



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**17-18 August 2024, The Twentieth 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:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Antonio Vecchi, Robert James, 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:** 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, 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**

Ron Thornton, 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.

### **GOD'S DESIRE FOR INTIMACY**

'Intimacy' is described online as *"a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person or group."* Today's Gospel reading, the fourth in sequence from John 6, addresses God's desire for intimacy with us. The reading situates the "Bread of Life" discourse within the 'Wisdom' or sapiential tradition of the Old Testament and the Eucharistic experience of the Christian community. In our First Reading from the Book of Proverbs, 'Lady Wisdom' invites people to a feast. *"The "feast" is the good teaching (wisdom) the Book of Proverbs wishes to commend. "Eating" this "feast" is the way to life" (Brendan Byrne).* Fast forward to Jesus and his claim to be the "Bread of Life". People take offence to the literal interpretation of eating his flesh and drinking his blood; it sounds like cannibalism. Indeed, the early Christians in Rome were accused of being cannibals! However, it is not to be taken literally. Rather we access the revelation of divine life *"by grasping in faith (= "eating") that revelation of*

*divine love*" (*ibid*). **The Second Vatican Council rediscovered and emphasised that at every Mass there is a bringing together of the Wisdom or sapiential tradition and the sacramental meanings.** The life-giving Liturgy of the Word and the "food" and "drink" in the Liturgy of the Eucharist call for a faith response to Jesus, revelation of the Father's love as "Bread of Life". Partaking of the liturgy in faith we experience God is with us, and for this we offer thanksgiving, the meaning of 'Eucharist'. **While the Eucharist is 'source and summit' of our lives, we need to understand that God seeks intimacy with us in all aspects of our lives.** Indeed, "*the ordinary is made sacred. A Christian life is one in which God is discovered again and again in daily experiences. Food, friendship, sport, family, tiredness and even a dreary journey to work on public transport are all places where God can be encountered. God takes the bread and wine of ordinary life and makes them holy. What might look like another day of work or study is actually filled with the presence of Christ:* (Michael McGirr). Fr John

**NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK FREE WEBINAR, 7:30PM, 19 AUGUST:** Forget about drugs and devices. Trust your body's natural signals of fertility. Dr Clarissa Lopez, and Caroline will share about the Billings Ovulation Method®. Info at the Billings LIFE website.

**MARYMEAD-CATHOLIC CARE AUXILIARY HIGH TEA BUFFET to raise** much needed funds for Marymead-CatholicCare, 2:00pm, 8 September, Mecure Hotel, Ainslie Ave, Braddon, Tickets \$60 pp. Bookings at [mccg.org.au](http://mccg.org.au) close 22 August.

**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](mailto:catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au)

**NGUNNAWAL CULTURAL COMPETENCY:** The Catholic Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn will host a 10:00am, 31 August workshop at the Parish Centre 7 Bindel St, Aranda. Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate learning about Ngunnawal culture. Register at: [www.cgwomen.org.au](http://www.cgwomen.org.au)

**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)

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

**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.**

**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-first Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Josh 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b> 24-25 August 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>	Anthony De Salis	Melissa Bray	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer required	Alan Grinsell-Jones	Karen Anderson
<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer required	Denis Howden	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler	Jane Hunt	Marianne Crane
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	Warr: Lisa Binutti-Wilson	FWG: Sr Frances and Sr Angela	Homes: Jane Brown
<b>Counters</b>	<i>26 Aug</i>   Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>21 Aug.</i>   Prayer Leader: John Eyers		Eucharistic Minister: Emma Fairfax