



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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5-6 October 2024, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in 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: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Mary-Ann Gromly, Ron Thornton, Paul Jordan, Margaret Burt, Fr John Usher, Vanessa O'Brien, Anna Vincent, Tess Caruana, Fr Brian Ebert, Amelia Vecchi, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ, Malcolm Redd, Carolyn Wightman, Jeffrey Thurlow, Rod Chidgey, 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, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Josh McKinnon, Anne Taylor, Benjamin and Bill Rowe, Winifred Mona Spargo, Melanie Swan, Denis Rowe, Charlie Morella, Gerry Smith, Marc Kelaart, Pam Dewhurst, Marie Pugh, Michael Duffy, Marjory Swan, Pauline and Ron McLennan, Erlinda and Nicostrato Dulay, Jose and Crispina Infante.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

John Vincent, George Toth, Greg Nash, Romeo Cicolini, Francis Boyd, Beverly Lilley, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, John Woodward, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Iole Cicolini.

CALLED IN INTIMACY AND IN COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT

During the week I recall conversations concerning domestic violence, a house sale following divorce, practical support for a single mum and blended families. You would have had similar conversations if not personal experiences or are close to people who have. `Today's Gospel therefore seems at odds with contemporary realities. Mark espouses a radical fidelity in married life (and will call for the same in matters of wealth). While Jesus did rule out divorce and remarriage, "we must take into account that life expectancy in the ancient world was less than half that prevailing in developed Western societies today. Moreover, Jesus and the early community lived in expectation that the world as presently constituted was soon – perhaps in the very same generation – going to pass away (cf. Mark 9:1). . . . Moreover, the reality is that people make mistakes and relationships fail – something which longer life span and the high premium currently placed upon personal freedom and development make more prevalent. The Church has to find a way to help people grow through failure and find in it an experience of grace and deepened knowledge of God" (Brendan Byrne). At the same the Church must uphold the original design of God for the social institution of marriage in which "companionship, friendship and mutual recognition in love . . . should surround sexual union." **Here the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal assists folk to determine the status of their marriage and perhaps establish their freedom to enter a union blessed by the Church. Having being Director of the Marriage Tribunal and with occasional involvement still, I can share first-hand experience of the value of this ministry. Contact Lisa McIntosh at the Tribunal, lisa.mcintosh@cg.org.au, 6239 9813, if needs be. You might like to continue reflecting on the call of**

marriage and indeed the priesthood and religious life by reading the engaging article, **“Affectivity and the Eucharist”**, by **Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP**, former Dominican Master, author, recent visitor to Canberra and retreat facilitator for members of the Synod on Synodality. Copies are available at the exits. So too is a **‘Blessing for Pets’**, mindful that Friday, 4 October was the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron of creation and animals. Internationally, the Second Assembly of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the **Synod of Bishops (2-27 October)** will bring together 368 bishops, priests, religious and lay people from around the world. About fifty women will be voting members and there will be 90 non-voting members. As well, Pope Francis has invited 16 representatives of non-Catholic Christian faiths. Locally, we pray for the Synod and for our parish representatives at the **18-20 October Archdiocesan Assembly: Melissa Bray, John Evers, Catherine Grinsell-Jones, Jerome Hitchings, Kim Hoffmeier, Geoff Joy and myself.** Our parish renewal continues this weekend as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and perhaps personal commitment in the area of **‘Pastoral Care and Outreach’**.
Fr John

CLERGY MOVES to take effect from 3 January (unless noted) are: Fr James Antony to North Woden and I will move to South Belconnen. Frs Simon Falk to South Tuggeranong, Michael Lim to Goulburn, Loi Vivocente to Weston Creek, Joshy Kurien to Batemans Bay (May ’25), Dominic Byrne resident in Goulburn and caring for Crookwell and Tarlaga, Sijo Jose to Bungendore-Braidwood, Hilary Rotich to West Wyalong-Lake Cargelligo, Alex Osborne to Temora, Paul Nulley Cathedral Administrator from July and Trenton Van Reesch to undertake further study.

THE GREAT OUTBACK BBQ YARRALUMLA UNITING CHURCH, Denman St, Yarralumla, 12 noon Sun, 27 Oct. Donations accepted for the support of outback clergy. RSVP by 23 Oct to Ian, 0475425269.

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

CATHOLIC BALL presented by the ANU Catholic Society, 7-11pm, Sat., 19 Oct., Juliet Room, Verity Lane Market. Theme “A Royal Affair”. Tickets \$120. Info. catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION, SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER, GOULBURN. Commencing with a procession through the street, starting at St Saviours Anglican Cathedral and finishing at St Peter and Paul’s Old Cathedral. During the lunch break Reconciliation will be available. Pilgrims are encouraged to bring food or purchase some from the catering provided. In this midday period there will be a YES - Youth Rally for year 6-12 students. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm and include the installation of the reliquary of Ss Peter & Paul, Brigid, Charbel and Therese Lisieux.

TERESA BENEDICTA HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG ADULT WOMEN in work or study and interested in communal living in Red Hill and participating in the life of the Cathedral Parish, \$400 per week. Enquiries to cathedral@cg.org.au.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN’S TASKFORCE FUNDRAISING DINNER in support of MacKillop House for women in need, Fri., 1 Nov., Southern Cross Club, Woden; speaker, Sonia de Mezza, CEO of Migrant Refugee Settlement Services; tickets \$75 via <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-annual-dinner-m6ujpbtb> . Enquiries to Monica on 0413 315 486.

PARISH ASSEMBLY – All Masses 16-17 November. Your sharing will enhance our community.

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-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 12-13 October 2024			
<i>2nd Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Marianne Crane
Reader	Margaret Ryan	Bianca D’Rosario and Isabelle	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan	Ted and Margaret Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Evers	Brendan Ryan	Volunteer required
Communion to Sick	Warr: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Margaret and Lorraine Ryan	Homes: Jenny and Brendan Ryan
Counters	13 Oct. John Evers		
Wednesday Liturgy	9 Oct. Prayer Leader: Alex Evers	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane and John O’Connor	