



# 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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## 6th SUNDAY of EASTER - Year C

Readings next weekend Ascension Sunday Yr C: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Lk 24:46-53

### We pray for Oblate Vocations: 21—29 May

Novena Booklet for Oblate Vocations is available to download from our webpage or please take a copy from the foyer of St David's Church and Our Lady of Hope Chapel

### LOVE, NOT EXCUSES, MOVES THINGS FORWARD

*The excusable doesn't need to be excused and the inexcusable cannot be excused.*

Michael Buckley wrote those words commenting on Peter's triple betrayal of Jesus. Here's the context. Peter had betrayed Jesus in his most needy hour, not out of malice, simply out of weakness. Now, facing Jesus for the first time since that betrayal, Peter is understandably uncomfortable. What do you say after betraying someone?

Well, he didn't need to say anything. Jesus took the initiative and, as Buckley highlights, he didn't excuse Peter. Jesus didn't say things like, *it's perfectly understandable to be afraid in a situation like that! You weren't really yourself! I understand how that can happen!* He didn't even tell Peter that he still loves him. None of that. He simply asked Peter, *"Do you love me?"* and when Peter said yes, everything moved forward. No excuses were needed. *The excusable doesn't need to be excused and the inexcusable cannot be excused.* Our humanity already explains why we are prone to betrayal; what needs to be spoken in its wake is a reaffirmation of love.

A couple I know had this happen in their marriage. They went to a party together one Friday night and the wife, partly through the influence of alcohol and drugs, left the party with another man. Her husband was unaware of this for a time but, upon finding out what had happened, was understandably very distraught. He went home alone and spent a sleepless night thinking, his thoughts moving through a series of vengeful fantasies to what (through grace) he eventually decided on.

He was sitting at the kitchen table midmorning the next day when his wife, sheepish and self-chastened, came home. She had her apologies rehearsed and was ready to face his justified anger and fury. She got something else. Her husband didn't let her voice any apologies or excuses, nor did he explode in anger. Rather, calm and sad, he simply said this to her: *"I'm going to move out of the house for a week, so you can think this through. You need to decide. Are you my wife or are you someone else?"* He came back a week later to her apologies, but more importantly to her renewed, more radical commitment to their relationship. Their marriage has been solid and grace-filled since. She is now committed to a marriage in a way she never quite was before.

No doubt upon his return, this man's wife did offer some tearful apologies and excuses. His refusal to let her voice them earlier may well have served a purpose long-term, but was admittedly somewhat cruel short-term. Even when something can't be excused, we still need the opportunity to say we are sorry. Apologies are important, both for the person offering them and for the one receiving them. Until an explicit apology is made, there is always unfinished business. However, explicit contrition is not ultimately what moves things forward when a relationship has been wounded or fractured. What moves things forward is a renewed commitment to love, to a deeper fidelity.

*The inexcusable cannot be excused.* Strictly speaking, that's true, though sometimes a deeper understanding of things somewhat excuses the inexcusable. Here's an example.

Several years ago, this incident occurred in Australia. A Catholic School Board had just finished building a new multi-million dollar school. Not long after it's opening, one of its students, a boy in high school, started a fire in his locker, unaware that the gas valves for the school's heating system were right behind his locker. A huge fire started and the whole school burned down. To his credit, the boy summoned his courage and owned up to what had happened. Then, of course, a never-ending series of questions ensued: Why would he ever do that? Why would anyone start a fire in his locker? What accounts for that kind of reckless stupidity? What can excuse the inexcusable?

I very much appreciated an answer given to these questions by one of the Australian bishops. Speaking to a questioning group of teachers and school administrators, his short answer said it all. Why would this young student do something like that? *Because he is a boy!* Young boys have been (for no explicable reason) starting fires long before gas valves ever appeared on the planet. Moreover, there's no excuse for it, save human nature itself.

Often, that's the excuse for the inexcusable: *Because we're human!* Indeed, this was the real excuse for the woman who under the influence of alcohol and drugs betrayed her husband, just as it was the real excuse for Peter when he betrayed Jesus.

But this must be read correctly. This doesn't give us permission to appeal to our morally inept human nature as an excuse for betrayal or stupidity. We're human! Boys will be boys! The lesson rather is that whenever our moral ineptness has us fall into betrayal or stupidity, what ultimately moves things forward is not an apology or an excuse, but a renewed commitment in love.

Fr Ron Rohleiser OMI

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### 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.

Please be aware of a SCAM email supposedly coming from Fr James Jeyachandran.

**THIS IS A SCAM! DO NOT OPEN**

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### Website News [www.stdavidsttg.org.au](http://www.stdavidsttg.org.au)

This week there is a Novena for Oblate Vocations. Links to the Novena are on our home-page.

There are short videos with reflections and some have familiar faces!

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## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

### Marian Procession 2022

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan would like to encourage all to attend the upcoming Marian Procession at the Adelaide Showgrounds TODAY 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.

**Sunday 22nd May - Marian Procession - 2pm today**

*Fr Nadeem leaves us on Thursday morning to go back to Melbourne. We thank him for his time with us and appreciate him coming here to fill in for Fr James. Fr Nadeem will be going home for a holiday in June and we wish him God's blessings on his travel.*

## **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 MASS**

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 will be available next weekend. 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

## **Parish Group Update**

As Webmaster for the Parish Website ([www.stdavidsttg.org.au](http://www.stdavidsttg.org.au)) my role entails adding the information and keeping it up to date. The weekly bulletins are uploaded regularly and important news & events are added when they are approaching. Significant events are also included on the Home page.

The background colour scheme is blue as this is Mary's colour. The user-interface design is aimed at making each page as simple as possible, without the need to scroll-down to find the information required.

As YouTube manager, my role is to live-stream the Sunday 10.30am Mass as well as offering to provide on line coverage of other events such as Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals.

I also trouble-shoot any software issues throughout the Parish and to keep a record of user-licences for each application. Network and other hardware issues are dealt with by Anushka Silva and we work as a team.

Tim Knight

## 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](mailto:jamesjeya.omi@gmail.com))

Office Manager/Secretary - Denise Crawford - [secretary@stdavidsttg.org.au](mailto:secretary@stdavidsttg.org.au)

Church Sacristan - David Reynolds - contact via Parish Office

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 21 May

**Saturday 21: 9.15am** - Eugene De Mazenod Feast Day

**5.30pm** -

**Sunday 22: 7.00am** - Janina Pawliszewski -RIP

**9.00am** -

**10.30am** -

**Monday 23: 9.15am** -

**Tuesday 24: 9.15am** - Michael & family members -RIP

**Wednesday 25: 9.15am** - Stefan Pawliszewski -RIP

**Thursday 26: 9.15am** - Bob Sobczak - RIP

**Friday 27: 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

Martin Regan, Peter Bevers, Kath McLeay, Stan Webb, John  
Dornin, Philomena Spykstra, Ellen Beaumont, John Stevenson,  
Elizabeth Geraghty, Nellie Walsh, Arthur Hawkins, Michael Kane,  
Stefan Pawliszewski, Peter Malnacias, David Gray, Anne Waller,  
Peggy McGregor, Bob Sobczak, Lillian Crzwford, Charles Hutton,  
Joan Dallon, Josie Richler, Esmá Carty

### Cleaners Roster: 24-26 May - Group 3

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

### Linen for May— R Davey

### Counting Roster: Next Weekend -29/5- Group 5

### Baptisms: 22nd May

Tom Stirling & Chloe Rosslyn Oliver children of Jon & Laura



## Vinnie's TTG Conference.

### Food requirements: Tinned Meat & Veg, Tinned Corn, Tea Bags, Rice, Spreads

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 for donating are available from the foyers or you can also donate online at:

[www.donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal](http://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.

Last weekend we collected via envelopes \$4,450.00 Thank you so much for your wonderful response. It's not too late to donate. Receipts in foyer.