



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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24-25 August 2024, The Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am Lit of Word and H Comm
Thursday	5.30pm
Friday	9.30am (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Patrick Jones, Jim Rogers, Antonio Vecchi, Robert James, Marie Power, Maureen Dinn, Polly Crowley, Terry Ball, Neville Larkins, Bishop Kevin Manning, Sari Montegner, Fr Peter Gannon (PP from 1994-2000), Val Crossley, Fr Pat Kenna, Pat Sloan, Jesse Lodder, Anthony Bayni, Ton Collingnon, Helen Robson, Greg Geering, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Pam Dewhurst, Marie Pugh, Michael Duffy, Marjory Swan, Pauline and Ron McLennan, Erlinda and Nicostrato Dulay, Jose and Crispina Infante, Ron Beath, Rod Crane, Nedra O'Connor, Milena Ceccarelli, Raco Vincenzo, Angela & Maria Pezzimenti, Pasquale (Charlie) Lustri, Carmel Govaars, Tano Travia, Colleen McCann,

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

John O'Kane, Romeo Cicolini, Francis Boyd, Emily Robinson, John Andrew, Ron Thornton, Beverly Lilley, Gabriel Rockwood, Lino Servello, Anco Ceccarelli, Andrea Margio, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, , David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, Madeline McMahon, Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Elizabeth Pukl, Anthony Watt, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, John Woodward, Bill Grant, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman.

CHOICES MAKE HEROES

When faced with a choice we weigh up the options. Many who heard Jesus claim to be the 'Bread of Life' found it intolerable language and walked away. Some dismissed his claim on the basis of a literal understanding and, or because he was claiming to be "*a new "Manna" sent down by God, superior in life-giving power to the Law of Moses*" (Brendan Byrne). **In contrast to Moses who brought down God's law from Sinai, Jesus claims to have come from heaven.** He is not an intermediary but God descended or God-with-us. He has pitched his tent amongst us (1:14). "*Jesus seems to be saying, 'If you have difficulty with this idea of one descended from heaven to reveal God, how will you cope with the still more radical revelation when the same Son of Man returns to where he came from via a cross!'*" (ibid). **For John the understanding is that in being raised on the cross is the beginning of Jesus' return (ascension) to the Father, who is love.** Moving to the present and unlike those who walked away and others, like Peter who were convinced that Jesus was "*the Holy One of God*", there are those who are convinced of who Jesus is but lack consolation in that conviction. **St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) committed her life in faith but not without existential crisis or a 'dark night of the soul'.** To recap, Mother Teresa cared for the sick and dying poor in Calcutta and the Sisters of

Charity continue to serve the poor and dying around the world. Yet in private letters to her spiritual advisers released after her death, Mother Teresa reveals that for close to the last fifty years of her life she lacked personal awareness of God's presence. **However, it was in identifying with Jesus' words on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" that she continued to reach out. "She felt that her sense of loss gave her a deep personal awareness of what it meant to be alone and abandoned, like the poor she served and like Jesus himself on the cross" (Connie Clark). We all make choices. While all things work to their good for those who love God (Rmns 8:28), it is all the more commendable and even heroic to commit in faith and action when spiritual consolation or experience of the presence of God is absent. I would suggest that it is a more common experience than we might first think.**

Fr John

2024 – 2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT, "TRUTH AND PEACE: A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD", Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. **Copies available at the exits.**

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES AND FAMILIES are being presented at all Masses this weekend. We pray that they would grow in appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist celebrated in community.

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY APPEAL for the support of our sick and retired clergy will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 8-9 September. **ORDINATION OF REV MARK HA**, St. Christopher's, 5:00pm, Thurs, 17 October.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We are looking for parents and possibly teens willing to lead the same during the Sunday am Mass. All material provided. Interested, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

MARYMEAD-CATHOLIC CARE AUXILIARY HIGH TEA BUFFET to raise much needed funds for Marymead-CatholicCare, 2:00pm, 8 September, Mecure Hotel, Ainslie Ave, Braddon, Tickets \$60 pp. Bookings at mccg.org.au close 22 August.

SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION 2024 - CATHOLIC EARTH CARE CONVOCATION 12-14 SEPTEMBER. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165> More information at catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN LECTIO DIVINA: Encounter God through this ancient practice of reading and praying the Scriptures, 26 September. Cost \$150. Info: 42360011, ext 114.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT - ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 18-20 OCTOBER: All are invited to the Archdiocesan Assembly under the theme 'Come Holy Spirit'. Those gathered in person or online will explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church.



Where Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn
When Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024
Info Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly

CLAIM THE DATE: 2pm, Sunday 17 November for our Parish Assembly. More to come.

MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Jam 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 31 August-1 September 2024			
<i>1st Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Dan McKay	Mark Murphy
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Dennis Granlund	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Volunteer required	Therese Keily-Wynter	
Welcomer	Jacqui Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	N Bonato/P Wynter	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	Warr: Lisa Binutti-Wilson	FWG: Betsy Joseph	Homes: Jenny & Brendan Ryan
Counters	<i>2 Sept</i>	Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>28 Aug.</i>	Prayer Leader: John Evers	Eucharistic Minister: Emma Fairfax