



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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31st March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY Yr B

Readings next weekend 2ND Sunday — Acts of the Apostles 4:32-3, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

Happy Easter everyone!

Over the last three days our parish community has joined to celebrate the Sacred Triduum and now we rejoice in the light of Christ's Resurrection as we celebrate Easter Sunday.

Amidst the joy and celebration, there is a little sadness as it is my last day of ministry here in the parish of Tea Tree Gully. Next weekend, on the 7th April, I will celebrate my farewell mass and then depart the following day for Brisbane where I will take up my new appointment as chaplain to Iona College and chaplain to Rosies, our ministry to our friends on the streets.

I just want to say that it has been a real privilege to be able to serve my home community of Tea Tree Gully in my first years as a priest.

Being placed here I think was a surprise for all of us, including myself, but I count myself truly blessed. The first year of priesthood is an absolute rollercoaster ride of ups and downs, learning so many new things and adapting to a new life. Being able to do that in a place where I was so comfortable, with people around me to support me, it made the ride all the smoother. And for that I am deeply grateful.

I have put my heart and soul into the ministry here because it is so close to my heart. I pray that you all have the strength and determination to keep our community going and continue to make it a beautiful, welcoming, friendly place where people of all walks of life can come to experience the love and mercy of God.

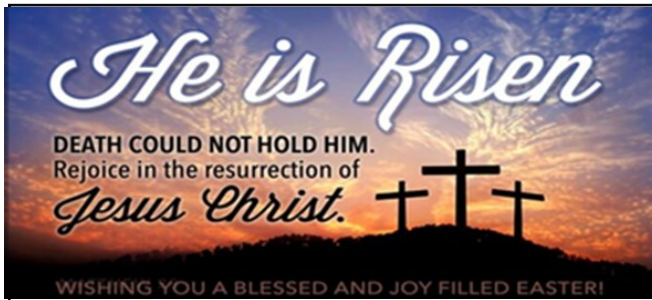
Of course I will miss you all dearly, but this is not a final goodbye, but a see you again soon. This place is after all my home and I will re-appear more often than you expect.

Thank you for your prayers and support that constantly lift me up in my vocation and please be assured that you all will have a special place in my heart and I will continue to pray for you also.

God bless and see you soon!

Fr Joshua Nash OMI





Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

It's such a hopeful time of year, and I wish you every good thing at Easter and always.

I am always grateful to you and express my sincere thanks to one and all. May the Risen Lord bless you,

keep you safe and give you good health. Happy Easter to you.

Fr. James OMI

The Passion of Christ as Passivity

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

We speak of that section in the Gospels which narrates Jesus' life from the Last Supper until his death and burial, as chronicling his "Passion". On Good Friday, the lector begins the Gospel with the words: "The *Passion* of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John".

Why do we call Jesus' suffering just before his death his passion?

Generally, this is not properly understood. We tend to think that "passion" here refers to intense sufferings, as in "passionate suffering". This isn't wrong but misses a key point. Passion comes from the Latin, PASSIO, meaning passiveness, non-activity, absorbing something more than doing something. Hence, the "Passion" of Jesus refers to that time in his life when his meaning for us is not defined by what he was doing but rather by what was being done to him. What's being said here?

The life and ministry of Jesus can be divided into two distinct parts: scholars estimate that Jesus spent about three years preaching and teaching before being put to death. For most of that time, in fact for all of it except the last day, he was very much the doer, in command, the active one, teaching, healing, performing miracles, giving counsel, eating with sinners, debating with church authorities, and generally, by activity of every sort, inviting his contemporaries into the life of God. And he was busy, so pressured that at times he didn't have time to eat. For almost all his public life Jesus was actively doing something.

However, from the time he walked out of the last supper room that activity stopped. He is no longer the one who is doing things for others, but the one who is having things done to him. In the garden, they arrest him, bind his hands, lead him to the high priest, then to Pilate. He is beaten, humiliated, stripped of his clothes, and eventually nailed to a cross where he dies. This constitutes his "passion", that time in his life and ministry when he ceases to be the doer and becomes the one who has things done to him.

What is so remarkable about this is that our faith teaches us that we are saved more through his passion (his death and suffering) than through all his activity of preaching and doing miracles. How does this work?

Allow me an illustration: some years ago, my sister Helen, an Ursuline nun, died of cancer. A nun for more than thirty years, she much loved her vocation and was loved within it. For most of those thirty years, she served as a den-mother to hundreds of young women who attended an academy run by her order. She loved those young women and was for them a mother, an older sister, and a mentor. As well, for the last twenty years of her life, after our own mother died, she served in that same capacity for our family, organizing us and keeping us together. Through all those years she was the active one, the consummate doer, the one whom others expected to take charge. And she relished the role, was born for it. She loved doing things for others.

Then, nine months before she died, cancer struck her brutally and she spent the last months of her life bed-ridden. Now things needed to be done for her. Doctors, nurses, the sisters in her community, and others, took turns taking care of her. And, like Jesus from the time of his arrest until the moment of his death, her body too was humiliated, led around by others, stripped, prodded, and stared at by curious passers-by. Indeed, like Jesus, she died thirsty, with a sponge held to her lips by someone else.

That was her passion. She, who had spent so many years doing things for others, now had to submit to having things done to and for her. But, and this is the point, like Jesus, she was able in that period of her life when she was helpless and no longer in charge, to give life and meaning to others in a deeper way than she could during all those years when she was active and doing so many things for others.

That is the mystery of the fruitfulness of passivity, of helplessness. And there's an important lesson here, not the least of which is the potential fruitfulness of the terminally ill, the severely handicapped, and the sick. There's a lesson too on how we might understand what we have to give to others when we are ill, helpless, and in need of care from others.

The passion of Jesus teaches us that, like Jesus, we give as much to others in our passivity as in our activities. When we are no longer in charge, beaten down, humiliated, suffering, and unable even to make ourselves understood by our loved ones, we are undergoing our passion and, like Jesus in his passion, have in that the opportunity to give over our love in a very deep way.

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. This will be Fr Joshua's last meeting with us and he will be sharing about the recent Oblate Formation in Brisbane. All Welcome to enjoy a shared (small) meal and fellowship.

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

Children's Liturgy

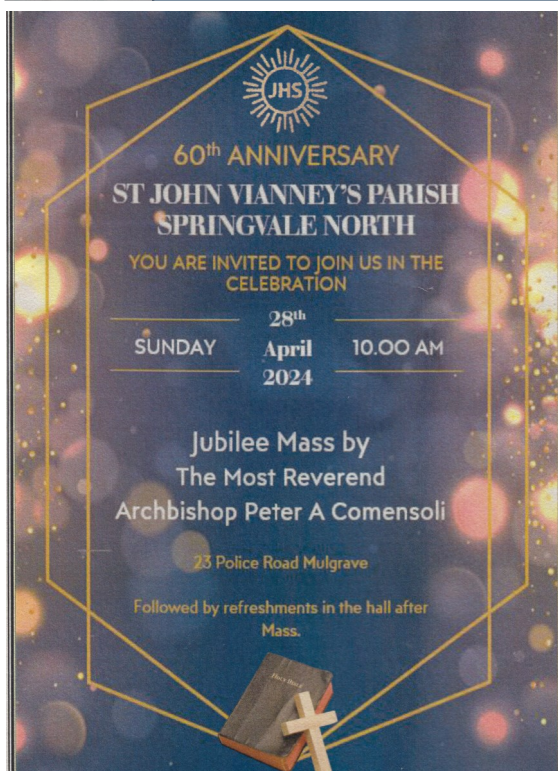
Thank you to Sarah & Jenny (St David's) and Hayley (OLOH) for offering to help with Children's Liturgy. If anyone else would like to join the team, please phone Amanda Bartels 0414 255 458 or Joan Smit on 0407 441 126 and we will explain what is required and how the Liturgy is presented. *You will be supported by Amanda and Joan.*



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction - this coming **Saturday, the 6th April**, after morning Mass until the end of Reconciliation.
Come before Jesus and THANK HIM for loving you so much!



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.



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. Br. Jesington OMI



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.



TEA TREE GULLY PARISH

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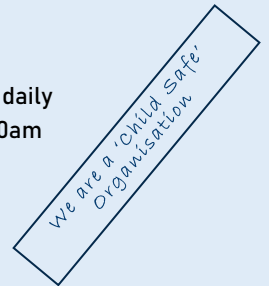
CH&S Officer:- Rina Borlace— contact Parish Office

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



Mass Intentions and Feast Days for week commencing

30 March 2024

Saturday 30: 9.15am - NO MORNING MASS

7.00PM: - EASTER VIGIL MASS

Sunday 31: 7am: for the people of the parish

9am:

10.30am -

Monday 1: 9.15am -

Tuesday 2: 9.15am - Anna Ayre -RIP

Wednesday 3: 9.15am -

Thursday 4: James Cullen -RIP

Friday 5: 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 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

Bertha Matthews, Ronald Crossley, Laura Branigan, Anna Ayre,
Peter Roberts, Athol Bran, Catherine Cashel, Edmund Veness,
James Cullen, Antionette Rowlands, Patricia Coppins,
Monica Harte, Mary Hennessy, Domenic Valente, Eileen Ryan



Vinnie's TTG Conference.

**FOOD ITEMS REQUIRED: SOUP,
TINNED FRUIT, TINNED SPAGHETTI,**

PASTA SAUCE, RICE

By way of thanking the St David's parishioners for their continuous support and generosity, the TTG Vinnies conference is organising a **Family Quiz Night** to bring the parish community together and engage with the parish school community.

Date: Friday, 21st June, 2024, Time: 7:00pm,

Venue: Our Lady Of Hope Parish Centre.

Please save the date and join us for an evening of fun, music and friendly competition.

Bring your family and friends and win fabulous prizes.

Wasim Saman, *President TTG Conference*

Cleaners Roster: 3-5 March - Group 4

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 -7/4 Group 2

Morning Tea Hosts: 7 April

St David's - Doris & Brian

OLOH - Hanger

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 6th April at 11am

Oliver, child of Heidi & Xavier Feo

Jesse, child of Teresa & Julian Feo

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE from the MAIN FOYER OF THE CHURCH. They commence next 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.