



# 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  
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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 - 'A God Who Speaks'



The interpretation of Sacred Scripture is of primary importance for the Christian faith and the life of the Church. The way we interpret the biblical texts for men and women of our time has direct consequences for their personal and communal relationship with God, and is also closely linked to the mission of the Church.  
John Paul II

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

## Going that Extra Mile

Jesus in today's Gospel invites us to go an extra mile and do things which are fairly contrary to our human response to challenges. When I am confronted, my first response is to hit back strongly. I can't resist myself but challenge the situation. Jesus says, no! I am not to react, rather be patient. Show the other cheek, walk the extra mile, give away the tunic as well! Sounds crazy, right? It is crazy!

I remember my Religious Education class in year seven. One of my friends, who wasn't a Christian, after hearing this teaching, said "are you ready to follow this?" I said, "yes." He slapped me straight away on my cheek. I was angry to the core, first of all for the humiliation, secondly not able to hit him back, as I am a 'Christian' and had to follow what Jesus had taught. So, I gently sat down and wondered what all this meant!

Yes, it does not make sense! How come we are to be so passive, when the evil is on our face? How can I not react when injustice is done to me? Why should I turn away from the evildoer?

I don't think this teaching of Jesus wants me to be passive, because, Jesus himself questioned the temple guard when he slapped Jesus for answering to the Chief Priest. We need to be proactive in our response to adversaries. We should not sit quietly when there is injustice. But it needs to be done in love. All our reactions should be based on love. Walking that extra mile, showing the other cheek, giving away the tunic, should be based on pure love. If I can base my whole life on love, then Jesus' teaching makes sense and it is definitely not crazy!

So how can I practice this in my day to day life? Let me, first of all, be patient with myself. Let me begin showing love to my family. Let me think before reacting. And through these simple things let me begin to love; love life, love people and love everything that God has made.

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD  
Parish Priest OLSH Parish

## What is Lent?

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of almsgiving, fasting, prayer, penitence and denial of ego beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is violet. Lent begins on Wednesday 26 February.

*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 24 February 2020**

**Mon:** James 3:13-18                      Mk 9:14-29  
**Tues:** James 4:1-10                      Mk 9:30-37  
**Wed:** Joel 2:12-18  
                  2 Cor 5:20-6:2                      Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thu:** Deut 30:15-20                      Lk 9:22-25  
**Fri:** Is 58:1-9                              Lk 9:14-15  
**Sat:** Is 58:9-14                            Lk 5:27-32  
**Sun:** Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
                  Rom 5:12-19                            Mt 4:1-11

**+ Pray & read your Bible every day +**

**Reconciliation Second Rite**

For a meaningful preparation for Lent, the Parish is organising a Second Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:00pm in the Church. Please come along and bring a friend for this meaningful ceremony to reconcile with each other.

**Ash Wednesday Masses**



Masses will be at 7:00am and 5:30pm in the Church. OLSH School will have their own Ash Wednesday Service. Please contact School for the times, if you wish to attend there.

**Lenten Discussion Groups**

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

We now have two groups meeting in the Parish House: Thursday at 6:15pm and Saturday at 9:00am. You are welcome and please encourage others to come as well. The reflection and prayer go for about an hour and a half. Thank you - Sr Anne Surtees OSU

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays**

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent in the Church after the 5:30pm Mass. It is an opportunity to walk with Jesus and participate in His passion. Please encourage each other to come along.



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

Maria Price, Steve Bull, Oliver Surtess, Ailyn Talavera, Harry Buckley, Ethel Jean Candaroma, Leonie Palmer, Mike & Judy Bowden, 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*

**Please Note:**

The wooden partitions that were at the entrance of the Church which were taken down during the Jubilee celebrations last year have been dismantled and put away for safe keeping. The decision is pending as to install them back at the entrance of the church or not. Therefore, we are asking the parishioners to participate in a simple survey for the next two weekends and give us your decision: whether to have the partitions reinstalled or not and why.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard and we value your decision.

- Fr Prakash and the OLSH PPC

**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

**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.

**Notice for African Community**

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

The **SEASON OF LENT** is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **Sacrament of Penance** RP 13. The Sacrament is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.

**WELCOME!**

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.

## Lenten Resource 2020

Laudato Si' reminds us that "the ecological crisis is . . . a summons to profound interior conversion. . . which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." The seven deadly sins (pride, greed, lust, wrath, gluttony, envy, sloth) can be a way to examine where we have turned away from our Creator and creation. This Lent, let us examine each sin through the lens of creation and pair it with an ecological virtue that can help us to restore our relationships and to live in sublime communion. We invite you to reflect on one of these sins and virtues each week of Lent within your families, Laudato Si' Circles, or communities.



## 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

### Week 1 Feb 26

<b>ECOLOGICAL SIN</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRIDE</b></p> <p>Pride can lead to "usurping the place of God to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample God's creation under-foot." (LS 75) Lent is a time to reflect on the ways that we have placed ourselves, instead of God, at the center, and thus harmed God's creation.</p>
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<b>ECOLOGICAL VIRTUE</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HUMILITY</b></p> <p>The virtue of humility reminds us that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return." We are creatures, not Creator, and we are called to live in deep communion with all of life.</p>
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<b>HEALING ACTION</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FAST</b></p> <p>Commit to giving up one thing this Lent to remind you of your complete dependence on God. Make your fast a way to protect creation, such as fasting from unnecessary shopping or car use, or eat more plant-based food.</p>
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- *Lent begins on 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 even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts.*
- *A homily is recommended on weekdays, especially during the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter.*
- *From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after Easter Time.*

There will be a **pest control treatment** of the church building on Monday 24 February from 8:00am-3:00pm. For this reason, the Church will be closed during these times. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Fr Prakash PP OLSH

The **Church in the Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry** will be led by the Uniting Church on Wednesday 26 February from 1:30-2:00pm at the hospital chapel. All welcome.

### Roster for weekend of February 29-March 01, 2020

**Cleaning:** February 29, 2020 **Group 7**  
Margaret Lillecrapp, Virginia Loy, Rosalie Nankivell  
**Counters:** March 01, 2020  
Darryl & Leonie Smith  
**Previous Week's Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,212.40 (for the presbytery)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$916.65 (for the parish)  
Planned Giving: \$813.50  
*Thank you for your time and kind generosity*

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

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Cindy Decosta Marian Maddocks Helena Casseeram
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Pat Gallagher	Tony Whitelum Maria Ponado	Kath McGargill Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Kevin Hickmott	Richelle Tabbada Mary McPhee	Dan Cortez Sammy Nobleza Virginia Loy
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Pauline Otieno	Charles Gamon Debbie Cooke	Marieta Ives Thomas J John Mel Buenviaje

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Ps 12:6

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.

**First Reading:**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

*You must love your neighbor as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” “You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbor, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.” ’

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 Corinthians 3:16-23

*All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

Didn't you not realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living in you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: If any one of you thinks of himself wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise, so there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

1 Jn 2:5

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 5:38-48

*Love your enemies.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. You have learnt how it was said: You will love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Ps 9:2-3

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

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**Adult Faith & Culture Formation :**

TBA

**Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries**

Tuesdays TBA

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*