



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**14-15 September 2024, The Twenty-Fourth 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:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### **MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY**

**Recently Deceased:** 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, 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:** 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, 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**

Fr Brian Ebert, Greg Nash, Anna and John Vincent, 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 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.

### **TO EMBRACE THE CROSS IS TO LET GO**

**At age 87 Pope Francis has concluded his longest overseas visit.** His 12 days visit to Asia began in Indonesia, the world’s most populous Muslim nation. He met with representatives of Indonesia’s six officially recognised religions and representatives of traditional beliefs. His last stop was Singapore where inter-faith dialogue and climate change were on the agenda. In between he visited Papua-New Guinea. The RAAF flew him to Vanimo one of PNG’s most remote communities. In Timor Leste, the smallest Catholic nation after the Vatican, half the population of 1.2 million gathered for the Papal Mass. **He is a man of his word, reaching out to engage with the reality of people’s lives. I would suggest his takeaway is: “Let’s share our stories. Let’s move forward together in the love of God”. Why go to the margins? Pope Francis would have it there you will find the broken, the rejected Christ.** Those who think that they have it all together and see God as an each-way bet in times of joy and sorrow can fail to see their prevailing need. To quote Bono, *“I still haven’t found what I’m looking for”*. To have so much yet to walk with limited awareness is sad. **Conversely, the poor and rejected know that they are not able to address their deepest needs, at least not alone. Community not individualism is needed for survival, let alone flourishing.** Today’s Gospel has the disciples

coming to terms with the true identity of Jesus. Yes, as Peter proclaims he is indeed the Christ or the Messiah. *“For the remainder of the Gospel the disciples will have to wrestle – quite unsuccessfully it turns out – with holding together two truths concerning Jesus: on the one hand, that he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah; on the other hand, that he will fulfil his messianic role by entering into the pain and suffering of this world, even to the point of death – something totally unforeseen in Jewish messianic expectation . . . Only the women disciples will show some greater understanding and remain with Jesus in his suffering to the end (14:3-9; 15:40-41, 47)”* (Brendan Byrne). **Individual preference and a ‘better life’ have their place but surely not at the expense of addressing our deepest shared needs. The price of real progress will require a certain letting go.** *“It will be by taking the road to death that Jesus will become an instrument of life, and those who would be his associates must go the same way: take up their crosses and follow after him”* (ibid). **Lord, enlighten my vision and inspire my actions. Help me to embrace the crosses in which I am called to let go of alleged self-sufficiency for the greater good of new life.** Fr John

**FATHER’S DAY APPEAL:** Thanks for all who contributed last weekend or returned envelopes today. A total for our parish contribution will be noted next weekend.

**OZNAM APPEAL:** The annual St Vincent De Paul appeal for the support of twinned Vinnies conferences in India and Indonesia will take place next weekend, 21-22 September.

**2024 – 2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT, “TRUTH AND PEACE: A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD”,** Australia’s Bishops encourage your reflection on this timely document. **Copies available at the exits.**

**SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION 2024 - CATHOLIC EARTHCARE CONVOCATION:** Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165> More information at [catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au](mailto:catholicearthcare@caritas.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> .

**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](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly)

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

**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.** The Archdiocese can be audited at any time. Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons. **As needs be, please ensure your WWVP is current.**

**MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b> 21-22 September 2024			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of the month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6 pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Long Nyugen	Melissa Bray	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Students and Noel Egan	Students and John Eyers	Students and Kerry Lehoczky
<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer required	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler	Brendan Ryan	Marianne Crane
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	Warr: Matt Wright	FWG: Patricia and Ravi Yapp	Homes: Peter Wynter
<b>Counters</b>	23 Sep. Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	18 Sep. Prayer Leader: Srs Frances and Angela	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin	

† Students celebrating First Eucharist will be joining with us at Masses on the weekend. †