



Tea Tree Gully Parish - St David's Catholic Church

Incorporating - Our Lady of Hope Chapel - Greenwith

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24th March 2024



PALM SUNDAY Yr B

Readings next weekend EASTER Sunday — Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Recommending a New Book

I recently finished reading John Mark Comer's new book *Practicing the Way – Be with Jesus; Become like him; Do as he did*. By way of a recommendation, I offer a series of sound bytes from the book which I hope will give you a nice taste of both the language and substance of the book.

- Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning. Sadly, this tragic misunderstanding tends to produce consumers of Jesus' merit rather than disciples of Jesus' way.
- Without God, we cannot; without us, God will not. And, as Thomas Keating says, the chief act of the will is not effort but consent.
- The great enemy of the spiritual life is hurry. We must eliminate hurry from our lives. Most of us are just too busy to live emotionally healthy and spiritually vibrant lives. (In an attempt to slow down, Comer twice quit his job. His only regret is that he didn't do it sooner.)
- Salvation is a communal experience. *Jesus called disciples, not a disciple*. Living in community is not easy but worth it. We can all tell horror stories of living in community when things go terribly wrong but when it goes right, it's a glimpse of eternity.
- What do you want as the substance of your eulogy at your funeral?
- Are you growing in love not just for your friends and family but also for your enemies? When you are hurt, wounded, and treated unjustly (as we all are), are you finding yourself increasingly able to emotionally release the bitterness, to absorb the pain and not give back in kind? Can you pray for and even bless those who curse you?
- The genius of Jesus' ethical teaching was that you cannot keep the law by trying not to break the law. Don't weigh a possible behavior with 'Is this sinful or not?' but rather with the question, 'does this move me toward Jesus or away?'
- On healing: only one thing is required, open your pain to God. The beginning of salvation is to honestly face your own weaknesses. The more we hide, the less we heal. Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced. Generally, we sin alone, but we heal together.
- Why do you struggle? Because Jesus may be in your heart, but grandpa is in your bones! When the devil came to Adam and Eve in the garden, he didn't come with a stick, he came with an idea. Pay attention to your jealousy. Push back on the forces that deform you.
- Our generation is witnessing a cosmic shift in human history, the shift from the industrial revolution to the digital world. The digital age has us more connected than ever before. But sociologists tell us that we are the loneliest generation ever. Could the way forward be as simple as meeting people in the place of pain? Regarding the use of electronic media: Choose your own constraints or they will be chosen for you.
- Our great cultural illusion is that our growth can be: *Easy, Fast, and Controllable*.
- In fasting you are literally praying with your body.
- You can't think your way to Christlikeness.
- You cannot apprentice under Jesus and not have it interfere with your life. To follow Jesus requires that you leave something behind. For Peter it was fishing nets. What is it for you? Following Jesus will cost you, but not following him will cost you more, that is, it will cost you happiness and peace. Quoting missionary/martyr, Jim Eliot: "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."
- Most people think they will grow to be more like Jesus through *trying* hard rather than through *training* hard when the exact opposite is true. *You don't run a marathon by trying hard, you do it through training*. Training, not trying, is the secret to becoming more like Jesus. What do monks do in a monastery? They fall and get up again, fall and get up again.
- There are four levels to prayer: Talking to God, talking with God, listening to God, being with God.
- If you want more of God, give him away.
- We cannot die on every cross, nor are we expected to.
- Quoting Isaac the Syrian: "Speech is the organ of the present world. Silence is the mystery of the world to come."

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- His nine rules of life for practicing the Way:
 - Practice Sabbath in a culture of hurry and exhaustion.
 - Practice solitude in a culture of anxiety and noise.
 - Practice prayer in a culture of distraction and escapism.
 - Practice community in a culture of individuality and superficiality.
 - Practice scripture in a culture of ideological infection and compromise.
 - Practice fasting in a culture of indulgence.
 - Practice generosity in a culture of consumerism.
 - Practice service in a culture of injustice and division.
 - Practice hospitality in a culture of hostility.

But this series of sound bytes is no substitute for reading the book!

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

EASTER ROSTERS IN FOYER

Please place your name on the Roster at the Back of the Church Foyer on the Parish notice board, if you can help with ministries for the Easter Services.

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Ushers, Commentators and Readers will be required for certain Masses. For Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm, volunteers for 'washing of the feet' will be required. If parishioners from OLOH want to place their names on this list, please contact Denise.

People reading at Palm Sunday and Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, will be contacted by the office during this week and readings will be emailed to you to practice.

DIARY DATES

MONTHLY GARDENING GROUP

As the next group will be Monday 1st April, Easter Monday, Barry has requested that just this one could be changed to the Tuesday 2nd April from 10am. So if you are free to help with clearing of weeds etc in the garden beds, please come on Tuesday 2nd April.

EASTER MONDAY

De Mazenod Club family gathering 1st April from 6pm

FAREWELL FOR FR JOSHUA

This will take place after the 10.30am Mass Sunday 7th April. Please bring a shared plate for morning tea.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers for both Our Lady of Hope and St David's Church, Children's Liturgy will not be offered at each week. **St David's Church** Sunday 24th March 2024 10:30 am Sunday 7th April 2024 10:30 am

OLOH Sunday 7th April 9:00 am Sunday 28th April 9:00 am

If you feel that you would like to help with this very important ministry, please contact Amanda on 0414255458 or Joan 0407441126

INVITATION TO

*The Ordination
to the
Priesthood
of*

Br. Jesington Logu, OMI
(Sri Lanka- Province of Jaffna)

By His Lordship
Rt. Rev. Dr.

F. L. Emmanuel Fernando
(The Bishop of Mannar)

on THURSDAY
09th of May 2024 at 09.30 a.m
at St. Sebastian Cathedral,
Mannar.

*Mass of
Thanksgiving
of*

Fr. Jesington Logu, OMI
(Sri Lanka- Province of Jaffna)

on SATURDAY
11th of May 2024 at 8.00 a.m

at St. Mary's Church,
Mutharipputhurai.

 MISSIONARY
OBLATES
OMI of MARY IMMACULATE

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you and the entire community. My time spent with you all has been truly enriching, and I have had the opportunity to encounter some wonderful experiences. Your support and guidance during my stay at your parish have been invaluable to me.

Now, I am thrilled to formally invite you and the parishioners to my upcoming ordination ceremony. The ceremony will take place on the 9th of May 2024 at 9:30 am at St. Sebastian Cathedral. Your presence at this significant event would be highly valued, and you are all most welcome to join in the celebration.

I understand that not everyone may be able to attend the ceremony in person, and I kindly ask that you keep me in your prayers. Additionally, there will be a live stream of the event, and I extend a warm invitation for you to join virtually and be a part of the celebration from wherever you are.

I am deeply grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from the entire community. Please keep me in your prayers, and be assured of my prayers for all of you as well. Br Jesington OMI



LENT AND EASTER 2024

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES CAN NOW BE RETURNED AT ANY MASS.

MONEY DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS FOR EASTER CAN BE PLACED ONTO THE COLLECTION PLATE
Please place into an ENVELOPE marked 'FLOWERS' or give directly to one of the priests or Denise.

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

Monday 25th March

Chrim Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral 6pm

Thursday 28th March

Holy Thursday—No Morning Mass—Set up at 10am. Help required

Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm with Adoration until 10pm

Friday 29th March

Good Friday—Stations of the Cross at 10am led by the Oblate Youth

Reconciliation until 12.30pm.

Good Friday Passion—3pm

Saturday 30th March

Set up for Easter Vigil at 10am—Help required

Easter Vigil commences at 7pm followed by a shared supper

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday Mass at 7am and 10.30am and 9am OLOH

Sunday 7th April

Divine Mercy Sunday and Fr Joshua's Farewell after 10.30am Mass



You have possibly noticed a pile of mulch in the front of the church. On Tuesday 2nd April, we would love some helpers to come along and help spread this mulch into the Memorial Garden. Work will commence after morning Mass at 10am. Thank you



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th, 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, 171 Kesters Road, Para Hills. At 2pm, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Chaplet of Divine Mercy Benediction, Holy Mass at 3pm concluding with Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.



BACK-TO-BACK WINNERS

Congratulations to our group of four golfers who participated and won the 'John Mahoney Parish 'trophy' for a second successive year at the recent Clergy-Laity Golf Day competition. Also congratulations to Roy Garreffa who won the A Grade section of the competition. Well done team!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TWO PARISHIONERS FROM WIDOW/ERS GROUP

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Cathy (80 years young) and Dharni (70 years young). We hope you had a wonderful birthday.

" Thank you to Fr James & all in the widows & widowers group for a delightful surprise birthday cake, wishes & love shared on Thursday after our Mass. Wishing all many blessings ". Cathy

If you have lost a life long partner, you are most welcome to come and join this very welcoming group on the 3rd Thursday of each month for Mass and a shared lunch commencing at 11am.



TEA TREE GULLY PARISH

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STAFF

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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 23 March 2024

Saturday 23: 9.15am - Dru Lavenant—RIP
5.30pm: -

Sunday 24: 7am: for the people of the parish

9am: Waleed Bakos - RIP

10.30am - Angela & David Curley -RIP

Monday 25: 9.15am -

Tuesday 26: 9.15am -

Wednesday 27: 9.15am— Aileen O'Sullivan -RIP

Thursday 28: No Morning Mass - 7pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday 29: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 10am and 3pm for Liturgy

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,
George and Mary Willcox, Cathy Cullen

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Pilkington, Brian McAuliffe, Waleed Bakos, Matthew Geraghty,
Frank O'Dea, Maree Lanigan, Bridie McWilliams, Daisy McErlean,
George Flannigan, Jan Butler, Franis Coppinger, Aileen O'Sullivan,
Ralph Ward, Catherine Clarke, Michael Graham, Christine
Westlake, Joseph Falzon, Robert Parker, Eva Jardine, Brett Smith,
Patricia Sheedy, Aaron Reardon, Brian Leksas



Vinnie's TTG Conference.

FOOD ITEMS REQUIRED: SOUP, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED SPAGHETTI, PASTA SAUCE, RICE



If you ever wondered what happens to your Vinnies donations, the photo shows a typical delivery we make to our local companion families. We also provide them with a fresh food voucher for use in a local supermarket. Your cash donations are also used to continuously stock the Vinnies shed located at the back of St David's school. Some companions are also provided with gift cards to get clothes from Vinnies shops and some emergency help towards outstanding bills. With higher demand and inflation, our spending is being substantially topped up by Vinnies SA central funds with our shortfall increasing every year.

Wasim Saman, *President TTG Conference*

Cleaners Roster: 27-29 March - Group 3

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 -24/3- Group 5

Morning Tea Hosts: 24 March

St David's - Jim, Mary & Helen

OLOH - Gardner/Dennis/Clarke

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE from the MAIN
FOYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR ALL THE EASTER CEREMONIES:- Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors and people for 'Washing of the Feet' on Holy Thursday evening. If you can help, please place your name on the sheets provided in the foyer.