

The Rose

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away.

As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing.

He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose."

He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers.

As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother."

She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, cancelled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

Don't pass up on an opportunity to see those you love and tell them you love them while you still can.



Daft definitions

Abdicate: to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach

Esplanade: to attempt an explanation while drunk

Coffee: a person who is coughed upon

Balderdash: a rapidly receding hairline

Semantics: pranks conducted by young men studying for the priesthood

Testicle: a humorous question in an exam

Negligent: absentmindedly answering the door in your nightwear

Lymph: to walk with a lisp

Flabbergasted: appalled over how much weight you have gained

Ludicrous life hacks

A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after hitting the snooze button.

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.

Before attempting to remove stubborn stains from a garment, circle the stain in permanent marker pen so that when you remove the garment from the washing machine you can easily locate the area of the stain and check that it is gone.

If you have high blood pressure simply cut yourself and bleed for a while, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to always use a timer.

News for the Pews

RIVERLINKS ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Growing a community of faith
committed to Christ and making him known**

Information & Church family news
for the congregations of
St David's & St Oswald's

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1: 2 - 4 ^{NIV}

O God,
you alone can order our unruly wills and affections:
teach us to love what you command,
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the changes and chances of this world,
our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Praise for:

- † Graeme & Norma , Ian & Anne are all safely back home after their trips away
- † Despite the wild weather that there has been minimal damage done and little flooding
- † City Mission, Salvos, Vinnies, etc. who are ministering to the homeless and others in need in this very cold and difficult weather. Praise also for the supporters of these organisations who give their goods & money to allow them to do these good works

Pray for:

- † Jo's eye operation went without problems
- † Tommy MacQueen & Lindy Bailey in their Chaplaincy ministries to Riverside schools
- † Bishop Richard as he gets back to work after he and his family enjoyed a refreshing break away
- † Students & teachers as they return to school this week
- † Quick solution to the troubles caused by the recent wild weather
- † Parishes who are without the guidance of a Priest at present, and especially that those Priests who are unwell would soon recover
- † Jan & Bill would have safe travel north this week

Continue to pray for:

- † James, Josh, Roger & Anne
- † Tim & Emma serving in SE Asia
- † New people to join our congregations
- † Pray daily for everyone who has ongoing health issues, especially:
 - †Margot
 - †Rona †Bill & Bev †Robin
 - †Dick & Jo †Joan Wilkins †Connie
 - †Roger & Julianne †Alison †Marie
 - †Ian, Helen & Sarah †Trish, Louise & Issy

What's going on?

St Oswald's Fellowship Group - This Wednesday 20th July at 2pm at Robin's home

Australian Church Women - Fellowship Day on Monday 25th July, 1:30pm at Trinity Uniting Church, corner of Margaret & Balfour Streets, Launceston. Guest speaker Rev Carol Bennett. All welcome

Crafty Circle - Thursday 28th July, 10:00am in St David's hall

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 31st July at St Aidan's East Launceston. Please bring a plate of finger food to share in fellowship & lunch together after the service

City Mission Winter Food Frenzy - Let's try to collect 1000 long-life food items before July 31st. All food collected is provided to families in need

Beanie Day - Friday 5th August Beanie Day is part of Homelessness Prevention Week for the City Mission. Wear your favourite beanie (or scarf/gloves) and make a gold coin donation to help the homeless in our communities

Risen: The Movie - Saturday 13th August 6pm at Door of Hope, South Launceston. This is a fundraiser for Teen Challenge Home of Hope Women & Children's Rehabilitation Centre. Movie tickets are free - bring gold coins and cash for snacks, games & door prizes

Bible Society Upcoming Events

Wednesday 31st August, Dr John Dickson will be giving a public talk called Doubting the Bible. This is a Free Event

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

- 10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's
- 10:30 am Conversations Café @ St O's

Wednesday 13th July

- 10:00 am Healing Service & Holy Communion at St David's

Thursday 21st July

- 10:45 am PresCare

Sunday 24th July

- 10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's
- 10:30 am Worship @ St O's

Home Groups

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| Igglesden's | Tuesday 1:45pm |
| Pedley's | In recess until 26 th July |
| St Oswald's | Wednesday 7:30pm |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emily Oakley - 18th July

Ross Gregory - 20th July

Sally Oakley - 21st July

Tom Andrew - 22nd July