



# 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: 8:30am -12 noon  
 Saturday and Sunday: Closed

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**Parish Mass Schedule**  
 Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm;  
 Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6pm,  
 Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 5:30pm.  
**Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community**  
 Mass in Arrernte, Sunday, 11am  
**African Community Mass**  
 Every Third Thursday at 7 pm  
**Healing Mass** every First Saturday 11 am

## The Ascension of the Lord Year B 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Jesus now invites us to be His Witnesses before the world!

*My dear sisters and brothers,*

This Sunday, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. It means Jesus was taken up into heaven! When Jesus was on earth, he proclaimed the Gospel only to the people in Israel. But now, Jesus commissioned the Apostles to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It was a daunting task! But Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to them. He also assured the Apostles that he will be with them always; yes, to the end of time. But how could this be? The Ascension of Jesus into heaven removes all the limitations he experienced while on earth. Jesus now has unlimited power to help us in our sufferings and fill us with peace and strength. During his earthly ministry Jesus could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the disciples the commission that: **"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to all creation."**

Jesus has passed on his ministry to his disciples. Now we are to take up this Ministry: to make disciples, to guide people to recognise God's love and salvation, to do all Jesus has commanded until the end of time. This Gospel makes it clear that Jesus doesn't expect his disciples to be perfect in order to continue his mission; the disciples saw him and worshiped him, but they doubted. What did the disciples doubt? Perhaps, knowing Jesus was leaving them, they doubted their own strength or ability to carry on Jesus' mission.

But Jesus promised to remain with us always, giving us strength and new Spirit. This Spirit given to us is the way Jesus remains with us always, until the end of time. Jesus now invites each one of us to be His Witnesses before the world. It is a daunting task but a great privilege as well. The most effective way to witness to Jesus is by living a real Catholic life. So, Jesus put His trust in His disciples. And we are all invited to be His disciples too.

*Fr Peter Bang, SVD*

### Parish Morning Tea at OLSH Traeger

You are invited to a morning tea at OLSH College, Traeger Campus, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm to share your Catholic Journey. There will be a meet and greet with staff and students, a campus tour, an opportunity to share stories and moments of being a Catholic over a cup of tea and light refreshments. Please note students will be taking notes and, with your permission, take photos. Please bring an object of religious or spiritual significance to you, or a photo of it (ideally digital). Contact Susan Marshall by email [susan.marshall@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:susan.marshall@nt.catholic.edu.au) or by phoning Traeger Campus on 8950 8511.

### National Count of Mass Attendance

The 5<sup>th</sup> National Count of Attendance at Mass is being conducted in **this month (May 2021) in all the weekend Masses**. All Catholic dioceses and parishes are urged to take part. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include people of all ages at Mass (including babies). This year, parishes are asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### Save the Date!

**Breakaway Youth Camp** is being held at Riyala, Noonamah from July 2-4, 2021. Breakaway is the annual youth camp for the Darwin Diocese and welcomes all high schoolers and young adults to join us these school holidays. Highlights include: Games, music, talks, prayer and time to chill! There are different sessions tailored for those over 18 compared to those under 18. Keep an eye out for our next update with registration details. Follow @ntcatholicyouth for more information.

<p>The <b>Multicultural Sunday</b>, which was usually celebrated on the Pentecost Sunday has been <b>postponed to a future date</b>. Watch this space.</p> <p><b>Reconciliation:</b>          Saturday 11:30 am &amp; 5:15 pm  <b>Baptism:</b> By appointment: one month's notice required. Formation of parents falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. 7:00 pm -8:00pm  <b>Marriage:</b>          By appointment only, 12 months' notice required.</p>	<b>Devotional Practices</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
	Charismatic Fellowship	Monday 6:00pm	OLSH Church
	Bible Sharing	Wednesday 6:15pm	OLSH Presbytery Chapel
	Christian Meditation	Thursday 12:00-12:30pm	OLSH Presbytery Chapel
	Prayer and Adoration	Friday 6:00pm	OLSH Church

*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.*

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**Daily Readings: starting 17 May 2021**

**Mon:** Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33  
**Tues:** Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11  
**Wed:** Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11-19  
**Thu:** Acts 22:30,23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26  
**Fri:** Acts 25:13-21 Jn 21:15-19  
**Sat:** Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Jn 21:20-25  
**Sun:** Acts 2:1-11  
 Gal 5:16-25 Jn 15:26-27,16:12-15

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



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

Adrian Milstein, Joselito Destacamento, Andrew Skrzypiec, Judy Staker (sister of Gill Dew), Lourdes Bertis, Therese Ryder, Margaret Heffernan, Jeff Bird, Anna Gawlik, Lucita Zepeda, Nelda Sara Canoy, Liz Hurley, Maria Price, Oliver Surtees, Ailyn Talavera, Harry Buckley, Ethel Jean Candaroma, Judy Bowden, Nod Rioux, Kersley Dabeesing, Jenny Leahy, Barry Ryan, Poppy Lindbeck, Kathy Golotta, Kwerralya Quall, Tricia Wormald, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Felisa Sara, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardozo, Shiroma Bulner, Margaret Anne McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce & Duncan Komene, Bernadette Dowd.

*May the Lord grant them healing.*

**Cleaning:** May 22, 2021 **Group 2**  
 Goury, Sanila, Seena, Siby, Kusumam, Pushpa, Nikhil, Tom  
**Counters:** May 24, 2021  
 Jo, Emily, Mark & Noriel Ros

**Last Week's Collections:** (Direct deposit/cash)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1241.15  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$985.65  
 Planned Giving: \$984.00

*Thank you for your time and kind generosity!*

**African Community Mass**, this Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, at 7:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome.

**Roster for weekend of May 22 - 23, 2021**

	Commentator	Readers	Communion Minister
<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Brendan Heenan	Binu Katherine Cindy Decosta	Helena Casseeram Darryl Smith
<b>Sun 7:30am</b>	Jenny Montefiore	Heather Buescher Tony Whitelum	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig
<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Pauline Otieno	Hilda Reeder Peta Baille	Sue Marshall Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
<b>Sun 5:30pm</b>	Amelito Buenviaje	Anita Adeyumo Cristina Buenviaje	Amelito Buenviaje Marieta Ives

**The Ascension of the Lord Year B  
15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Acts 1:11  
 Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3,6-9  
**R/** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 14:23  
**Alleluia, alleluia!** Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20  
*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: In my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Mt:28-20  
 Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

<b>Adult Faith &amp; Culture Formation</b> TBA	<b>Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)</b> 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:30pm-7:00pm	month from 8:30am-9:30am
<b>Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries</b> Tuesdays TBA Sunday: TBA	<b>Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries</b> Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm	<b>CAAAPU (Drugs &amp; Alcohol Rehabilitation)</b> TBA
<b>Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am	<b>Parish Council Meetings</b> 1st Thursday of the month from 6:15pm-7:15pm	<b>Social Justice Awareness Group:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 3 pm.
<b>Bread Delivery to Town Camps</b> Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm	<b>Catholic Youth of Alice Springs</b> Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall	<b>Sunday Mass Pick-Up:</b> Every Sunday if you can help those who wish to attend Mass at the main Church.
<b>Yuendumu Aboriginal Mission (5hrs drive)</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month	<b>Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry</b> 3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am	<i>Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more? Call the presbytery and participate in God's Mission.</i>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b> Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays	<b>Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs drive)</b> 4th Friday of the month	<i>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</i>
	<b>Finance Team Ministry:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the	

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