



## 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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### 3rd Sunday Easter Yr B

Readings next weekend 4th Sunday Easter — Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

## Go Crazy or Turn Holy

In a poem *Serenade*, Brazilian poet Adelia Pradospeaks of a painful ache we feel inside us as we forever wait for something or someone to come and make us whole. What are we waiting for? Love? A soulmate? God? No matter, the frustration eventually pushes us towards a choice, go crazy or turn holy:

*I am beginning to despair  
And can see only two choices:  
Either go crazy or turn holy.*

And when that someone or something finally does come:

*How will I open the window, unless I'm crazy?  
How will I close it, unless I'm holy?*

*Either go crazy or turn holy.* The older we get the more we realize how true that is, how eventually that's the choice forced on all of us, both by the way we are built and the limitations inherent in life itself. Why? Is there something wrong with life and with us? Why can't we find a peaceful space somewhere between crazy and holy?

Well, the biblical preacher in the Book of Ecclesiastes offers a reason. After penning that beautiful, oft-quoted text about how there is a time for everything – *a time to be born and to a time to die; a time to plant and a time to harvest; a time to break down and a time to heal; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time for love and a time for hate; and a time for war and a time for peace* – he offers us this. God has laid out a beautiful rhythm for life and has made everything beautiful in its own time, but God has put *timelessness* into the human heart so that we are out of sync with the seasons from beginning to end. God has established a beautiful rhythm to nature; but we, unlike the physical elements and the plants and the animals who don't have timelessness in their souls, never quite fit into that rhythm. We are overcharged for life on this planet. (Ecclesiastes 3, 1-11)

You find expressions of this in literature everywhere in both religious and secular circles. For example, the renowned German theologian Karl Rahner used to affirm that *in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony*. In that, he echoes Saint Augustine's famous line that is as true and apropos today as it was seventeen hundred years ago when he wrote it: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you*. That single line expresses both a non-negotiable understanding of the human person and a non-negotiable path he or she must walk. We don't have a final home here and that's why at the end of the day there is no option other than going crazy or turning holy. It's no surprise that Ruth Burrows, the renowned spiritual writer, begins her autobiography with these words: *I was born into this world with a tortured sensitivity and my path has not been an easy one*.

While this motif is everywhere present in religious literature, it is also present in the thought of many secular poets, novelists, and philosophers. For instance, after he won the Nobel Prize for Literature, Albert Camus, a professed atheist, was asked by a journalist if he believed in God. He answered: No, I don't believe in God, but that doesn't mean I am not obsessed with the question of God. Why that obsession? Because in his thought he could not make sense of the world, nor find a fully sensible place in it for humans, unless there was a God. Without a God, human existence cannot make peace with itself.

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He likened the condition of someone in this world to that of a prisoner in certain medieval prisons, where they would put a prisoner in a cell that was so small that he or she could never stand fully upright or ever fully stretch out. The perpetual feeling of being cramped, it was believed, would eventually break the prisoner's spirit. For Camus, that's our situation in life. We can never really stand up fully or ever stretch out fully. Eventually, this breaks our spirit – and we either go crazy or get holy. That's also the basic view of other atheistic existentialists like Martin Heidegger and Jean-Paul Sartre.

Go crazy or get holy! Richard Rohr offers us a third option, get bitter. He submits that once we get to a certain age, we have only three options left open to us: We can become *a pathetic old fool*; or we can become *a bitter old fool*; or we can become *a holy old fool*. Notice what's non-negotiable. We will all eventually become old fools. We have the choice only as to what kind of old fool we will be – crazy, bitter, or holy.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI



### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

### CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we congratulate two parishioners who, over the years, have worked very hard for the parish and are well known parishioners.



\* Happy 80th Birthday to our Sacristan, David Reynolds—Sunday 14th April and



• Happy 90th Birthday to Dorothy Williams—Monday 15th April.

The parish wishes you both a very Happy Birthday and God's blessings for all the hard work that you both have done for the parish over the years.

- We hope that you have lovely celebrations with your families.

### Potted Plant Trading Table for Vinnies

Bob Schultz has kindly donated many potted plants to be sold at the 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass on 27th April and 7am and 10.30am Mass on 28th April. The money raised will be given to our St Vincent de Paul Conference to help them supply food etc for the many needy people of the parish. Please thank Bob for his hard work by purchasing a couple of plants to support our local Vinnie's.



### ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

**Marian Procession** The 75th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square.

\*\*The change of location this year is due to road closures on King William St for a Port Adelaide football club home game. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**Marian Procession Volunteering** The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

## DIARY DATES

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If anyone would like to join the team, please phone Amanda Bartels 0414 255 458 or Joan Smit on 0407 441 126 and we will explain what is required and how the Liturgy is presented. *You will be supported by Amanda and Joan.*

### Widow/ers Mass

Thursday 18th April at 11am followed with a shared meal.

### ANZAC DAY Mass

Thursday 25th April at 9.15am Mass

### School resumes Tuesday 30th April

Sacramental Meeting for parents and students at 6pm in the church. This meeting is for children enrolled in this year's sacramental programme. Then a rehearsal for Sacraments on Tuesday 7th May at 6pm.

## Feast of St Eugene De Mazenod - 21st May- Oblate Feast Day



The Oblates invite you to join with them on Tuesday **21 May at 10am** at St David's Church, for Mass to Celebrate their feast day.

Please stay for a shared brunch after Mass.

The Feast Day will be hosted by the De Mazenod Family who meet on the first Monday of each month at 6pm.

Please place this date into your diaries.



## Q2 Program

APR / MAY / JUN

**All Youth aged 16-30 are welcome!**

**Beach Clean for St Eugene** - Thursday 25th April  
(Further details to be announced)

### Youth Mass - Sunday 12th May

St Pius X, Dernancourt 5:30pm Mass, tea/coffee + chats to follow

### Gospel Session - Tuesday 21st May

St David's, Tea Tree Gully 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### Youth Mass - Sunday 9th June

St Pius X, Dernancourt 5:30pm Mass, tea/coffee + chats to follow

### Taize Meditation - Monday 17th June

Our Lady of Hope Chapel, Greenwith 6:30pm - 8:30pm

## ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE!

It's been over 2 years since the first parish website was created, so it's time for an update. The new website has more graphics and is even more tablet and mobile friendly.

The home page has links to each section with a brief explanation about what each section contains.

Each page has a menu at the top allowing you to move easily between sections. The menu will be fixed to the top of the screen with the page content scrolling behind it. On mobile devices, this menu will appear as 3 horizontal lines and is commonly called the **hamburger** icon.

Please use the **Feedback** option on the home page to make suggestions for improvements or just a general comment. While I have tested the website during development, there are sure to be a few 'bugs' with the new site, and on different browsers, so don't be shy to let me know if you find any!

If you wish to email me directly, use the new address [webadmin@stdavidsttg.org.au](mailto:webadmin@stdavidsttg.org.au)

## TEA TREE GULLY PARISH

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### STAFF

Priests: Fr James Jeyachandran OMI - Parish Priest ([pp@stdavidsttg.org.au](mailto:pp@stdavidsttg.org.au))  
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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

CH&S Officer:- Rina Borlace— contact Parish Office

### MASS TIMES

St David's Church **Weekday Mass times:** Monday - Saturday 9.15am Rosary - 8.50am daily

**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



We are a 'Child Safe'  
Organisation

### Mass Intentions and Feast Days for week commencing 13 April 2024

**Saturday 13: 9.15am -**

**5.30pm:** Dorothy Williams—90th Birthday

**Sunday 14: 7am: for the people of the parish**

**9am:**

**10.30am -** David Reynolds—80th Birthday

**Monday 15: 9.15am -** Vincent Manuel -RIP

**Tuesday 16: 9.15am -** John Caruana - RIP

**Wednesday 17: 9.15am -**

**Thursday 18: 9.15am -Book of intentions**

**Friday 19: 9.15am: -** Ewa Pawliszewski - RIP

### Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

names are on the list for a short period, unless parish is notified

John Williams, Judith Murray, Ros Rimmer, Bob Culshaw,  
Gloria Grew, Ron & Clare Cashin, Sally Perry, James Perry,  
Pauline Read, Brenda Crawford, Colleen Wallace, Pat Abela  
George and Mary Willcox, Cathy Cullen, David Reynolds

### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard O'Rourke, Mary Fogarty, Vera Harker, Alexandria Burke,  
Thomas Harford, Keith Connell, Burt May, Robert Bussey,  
Emily O'Reilly, Zofia Orłowski, Alice Blair, Jim McDowell,  
Newton Clothier

### Cleaners Roster: 17-19 April - Group 1

*please come to the Parish Office to collect keys—*

### Linen for April - Georgina Mizzi

*please take dirty linen, at least twice per week*

### Counting Roster: Next Weekend -21/4 Group 4

### Morning Tea Hosts: 21 April

*St David's - Francis & Charles*

*OLOH - Calleja & McCallion*

If you would like to help with any of these ministries, please contact Parish Office. Remember you must obtain a Police Clearance to volunteer at the church.

### Baptisms: Sunday 14th April 10.30am Mass

Leo Josaf Martin, son of Wayne and Veronica

### Saturday 21st April at 11am

Leon Minh Vuong Pham, son of Kim & Helen

Milla Devon & Carter Peter Diggie, children of Jason & Lacey



### Vinnie's TTG Conference.

#### FOOD ITEMS REQUIRED: SPREADS, CEREAL, RICE, TEA BAGS, PASTA SAUCE

There are 14 Vinnies shops in South Australia. Our closest Vinnies shop is in the Junction Shopping Centre at 901 Grand Junction Road, Valley View, where you can donate houseware and toys in good condition. Shopping at Vinnies shops is good for the planet, good for the community and good for you! You can find genuine vintage items and stand out from the crowd, find designer products at a fraction of the cost of new; you can find great DIY projects, decorate your home for less, help keep tonnes of items out of landfill every year and the profits help fund our community services.

Wasim Saman, *President TTG Conference*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE from the MAIN FOYER OF THE CHURCH. They commenced last Sunday.

If you require Planned Giving Envelopes, please place your name and address on the sheet provided. Your regular giving helps to maintain the upkeep of the church.