



Tea Tree Gully Parish - St David's Catholic Church

Incorporating - Our Lady of Hope Chapel - Greenwith

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28 April 2024

5th Sunday Easter Yr B

Readings next weekend 6th Sunday Easter — Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Civility Has Left the Building

Why do we no longer get along with each other? Why is there such bitter polarization inside of our countries, our neighborhoods, our churches, and even in our families? Why do we feel so unsafe in many of our conversations where we are perpetually on guard so as not to step on some political, social, or moral landmine?

We all have our own theories on why this is, and mostly we choose our news channels and friends to bolster our own views. Why? Why this bitter polarization and nastiness among us?

Well, let me suggest an answer from an ancient source, scripture. In the Hebrew scriptures (our Old Testament), the prophet Malachi offers us this insight on the origins of polarization, division, and hatred. Echoing the voice of God, he writes: "Therefore, I have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, *but show partiality in your decisions*. Have we not all the one Father? Has not the one God created us? *Why do we break faith with one another?*"

Isn't this particularly apropos for us today, given all the polarization and hatred in our houses of government, our churches, our communities, and our families, where for the most part we no longer respect each other and struggle even to be civil with each other? We have broken faith with each other. Civility has left the building.

Moreover, this afflicts both sides of the ideological, political, social, and ecclesial spectrums. Both sides have their particular ideological wings which are scornfully unsympathetic to those who don't share their view, paranoid about hidden conspiracies, rigidly uncompromising, and disrespectful and belittling of anyone who does not share their perspective. And, for the most part, they preach, advocate, and practice hatred – believing that all this is done in service of God, truth, moral cause, enlightenment, freedom, or nationalism.

Someone once said, not everything can be fixed or cured, but it should be named properly. That's the case here. We need to name this. We need to say out loud, this is wrong. We need to say out loud that none of this can be done in the name of love. And we need to say out loud that we may never rationalize hatred and disrespect in the name of God, the Bible, truth, moral cause, freedom, enlightenment, or anything else. This needs to be named, irrespective of wherever we find ourselves amid all the divisive and hate-filled debates that dominate public discourse today. Each of us needs to examine himself or herself vis-a-vis our partiality, namely, how little we even want to understand the other side, how much disrespect we have for some people, how civility is often absent from our speech, and how much hatred has unconsciously crept into our lives.

After this, we need a second self-scrutiny. The word "sincere" comes from two Latin words (*sine* – without and *cere* – wax). To be sincere is to be "without wax", to be your real self, outside of others' influence. But that's not easy. How we picture ourselves, what we believe, and our view on most anything at a given moment is heavily colored by our personal history, our wounds, who we live with, what work we do, who our colleagues and friends are, the country we live in, and the political, social, and religious ideologies we inhale with the air we breathe. It's not easy to know what we really think or feel about a given issue. Am I sincere or is my reaction predicated more on who my friends and colleagues are and where I get my news? At the core of my being, who am I really, without wax?

Given our struggle for sincerity, particularly in our present climate of division, disrespect, and hatred, we might ask ourselves, how much of what I am passionate about enough to generate hatred inside me, is really rooted in sincerity as opposed to ideology or my instinctual emotional or intellectual reaction toward something I dislike?

This is not easy to answer, understandably so. We are pathologically complex as human persons, and the quest for sincerity is the quest of a lifetime. However, while on that journey towards sincerity there are some non-negotiable human and spiritual rules. The biblical prophet Malachi names one of them: "Do not show partiality in your decisions and do not break faith with each other". When we parse that out, what is it saying?

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Among other things, this: You have a right to struggle, to disagree with others, to be passionate for truth, to be angry sometimes, and (yes) even to feel hateful occasionally (since hate is not the opposite of love, indifference is). But you may never preach hatred and division or advocate for them in the name of goodness; instead, in that place inside you where sincerity resides, you need to nurse a congenital distrust of anyone who does proactively advocate for hatred and division.
Civility has left the building.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction - this coming Saturday, the 4th May, after morning Mass until the end of Reconciliation.

Come, rest a while with Jesus!

St Vincent de Paul—TTG Community Lottery

The People's Choice Community Lottery has for several years, been one of our main fund raisers and this year is no different, except for a change of name. The People's Choice Credit Union has now merged with the First Heritage Banks and so the lottery has been re-named "The People First Community Lottery".

Tickets are \$2 each and every cent collected goes to the Charity selling th tickets. There are 52 prizes and the Lottery is run completely 'on-line', with a prize pool of \$300,000.00 The 'Early Bird' closes 16th May—drawn on 25th May. Ticket sales close 25th July—drawn on 1st August, To buy tickets:

1. Go to "People First Community Lottery"
2. Click on 'Buy Tickets'
3. In 'Find Charity' enter: St Vincent de Paul—Tea Tree Gully Conference
4. Follow the prompts to buy tickets

A full list of prizes can be found in 'Frequently Asked Questions'.

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

Invitation to Masterclass Series with Professor Amy-Jill Levine | May 9 & 10 2024

The Lakes Resort Hotel | 141 Brebner Drive, West Lakes Amy-Jill Levine is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies. Amy-Jill is internationally known as a highly engaging speaker on the historical Jesus and the gospel stories. Along with several children's books on biblical stories co-authored with Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, she has written six "beginner's guides" to the Gospels and she is the New Testament editor of the new Oxford Biblical Commentary Series. Amy-Jill will present two separate whole day seminars on Thursday May 9 and Friday May 10 and her topics will include:

Day One (May 9) Women who walked with Jesus – a message for all in the Church today

Day Two (May 10) The Jewish Jesus – understanding context for Jesus' ministry and teaching

To register for one or both of these days, please contact the parish office for details to be emailed to you

Mass Count

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for All Masses held on weekends during the month of May each year. This is used in their pastoral planning and financial reporting. This year the counts will be held from the 4th May through to 26th May. Please make sure when you come to the church during May that you fill out a slip, one per person at each Mass attended each weekend.

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.

Children's Liturgy May 2024 St David's Church – 5th May, 19th May, 26th May, OLOH – 19th May

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.

Monday Gardening Group - 1st Monday of the month at 10am—Monday 6th May

De Mazenod Family Group—Meet at 6pm for shared meal on Monday 6th May , followed by our gathering.

Bene Nursing Home Mass

Tuesday 7th May at 10.45am with residents

ACH Nursing Home Mass

Wednesday 8th May at 10.30am Highercombe nursing home Mass with residents

Ality Nursing Home Mass at Ridgehaven

Wednesday 15th May at 10.30am with residents

Widow/ers Mass

Thursday 16th May at 11am with shared lunch



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!

Youth Mass - Sunday 12th May

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

Gospel Session - Tuesday 21st May

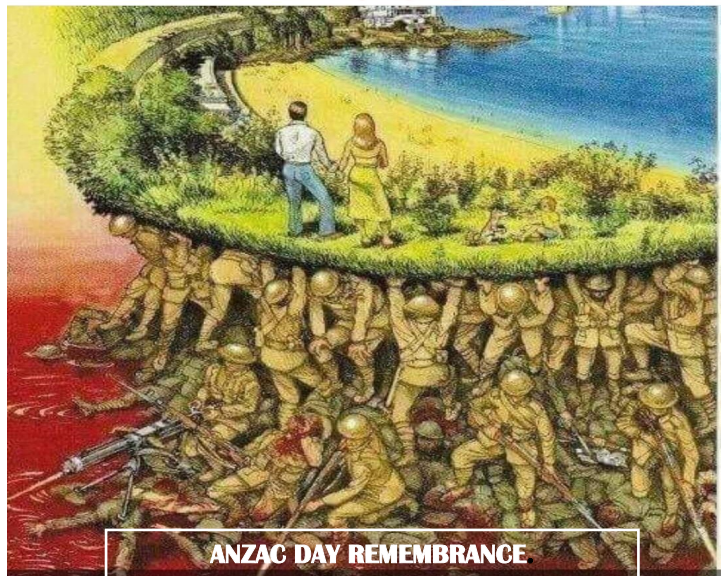
St David's, Tea Tree Gully 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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



LEST WE FORGET

Birthday Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and texts for my 90th Birthday. And then following 'Get Well' wishes during my short stint in hospital . I am now much better and able to enjoy the beautiful messages from everyone. God bless all our parishioners. Dorothy Williams

TEA TREE GULLY PARISH

Parish Office Phone: 8264 4694 Email: secretary@stdavidsttg.org.au Web Page: <https://www.stdavidsttg.org.au>

Church Office & Presbytery: 2-4 Vizard Rd, Tea Tree Gully 5091 [facebook.com/ttgparish](https://www.facebook.com/ttgparish)

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

STAFF

Priests: Fr James Jeyachandran OMI - Parish Priest (pp@stdavidsttg.org.au)
Fr Didier Indibi OMI—Assistant Priest (didierindibi@gmail.com)

Office Manager/Secretary - Denise Crawford - 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

27 April 2024

Saturday 27: 9.15am -

5.30pm: Srilal Fernando -RIP

Sunday 28: 7am: for the people of the parish

9am:

10.30am - Margaret Grubits - RIP

Monday 29: St Catherine of Siena 9.15am -

Tuesday 30: 9.15am - John Furlan - RIP

Wednesday 1: 9.15am -

Thursday 2: St Athanasius 9.15am -

Friday 3: Sts Philip & James 9.15am: - Book of intentions

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

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

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

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin Tobin, John McNulty, Mavis Shea, Fr John Maher OMI,
Ruby Cunningham, Eric Baker, Stan O'Reilly, Ian Hughes, Keri
Daws, Margaret Hickey, John Daly, Kath Alter, Fr John Coakley
OMI, Mary Lewis, Thomas Faul, Kath Walsh, Johannes Nillissen,
Sylvia Brown, Gregoria Francisco

Cleaners Roster: 1-3 May - Group 2

please come to the Parish Office to collect keys—

Linen for May - J Valente

please take dirty linen, at least twice per week

Counting Roster: Next Weekend -5/5 Group 1

Morning Tea Hosts: 5 May

St David's - Widow/ers Group - please help if you can
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.

Baptisms: Saturday 27th April at 11am

Elke Audrey Cahill Kenyon, daughter of Thomas &
Lauren

Saturday 4th May—Cohen Roy Matthews



Vinnie's TTG Conference.

FOOD ITEMS REQUIRED: SPREADS, TINNED MEAT & VEG, CEREAL, TUNA, TINNED GREEN PEAS

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognized as a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to those in need. We want to turn concern into action by sharing what we have. As depicted in the parable of the 5 loaves and 2 fish, a little generosity can go a long way. Even in the midst of the current economic crisis we all have something to share and it can make a big difference in somebody's life. It could be by donating money or food, your time, friendship and prayer or simply a smile and a kind word.

Wasim Saman, *President TTG Conference*

Don't forget to buy tickets from "People First Community Lottery on-line, to help support Vinnies Tea Tree Gully