



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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11-12 May 2024, The Ascension of the Lord, 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: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Lynton Ryan, Melvin Greenslade, Joe Sciberras, Sheila van Gent, Max Brennan, Keith Crowley, Maria Gallo, Sydney stabbing victims, Geradine Smith, John Maher, Laura Braido, Nick Toufexis, Judy Brown, Moscow shooting victims, Matthew Marlow, Barbara Clacherty, Samuel Ross, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Genevieve Bernard, drowned Libyan asylum seekers, Marie Docherty, Brent Hill, Jason Gavin, Paul Maher, Bishop Austen Crapp OFM, Randall Clinch, Alexi Navalny, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Gaie Ross, Hugh and Audrey Hartung, Veronica Beath, John Chesworth, Rick Woods, Cecily Howden, Malcolm Allison, Keith McLaughlin, John Frawley, Wendy Egan, Richard Pugh, George Varghese, Gary Parker, Henry and Flo Marlow, Josephine and Bill Hartung, Jess Venamore, Mary Huang, Gary Woods, Richard Raymond Spargo, Domingo Espayos, George Pugh, Kevin Wilson, Brian Brown, Frank Williams, Jim Molan, Desmond Lilley, Joanne Binutti.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Marie Power, Pieter van Gent, David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, Madeline McMahon, Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Jeannette Clarke, Elizabeth Pukl, Anthony Watt, Greg Nash, 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, Greg Geering.

A KINGDOM PRESENT BUT NOT YET FULLY SO

The Solemnity of the Ascension concludes the earthly ministry of Jesus. Yes, but it also ushers in the Lord's exaltation and our mission. The Ascension account in our First Reading from Acts portrays Jesus risen from the dead arising triumphant to heaven like the prophet Elijah (2 K 2:1-18). His followers, clothed with the Holy Spirit, will be the hands and feet of Jesus to continue his messianic work following the Great Commission (Gospel), despoiling Satan and his minions until the end of time as Paul understands in writing to the faithful of Ephesus (Second Reading). The latter makes clear that *"the unity of the Church reflects one baptism, one vocation, one hope, one Lord, one Spirit, one Father. This is not a static oneness but rather a dynamic unity, preserved and indeed enhanced by the variety of gifts given to individual members, . . . filling the entire universe with his power"* (Brendan Byrne). **Thus, we understand that the fullness of God's kingdom is assured but not yet realised. Dramatic signs accompanying the disciples mission are seen to be indicative of the eventual triumph of the risen Lord. War is but one stark reminder of the fullness of the kingdom being 'not yet'.** Last week the Australian Catholic Bishops quoted Pope Francis in calling for an end to the conflict in Gaza and access for desperately needed humanitarian aid. *"With him we say: 'Enough, please! Let us all say: Stop! Please stop!' . . . We believe that a just ceasefire with the release of all hostages and unhindered access*

for desperately needed aid are essential at this time. We support global efforts to negotiate a lasting peace.” **On the other hand, the celebration of Mother’s Day is surely a celebration of God’s love or the kingdom ‘present’.** The genesis of Mother’s Day or Mothering Sunday was the desire in 1907 of Anna Jarvis to memorialise her mother’s death. The idea caught on and in 1914 the second Sunday in May was declared a national holiday in the US. Yes, it has been commercialised but at heart we honour the special vocation of motherhood or being co-creators with God, the source and end of all life. **May the aspirations and celebrations of this day occasion awareness, gratitude and commitment to the mission of life, love and hope in Christ. Mums, enjoy your special day!** Fr John

BACH CHORALE CONTATAS, BWV 9. 107, 178 will be performed by the Canberra Bach Ensemble, 2.00pm, this Sunday, 12 May, St Christopher’s Cathedral. Tickets at <https://www.canberrabachensemble.com>

GRILL’D & GOD, a Cathedral Youth Ministry gathering for Yrs 8 to 12 to kick-start a ‘Theology of the Body’ series will meet from 5-7pm, Tuesday, 21 May at ‘Grill’d’, 40-42 Franklin St, Manuka enjoying live music, food and discussion. Register at <https://forms.gle/8yFFianFiUvcYjrt6>

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY (CLC) is an international lay organisation in which small groups draw on Ignatian spirituality to integrate their faith and life. Pamphlet at the exits and further information at <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au>

ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be again held in our Parish Centre, 7.30pm, Thursday, 23 May. Join faithful from other local churches for a time of prayer and socialising.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM AND PARISH DINNER: Friday, 14 June, Mercure Hotel, Braddon. Guest Speaker, Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG and ICON Ministry. Cost, \$99. Book at <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> or call 0416 823 447

TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC AND POLITICAL LIFE: 6pm, Wednesday, 7 August. Professor Helen Alvare, George Mason University USA will be the speaker, followed by Q&A hosted by Chris Uhlmann. Info and tickets at <https://www.tfo.org.au>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Parents and carers of baptised children in Year 6 (and above) that have celebrated First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited to enrol them for Confirmation by accessing or downloading the QKR! app., tapping on ‘North Woden Transfiguration’ then ‘Parish Payments and Sacraments’ and ‘Sacrament’, fill in the form and make your online payment by Friday 10 May 2024.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Join the community of the Missionaries of God’s Love at 6pm, Tuesday, 7, 14, 21 & 28 May for fellowship, charismatic prayer, input, praise and worship. RSVP 0403 568 355

‘MEN ALIVE’: Men are invited to consider attending a weekend experience, 25-26 May at South Woden Parish to grow in faith and support. See foyer flyer or contact Fr John

PARISH SECRETARY – INNER NORTH PARISHES, that is, Campbell, Canberra Central, O’Connor and Watson Parishes. This is a part-time position of 25 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months). Email Deborah.foote@cg.org.au for the duty statement and selection criteria. Applications should be addressed to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, anthony.rios@cam.org.au by Friday 17 May 2023.

JOURNALIST/EDITOR FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE: Promote the spread of the Gospel, sparking conversations and fostering connections that matter. Position description at <https://bit.ly/4aLK78>. Further info, call Anthony Spata, 0402 210 055 / anthony@reachhr.com.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: Pentecost Sunday, Year B; Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 18-19 May 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	Dan McKay	Marianne Crane
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	Vunteer required	Alex Evers
Communion to Sick	Warr: John Evers	FWG: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Nanette Bonato
Counters	20 May	Volunteers required	
Wednesday Liturgy	15 May	Prayer Leaders: Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin

