



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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10-11 August 2024, The Nineteenth 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

ASSUMPTION MASSES
THURSDAY 15 AUGUST
9.30am and 5.30pm at Holy Trinity
12noon at Ss P&P School
2.15pm at Marist College

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Marie Power, Maureen Dinn, 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, Cheryl Ryan, Frances Smyth, Felix Lopilato, Pat Coffey, Elisabeth (Bet) McErlean, Giuseppe Italiano, Brian Bourke, Victims of PNG landslide, Les Beda, Laszlo Fenyvesi, Barry Flynn, Veronica Cornelly, Rita Cooper, Benjamin Ortile, Bishop Peter Ingham, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: 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, Kathleen Majer, Ellen Woods, Barney Crowe, Gaie Ross, Hugh and Audrey Hartung, Veronica Beath, John Chesworth, Rick Woods, Cecily Howden.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Beverly Lilley, Patrick Jones, Gabriel Rockwood, Lino Servello, Anco Ceccarelli, Andrea Margio, Jeannette Clarke, Michael Higgins, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, Pieter van Gent, David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, Madeline McMahan, 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.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

At times we can all identify with Elijah in our First Reading. He has had a gutful. He is down and out, severely depressed. He is on the run after being victorious over the prophets of Baal, favoured by the scheming Queen Jezebel, wife of weak King Ahab (1 Kings 18:20-40). On two occasions he is awoken and nourished for the journey to Mt Horeb or Mt Sinai where Moses received the Commandments. **However, in contrast to the lightning and thunder experienced by Moses, Elijah experiences God in a very personal and intimate manner, "a God who is not in the wind, or the earthquake or the fire [lightning] but in the sheer sound of silence (vv. 11-12)" Brendan Byrne.** God often manifests in unexpected ways. Last Tuesday I celebrated our parish feast day with a Mass for a combined gathering of our two parish infants school students followed by another for the primary students. At both I was taken by the students singing of the Recessional Hymn, 'Rainbow' (Andrew Chin). The words are catchy and the tune encourages movement. The students got into it. **Their enthusiasm was a graced uplift, different from but akin to**

Elijah being renewed for his journey. There is a subtle undertone to today's Gospel too. Taken from John, the last of the four Gospels, the Jews, from whom the Johannine community were now separated, question how Jesus, whom they knew, could dare claim to be the bread from heaven? In response Jesus quotes Isaiah 54:13, *"They will be taught by God"*. To hear the teaching of the Son of God (3:16) and to *"respond to it in faith is to "have" (beginning here and now) "eternal life."* Hence the rightness of Jesus' claim to be *"the Bread of Life" come down from heaven"* (ibid). He contrasts this bread with that which sustained their forebears in the desert but not to eternal life which he will offer in his self-offering. *"It is in giving his own life ("his flesh") for the life of the world that Jesus will most truly be for the world the life-giving revelation of the Father"* (ibid). **We encounter the Bread of Life in the Word of God and most especially in receiving the Word become flesh in the Eucharist, and then often in ways unexpected if we see with the eyes of faith.**

Fr John

RENEWING OUR PARISH TOGETHER: Thanks again for your participation in last weekend's conversations about **two things that would enhance the life of our parish**. This followed the previous weekend's discussion about **what we value in our parish**. **Written comments from both weekends are available at the exits**. At a clergy gathering on Thursday, Archbishop Christopher shared Pope Francis's understanding that 'synodality' or discerning together is akin to the diverse instruments of an orchestra creating a beautiful harmony, reflective of the unity-in-diversity of the Holy Trinity. We all have a contribution to share. **This weekend you are invited to sit with our sharings, seeking to prayerfully listen to where the Holy Spirit is calling**. If you wish to make a further written response, you may drop this off at the Parish Office or email to the facilitator philomenabillington@gmail.com. **Next month we will have a parish expo of current ministries and activities**. In due course you will have the opportunity to be part of the **Archdiocesan Assembly**. The Assembly will commence on Friday, 18 October in the Cathedral, then on Saturday, 19 at St Clare's College (with online hubs at Cooma, Narooma, Goulburn and Young) and conclude on Sunday, 20 back in our parishes. **Together we are Church.**

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

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK (VAW), 4-11 AUGUST: As we conclude VAW, please continue to pray for a sense of vocation amongst all the baptised and in particular that some might consider a vocation to religious life or priesthood. Inquiries about the monthly discernment dinners should be directed to Fr Emil, 0414 523 036, emil.milat@cg.org. Pray for Deacon Mark Ha who will be ordained at St Christopher's 5pm, Thursday, 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. In preparation, we are requesting assistance with the hemming of some cloths. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

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.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: *Toward the Synod and Beyond*, Massimo Faggioli and John Warhurst will discuss the October second session and beyond in an online presentation, 4:30pm, Thursday 15 August. Registration: <https://garrattpublishing.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1f40de2f365c592f61392a808&id=411233317c&e=bbc16a1099>

CULTURAL COMPETENCY: The Archdiocesan Catholic Women's Taskforce will host Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman to facilitate sessions to learn about Ngunnawal culture, 10am, 31 August, Parish Centre, Aranda. Register at www.cgwomen.org.au

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: Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Proverbs 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 17-18 August 2024			
<i>3rd Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Reader	Margaret Ryan	Bob Perkins	Tony Butler
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Max Grinsell Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Communion to Sick	Warr: Matt Wright	FWG: Julie Bufalo	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Counters	19 Aug Bernadette Carmody		
Wednesday Liturgy	14 Aug. Prayer Leader: Volunteer required		Eucharistic Ministers: Marianne Crane and John O'Connor

