



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



“With great affection I urge all future mothers: keep happy and let nothing rob you of the interior joy of motherhood. Your child deserves your happiness. Don't let fears, worries, other people's comments or problems lessen your joy at being God's means of bringing a new life to the world. Prepare yourself for the birth of your child, but without obsessing, and join in Mary's song of joy: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant” (Lk 1:46-48). Try to experience this serene excitement amid all your many concerns, and ask the Lord to preserve your joy, so that you can pass it on to your child”.

Amoris Laetitia, Chap 5, 171. Pope Francis

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
23rd - 24th February 2019



‘I FORGIVE THE KILLER OF MY DEAR WIFE’

Parish Priest:

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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 robber entered the house of a rich business man at night intending to steal whatever he could find that was valuable: money, jewels etc. Unfortunately, the wife and mother of their three young teenage children heard a noise, got up to see what was happening. The robber panicked when she challenged him and tragically he shot and killed her instantly. Later he was caught by the police. The husband of that young woman was interviewed and asked what he would like to happen to the man who murdered his wife. His reply amazed everyone. He said, ‘I forgive the killer of my dear wife. I am a Christian and my faith tells me to love my enemies’.

How many of us could give such a reply if someone we loved, someone totally innocent, was murdered? Would it not be very difficult indeed? Yet this is the radical message of Jesus in today's gospel. Because, he says, this is the way our Heavenly Father treats each one of us. According to Jesus, ‘If you love your enemies and do good, you will have a great reward and you will be sons and daughters of the Most High because He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked’. He goes on, ‘Be compassionate or merciful as your Heavenly Father is compassionate / merciful’. How very hard indeed to put into practice.

Yet this is precisely what Jesus did as he was dying on the cross: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing.” He said in another place ‘what is impossible for man or woman is possible for God’. So with God's grace it is possible but it may take time nonetheless. Jesus – by forgiving and loving his enemies – broke the cycle of violence. Instead of returning hatred for hatred he returned love and mercy. Not only is this the great Christian commandment, it is also a great psychological truth, because if we do not forgive our enemies it will come back on ourselves sooner or later.

We need to beg God continually for the gift of the Holy Spirit to free us to be able to forgive and love our enemies. It may take a long time for many of us. Isn't it a great temptation for us to retaliate with an ‘eye for an eye attitude’? God is not asking me to solve the Palestinian conflict but he is asking me – ‘Is there anyone you refuse to forgive or seek to take revenge on? See what it will do to you if you go ahead. We make the choice: we can be nominal or minimal Catholics, fulfilling the letter of the law but failing to be generous to others as God is to us. God has very many and serious reasons for being unforgiving and taking revenge on us. But our God is Love and his incredible mercy and generosity is an invitation for us to do likewise aided by the Holy Spirit.

“Lord, what you ask us to do seems impossible but you tell us that with your help we can break the cycle of violence in our part of the world. Lord. I do believe, help my unbelief. Amen”.

Fr Raass, PP

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 25 February 2019

Mon: Sirach 1:1-10 Mk 9:14-29
Tues: Sirach 2:1-11 Mk 9:30-37
Wed: Sirach 4:11-19 Mk 9:38-40
Thu: Sirach 4:1-8 Mk 9:41-50
Fri: Sirach 6:5-17 Mt 10:1-12
Sat: Sirach 17:1-15 Mk 10:13-16
Sun: Sirach 27:4-7
1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

+ 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

CALLING FOR LENTEN SHARING GROUP LEADERS

OLSH Parish invites all parishioners to go on a pilgrimage through this year's Lenten Programme *Compassion* from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It will cost you something in effort and commitment. But then you will also discover some wonderful truths about 'clothing yourself with compassion' (Col 3:12). We need group leaders for the six weekly sessions beginning the week of Ash Wednesday, each of approximately 90 minutes. Any volunteers?

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. 0439 508 180.

THERE IS STILL TIME

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

Blessed 50th Jubilee Year & 90 Years of Catholic Presence

The official celebrations of the 50th Golden Jubilee of the OLSH Parish Church Building and 90 Years of Catholic Presence in Central Australian will fall on

**Friday 11th, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th
October 2019**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDER.

OTHER FUNDRAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS WILL SOON TAKE PLACE AND PRESENTED AT ALL MASSES.

WELCOME!

ARIANA THERESE FERNANDES, daughter of David and Rosalia Fernandes, who will be baptised on Saturday, 23 February, at the 6:00pm 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.

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. Everyone is welcome. Just come as you are.

The **Presbytery and Parish 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

BIBLE SHARING EVERY WEDNESDAY, 6:15PM

The participants of Gospel-sharing do not come together to talk 'about' Jesus, or to discuss the original meaning of the biblical text, as important as this is at other times. Rather, they gather in order to have communion with a living person who loves and accepts them. The promise "Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" (Mt 18:20), becomes a reality. The real presence of Christ in a Gospel-sharing group is just as real as that in the Eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION & BENEDICTION EVERY FRIDAY, 6:15PM

Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist—that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. In his 1980 Holy Thursday letter to priests, *Dominicae cenae*, Pope John Paul II wrote, "Since the Eucharistic mystery was instituted out of love, and makes Christ sacramentally present, it is worthy of thanksgiving and worship."

EXTERNAL RAMP

The Disabled and Pram/Wheel-Chair Access Ramp at the back of the Church has commenced this week. Please look beyond the Ramps and understand why the parish is working hard to include all members of the parish especially those with a range of mobility issues. Positive attitudes to disability and inclusion will remove most obstacles to inclusion in all areas of worship. Building Codes and Australian Standards on Access are also in force in Australia.



Cleaning: March 02, 2019 **Group 4**
Mary Neck, Jan Jennings, Stephanie King, Joyce Clifford
Counters: March 03, 2019
Darryl & Leonie Smith

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,245.40 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$713.70 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,035.80

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

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: OLSH College Bath Street Hall

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!

Exploring the Word

In last week's gospel, the disciples learned that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, they must be committed to a new order. This week's text tells them how they must live in that new order; in a sense it provides the practical details. What Jesus is suggesting should not be confused with passivity or simply inaction or resignation in the face of persecution and injustice. Quite the contrary! What Jesus is suggesting is radical action. It demands that we act towards others without being asked, that believers offer friendship and pardon constantly, without asking or hoping for anything in return. In Jesus is located God's self-revelation, God's actions in and for the world, his plan for salvation and its fulfilment. Followers of Jesus must act in these ways precisely because they are the ways of God.

- Turn the other cheek; love your enemies; do good to those who hurt you! Why should we? How can we? How challenging do you find this directive?

Catechists Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the St Francis Centre with the Religious Education classes for the students from the public schools who are wanting to make their Sacraments. It is only for an hour a week between mid March to mid August and not during the school holidays.

Please contact the Parish Priest or Parish office if you can help.

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Roster for weekend of March 02 - 03, 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Thelma Bowen Marian Maddocks Rose Sabadin
Sun 7:30am	Pat Gallagher	Kath McGargill Tony Whitelum	John Lillecrapp Fred Twohig Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Br James Hodge	Precy Taylor Oria Chiwariro	Virginia Loy Sammy Nobleza Emil Tabbada
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Lennie Sumang	Losana Hay Marieta Ives Goury Nair



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Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Ps 12:6

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.' The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord

Jn 13:34

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as you Father is merciful

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Ps 9:2-3

Communion Antiphon:

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation :
TBA

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