



Tea Tree Gully Parish - St David's Catholic Church

Incorporating - Our Lady of Hope Chapel - Greenwith

Under the care of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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15th May 2022

5th SUNDAY of EASTER - Year C

Readings next weekend 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Yr C: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Rv 21:10-14, 22-23, Jn 14:23-29

National Volunteer Week 16th—22nd May

We take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers who help with every aspect of the church throughout the year. May you continue to have God's blessings for all the help you give to his home.

National Families Week 15—21 May

"Families are the most important building block of communities, societies and nations."

SPIRITUALITY - A PLACE WHERE ALL BELIEVERS CAN COME TOGETHER

Where can all of us believers come together beyond the divisions created by history, dogma, denomination, and religion? Where is there a place all people of sincere heart can find common ground and worship together?

That place is found in *the ecumenical and inter-religious pursuit of spirituality*, and our theology schools and seminaries need to create this place within their academic vision and structures.

What is spirituality as an academic discipline within our theology schools and seminaries? It has actually been around a long time, though under different names. In Roman Catholic circles, formerly it was handled piecemeal as *moral theology, liturgy, ascetical theology*, and as *mystical and devotional literature*. In Protestant and Evangelical circles (where, until recently, mystical and devotional literature were distrusted) there were courses on discipleship, worship, and Christian ethics.

So what is spirituality as an area of study? At the risk of a vast over-simplification, let me propose an analogy as a way of understanding how spirituality relates to theology and dogma. Spirituality is related to theology and dogma akin to how an actual game of sports is related to the rule book of that sport.

For example, for the game of baseball there is a rulebook, one initially codified and then periodically amended through the many years the game has been played. To play the game today one has to stay within those rules. There is no game outside those rules. However, while these rules critically dictate the lines within which the game has to be played, *they are not the game itself*. They merely dictate how it is to be played and ensure that it is played in a fair manner.

In essence, that is the critical role of theology and dogma. They are the rule book for how we need to discern faith and religious practice as we live out our discipleship, if we are legitimately to call ourselves Christian. But, while they make the rules, *spirituality is the actual game*; it's how in actual practice we live out our faith and discipleship.

Thus, spirituality takes in morality and ethics, worship, ascetical theology, mystical theology, devotional theology, and everything else we do in living out our discipleship. Theology makes the rules, while spirituality tries to instill the motivation, the fire, the hope, and the practical guidance for the game itself, lived discipleship.

I offer this little apologia for spirituality as an academic discipline in view of affirming that spirituality is that place where believers can come together in a common heart beyond the long-standing divisions created by history, dogma, ecclesiology, and different notions of faith. Spirituality is a place where we can meet in a communion of faith that takes us (at least in that place and moment) beyond our different histories, our different denominations, our different religions, and our different notions of faith.

I know this is true because I have seen and am seeing it first-hand. *Oblate School of Theology*, where I teach, has an *Institute of Contemporary Spirituality* in which I see Roman Catholics, Protestants, and Evangelicals of every persuasion studying together, searching together, and praying together in a way that denominational differences simply don't enter into. Everyone, irrespective of denomination, is searching for the same things: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus today?

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How does one genuinely pray? How do we sustain faith in a secular world that so easily swallows us whole? How can we pass our faith on to our own children? How can we be both prophet and healer in our bitterly divided world? What is a faith-based response to injustice? How does someone age and die well? What insights and grace can we draw from the deep wells of Christian mysticism and hagiography to help guide our lives?

Everyone has the same questions, and everyone is searching at the same places.

Denominationalism recedes when spirituality takes over.

Moreover, this doesn't just pertain to being together beyond the differences of denominations among Christians; the same holds true vis-a-vis our separation from other world religions. The questions we are grappling with as Christians are the same questions that Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, Taoist, and other believers are grappling with, and they are looking to us for help even as we are looking to them for help. In spirituality, Christians learn from Sufi Islamic mystics, even as Islamic believers delve into Mariology and Christian mysticism. Buddhist, Hindu, and Taoist believers pick up the *Spiritual Exercise of St. Ignatius*, even as Christians learn from various Buddhist and Hindu methods of meditation.

Jesus assured us that in God's house there are many rooms. Spirituality is one of those rooms. Spirituality is the room where all who are caught-up in a common need, common search, and common hope, can bracket for a time their denominational and religious differences and search together.

Don't get me wrong, this doesn't take away with our differences; but it gives us a place where we can be in a community of life and faith with each other, beyond those differences.

Fr Ron Rohleiser OMI

Feast of St Eugene De Mazenod - Saturday 21st May- Oblate

Feast Day



The Oblates invite you to join with them on **Saturday 21 May at 9.15am** at St David's Church for Mass to Celebrate their feast day. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, there will be no morning tea after Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Liturgy Only, will take place on Saturday 4th June at 10am and 2pm.

The celebrant will be Bishop Greg O'Kelly.

Due to Confirmation taking place, there will be **NO MORNING MASS on this Saturday 4th June**

First Communion will take place on Saturday 18th June at 10am and 2pm.

Once again, there will be **NO MORNING MASS** on this Saturday, however you are welcome to attend either 10am or 2pm Mass if you wish. These Masses do not replace the weekend Mass.

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Marian Procession 2022

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan would like to encourage all to attend the upcoming Marian Procession at the Adelaide Showgrounds on Sunday, 22nd May, 2022 at 2pm.

This year, in support of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, the image that will lead our procession is Vyshhorodska - Mother of God carried by the Ukrainian Community in Adelaide.

We look forward to seeing as many Parishes and Multicultural Communities behind their banners at the Procession to honour Our Lady. The assembly of Parishes and Communities will begin at 1.30pm and the procession will follow at 2.00pm.

There is also no longer a need to register due to the changes in density requirements.

We appreciate your support and participation in the event.

DIARY DATES

Each weekend during May—as you enter the church, please fill out the Mass Count slips, which will be at the entrances.

Widow/ers Mass - Thursday 19th May at 11am

Feast of St Eugene De Mazenod—Saturday 21st May at 9.15am Mass

Liturgy Meeting—Thursday 19th May at 7pm

Sunday 22nd May - Marian Procession - see notice on opposite page

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP

CHURCH CLEANERS

We need cleaners for cleaning the church for 1 hour every 5th week. Please consider becoming a cleaner. Many cleaning jobs are needed each week. Contact Denise for more information. New rosters are due in June.

WASHING OF LINEN USED AT MASSES

Once a week the dirty linen used at each Mass is collected taken home and washed. If you would like to be involved in this ministry just one month per year, please contact Denise to have your name placed onto the roster.

COUNTERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COUNTING

If you can help with this ministry once every 5th week before 10.30am Mass, please contact Denise or Regina Cunningham.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR ST DAVID'S CHURCH

New rosters are due at the end of May. If you are not available for Mass from beginning June through to the end of August, please contact Denise during the coming week. If you would like to go onto the roster, please see either David or Denise. We are in need of Commentators for each of our Mass times.

If your Police Check and Working With Children is due for renewal, please come to the office or phone Denise to arrange this as soon as possible. Thank you



Saint David's
PARISH SCHOOL

Dear Parish Families,

Saint David's Parish School is a Catholic School in the Josephite Tradition catering for students from Reception to Year 6 in a co-educational setting.

We are currently finalising Reception enrolments for 2023 and accepting enrolments for 2024. We also offer a mid-year intake for those children who turn five between 1 May and 31 October. We welcome all applications for enrolment from families and friends within the Tea Tree Gully Parish.

Please contact the school office on 8360 6300 or visit www.stdavidscatholic.edu.au/enrolments to download an Application for Enrolment, book a School Tour or find out about our popular Playgroup sessions (9.00am-10.30am every Tuesday).

TEA TREE GULLY PARISH

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Our Lady of Hope Chapel: Cnr Golden Way & Golden Grove Rd, Greenwith. Contact via St David's Parish Office

STAFF

Priest: Fr James Jeyachandran OMI - PP (jamesjeya.omi@gmail.com)

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Child Safe Contacts: St David's Church - Amanda Bartels - contact 0414255458 or Parish Office
OLOH - Leah Tunks - contact 0431049947 or Parish Office

MASS TIMES

St David's Church Rosary - 8.50am daily

Weekday Mass times: Mon-Liturgy with Communion Mass Tuesday - Saturday 9.15am

Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm Sunday 7.00am & 10.30am

Our Lady of Hope Chapel: Sunday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday morning after Morning Mass and Saturday evening from 5pm - 5.20pm.

Exposition: first Saturday of the month after morning Mass

Baptism: 12 noon Sundays at St David's Church - By appointment only - contact Parish Office

Marriages: by Appointment only - contact Parish Office 6 months prior to date.



We are a 'Child Safe'
Organisation

Mass Intentions for week commencing 14 May

Saturday 14: 9.15am - Slota Family - RIP

5.30pm - John Reynolds - RIP

Sunday 15: 7.00am - Ken Borlace -RIP

9.00am -

10.30am -

Monday 16: 9.15am - John & Dorothy Williams - special Intentions

Tuesday 17: 9.15am - William Hegarty -RIP

Wednesday 18: 9.15am - Michael & family members -RIP

Thursday 19: 9.15am - Michael & family members - RIP

Friday 20: 9.15am -

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

Rosemary Penniford, Rowan Williams, John Williams, Trish Read
Judith Murray, Eva Pawliszewski, Emma Richards, Mary Howie,
Ron Foenander, Emily Budd, Pauline Read, Gloria Grew,
Michelle Furlan, Jane Banning, Tony Hollyman, Alana Brosolo,
Debbie Glover, Ros Rimmer, Julina Farrugia

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Ken Borlace, Margaret Cunningham, Pat Shilcock, Myra Hall,
Angela Abela, Anne Scanlon, Tervor Elliott, Michael Vicino, Doreen
Powell, Betty Penniford, Michael Ahern, Laura Brown, Shiela Hart,
Maria Chiera, James Cashin

Cleaners Roster: 17-19 May - Group 2

please come to the Parish Office to collect keys before you commence.

Linen for May— R Davey

Counting Roster: Next Weekend -22/5- Group 4

Baptisms:

Oliver Wright, son of Matthew and Anna



Vinnie's TTG Conference.

Food requirements: Long Life Milk, Tinned Garden Peas, Tea Bags, Rice, Baked Beans

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal is now open and will support those in need of warm clothing and shelter this winter. The theme of this year's appeal is "Make it Stop", focusing on the importance of providing safety to families and individuals fleeing domestic violence.

Envelopes will be on the pews this weekend and there will be a special collection next weekend.

You can also donate online at www.donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal by following the steps below. Choose one of the suggested amounts or enter your own amount.

Select either a 'once-off' or 'ongoing-monthly' contribution.

Click Next Step.

Enter your personal details.

Enter Tea Tree Gully in the Comments box.

This will ensure your contribution will go to our parish.

Click Payment Options.

You can pay by credit card or PayPal.

Click Donate Now.

Fr. James is a firm supporter of our conference, so please support our parish by donating to this appeal.