. It helps us repent of our *ecological sin*, cultivate *ecological virtue*, and take *healing actions*.

As fires rage, seas rise, and people suffer, the need for healing is strong. But as St. John Vianney tells us, "You do not need to wallow in guilt. Wallow in the mercy of God." This Lenten season, you're invited to turn toward God's mercy.

This free resource offers week-by-week contemplations and actions that bring care for creation into your Lenten practice—you're warmly welcomed to download and use it now.

**Hospital Church Service**

The **Church in the Hospital** for patients, families and staff set up by Rev Jenni Weekes has put up a **Chaplaincy Ministry** in the hospital for people who would have the gift of visiting and pastorally caring for the sick.

The Uniting Church will lead the Service this **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** from 1:30-2:30pm.

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

There is also a service on Thursday afternoon, at the hospital chapel at 3:00pm for the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations. A poster will be available soon. All are welcome!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 - ZIMBABWE**

A World day of Prayer will be held at the Anglican Church on 06 March 2020 at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

**WELCOME!**

To KAIHAUTU DUNNAGE son of Christopher Dunnage and Simone Stafford who was baptised Saturday 15/02/2020.

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.

**NOTICE REGARDING CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS IN THE DARWIN DIOCESE TO AVOID PERSON TO PERSON COVID-19 INFECTION**

Dear Parishioners,

The Corona virus is capable of spreading at an alarming rate. Bishop Charles has put in place several adjustments to normal liturgical practice in order to minimize the likelihood of person to person infection.

These include the following:

1. **Holy Communion should be given under the species of bread only i.e. the sacred host;**
2. **Shaking hands at the Sign of Peace should be replaced by a bow of the head.**
3. **Celebrants and those distributing communion should carefully sanitize their hands, celebrants at the beginning of Mass and others before Communion.**

Please note: It is intended that the priest will place the host on to the hand of every communicant and on to the tongue provided the communicant opens their mouth wide. The Chalice will not be available for the host to be dipped into.

For the time being, this simple arrangement is to be followed by all those going to Communion. Those who would prefer some other way to receive Holy Communion are asked to be patient and not request the priest to use some other method of distributing Holy Communion.

As soon as possible, the Bishop will permit a return to normal liturgical practice.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

With thanks,

Father Malcolm Fyfe msc

Vicar General, Diocese of Darwin 14/02/2020

**Notice for African Community**

The African Community will have a meeting in the JPPII Hall next Sunday, 23 February after the 9:30am Mass.

- *Lent begins next Wednesday, 26 February.*
- *Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.*
- *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.*
- *Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year.*
- *In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours.*
- *From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after Easter Time.*

**Cleaning: February 22, 2020 Group 6**

Jo Black, Kate Kelly

**Counters: February 23, 2020**

Jo & Emily Ros, Emil & Richelle Tabbada

**Previous Week's Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,614.75 (for the presbytery)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,409.90 (for the parish)

Planned Giving: \$1,251.50

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity*

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



**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

**Science & Maths Teacher**

Applications are sought from suitably qualified, committed and enthusiastic individual for the above position at our college, beginning immediately.



**CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT**

Commitment to the mission objectives, vision and ethos of a Catholic School:

- Holds a current NT Ochre Card;
- An excellent teaching record;
- A proven ability to work as part of a collaborative team;
- Highly developed organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Current teacher registration in the Northern Territory (or eligibility for such for interstate candidates);
- Ongoing commitment to professional development and professional learning.

This position involves working with children. Please contact the Principal on Lauretta.Graham@nt.catholic.edu.au.

**Applications close: 21 February 2020**

**Roster for weekend of February 22-23, 2020**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Cindy Decosta Leonie Smith	Darryl Smith Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Kath McGargill Maria Ponado	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Christine Shibly
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jooby Mani	Peta Baille Elfy Jooby	Emil Tabbada Sammy Nobleza Mel Buenviaje
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Pauline Otieno Lennie Sumang	Debbie Cooke Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
15<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Entrance Antiphon:**

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.

cf. Ps 30:3-4

**First Reading:**

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments; to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**R/** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has ever seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

cf Matthew 11:25

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34 (Short Form)

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.' 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.' 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

cf. Ps 77:29-30

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

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation :**

TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm

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*