



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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31 Aug.-1 Sept. 2024, The Twenty-Second 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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Rod Chidge, John O’Kane, 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: Marc Kelaart, 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

Romeo Cicolini, Francis Boyd, Emily Robinson, John Andrew, Ron Thornton, Beverly Lilley, Patrick Jones, 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.

TO SHARE THE FATHER’S LOVE

The Second Vatican Council insisted that all the baptised are called to holiness (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, ‘Lumen Gentium’*). It is not the preserve, as if it ever was, of clergy and religious. It is the call to the entire People of God. Today’s readings help to clarify what ‘holiness’ is. But first some context. Jesus was a devout Jew. He would have cherished the ‘Torah’ or law which was more ‘a light that shows the way’ rather than a legal code. However, Jesus had an issue with “the addition to it of further prescriptions and customs that were not part of the original revelation and which in his view could sometimes work against its’ true purpose” (Brendan Byrne). Living in the Palestine of Jesus day amongst those who were not part of the covenanted people gave rise to “a host of washings and other rituals of cleanliness which were obligatory after contact with outsiders in the market and other public spheres” (*ibid*). Thus, Jesus quotes Isa 29:13, ‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me’ in challenging those additions to the law which gave the impression that ‘uncleanness’ came from outside. **On the contrary, Jesus turned that understanding on its head. “Human holiness came from being in contact with God. Jesus, who was supremely in contact with God, went about touching ‘unclean’ persons like lepers and associating with ‘tax collectors and sinners.’ He did not ‘catch’ uncleanness from them, as though it were a contagious disease.**

Rather the 'flow' was the other way round: they 'caught' holiness and healing from him . . . Jesus understood true holiness to be essentially inclusive rather than exclusive. It had to do with God's reaching out rather than withdrawing to some sacred inner space" (ibid). Today's Gospel concludes with a list of matters indicative of a heart not touched by God. We could also call to mind actions or virtues indicative of true holiness of heart. **In fact, we are a mixture of both. 'Holy yet sinful and always in need of reform' as the Second Vatican Council put it.** Back in the seventies American Jesuit Fr John Powell wrote a very popular book, *'Happiness Is an Inside Job'*. The title suggests that being in touch with the love of God is transformative of our outlook and engagement. *Lord, melt my stubborn heart and will. Grace me with an awareness of your love that I might be a channel of the same.* **Today, Father's Day we celebrate and pray for all dads, living and dead. Sharing in God's creative design we pray in thanksgiving that they have or that they would cherish their dignity and seek to share the inclusive and life-giving flow of God's love.**

Fr John

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED PREISTS: There are 25 retired priests in our Archdiocese. They need our support having served faithfully over many years. You can make a gift via the envelopes provided, by giving at www.catholic.org.au/donate or by calling 6239 9801

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.**

SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION 2024 - CATHOLIC EARTHCARE 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.

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your vital commitment to ministry in our parish. **It is a requirement in the ACT for anyone over 16 years of age involved in activities with children and/or vulnerable persons to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card.** In March and September a report of all active WWVP holders must be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Forrest. The Archdiocese can be audited by government agencies at any time. Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Government requirements. **As needs be, please ensure your WWVP is current.**

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-third Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 7-8 September 2024

<i>2nd Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Reader	Hilary Honey	Stana Fernandez	Volunteer Required
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan	Ted and Margaret Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Volunteer required	Mary Henry	Volunteer required
Communion to Sick	Warr: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Margaret and Lorraine Ryan	Homes: Patrick Cremen
Counters	<i>9 Sept.</i> John Eyers		
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>4 Sept.</i> Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	