



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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2-3 November 2024, The Thirty-First 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: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Yvonne Barlow, Susie Menadue, Marcelino Gulane, Melissa McAuliffe, Mary-Ann Gormly, Michael Hermosilla, Paz Espina-Ruiz, Hugh Zockling, Maureen Grelis, Dr Frank Long, Ron Thornton, Bill 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, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Mayer, Michael Morrisroe, Oreste Trinca, Tiffen family, Pushpa Dwaly, Fr Leandro Infante, Pacifico Infante, Joe Caruana, Josh McKinnon, Anne Taylor, Benjamin and Bill Rowe, 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

Carmel Bourke, Pieter van Gent, Mark Lodder, Ted Lindsay, John Vincent, George Toth, Greg Nash, Romeo Cicolini, Francis Boyd, Beverly Lilley, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, David Garratt, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, John Woodward, Jack Kennelly, Iole Cicolini.

A HEAVENLY MISSION

November, the 'Month of the Holy Souls' began with Friday's celebration of All Souls Day followed by Saturday's celebration of All Souls.* The four Sundays of November are the last four Sundays of the Church's liturgical year. Advent commences the first weekend of December. Remembering the departed, drawing inspiration and intercession from them on our pilgrim way is an affirmation of our communion with the saints we hope to join. Indeed, each time we gather for the Eucharist we are graced to make present the once-and-for all sacrifice of Jesus and in anticipation of the heavenly banquet when "every tear will be wiped away". Our hope for the future is founded in our response to God. In our First Reading from Deuteronomy we hear how every devout Jew on rising will pray the 'Shema' prayer, calling them to listen to and to obey God in fulfilling their covenant obligations. In today's Gospel Mark has Jesus bring together the commandments to love God and to love your neighbour. The former is first and the second is a consequence. "God is to be loved for Godself alone. Love of God, though necessarily finding expression in love of neighbour, cannot simply be reduced to loving action on behalf of the neighbour" (Brendan Byrne). To love one's neighbour as oneself presumes a certain self-respect or valuing of oneself. However, it also requires a questioning as to what I want of another? If I want understanding, tolerance, respect, loyalty, compassion, then I need "to ensure that all my actions in regard to that person enact, rather than run counter to

such qualities” (ibid). The Scribe, who elicited the two-in-one commandment from Jesus and understands that it is more important than any sacrifice, heralds the “*radicalisation of the Torah associated with the onset of the Rule (Kingdom) of God proclaimed by Jesus. This is why Jesus can commend him for being not far from the Kingdom of God” (ibid).* **How appropriate therefore that this weekend we have our Mission Sunday Appeal under the theme, ‘Go and invite everyone to the banquet’.** The mission of the Church is to share the inclusive, compassionate love of God imaged as a banquet for all. If we prayerfully listen, obey and then respectfully encounter others we will be a missionary people. **Thank you for your support for this year’s Mission Sunday appeal which will support the Church in Mongolia. Social stigma, poor access to services and the harsh winter will see the completed ‘House of Mercy’ provide shelter to many including those experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or those in need of first aid services (see envelopes behind the seats).**

Fr John

EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING CATHOLIC? If so, Fr John and some parishioners invite you to join them 7:00 - 8:30pm, Monday, 11 November, in the Parish Centre adjacent to Holy Trinity Church. The invitation is to meet regularly thereafter and journey to reception into the Church next Easter. You might not be baptised or christened, or you may have been baptised but not completed the other sacraments of Christian initiation. Join others to reflect on the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith and whether you might want to come into the Catholic Church or complete your sacramental initiation. All are welcome. An expression of interest can be sent to the Parish Office (6281 3999, wodennorth@cg.org.au) and Fr John will follow up.

HOLY TRINITY ‘SHOW ‘N SHINE’ last Saturday raised **\$1,427.20** from donations and support from the organisers, the ACT Street Machine Association. All monies will go the support of ‘The Farm’, Galong, a caring and formative environment assisting troubled women to achieve a degree of functioning independence.

INVITATIONAL CULTURE: Following on from the Archdiocesan Assembly, you are invited to join Michael Harvey, author, coach and founder of the Acorn Method and Back to Church Sunday whereby every person is welcomed and valued in the parish community. Tuesday, 5 Nov, 3:00pm – 5:00pm, Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral). **Register at bit.ly/michael-harvey**

ARCHBISHOP’S CHARISMATIC RENEWAL DAY: 8.30am – 3.30pm, Saturday, 9 Nov., St Peter Chanel’s, Yarralumla. Talks, prayer and Mass; free morning tea and bbq lunch. Info: Susanna 0419 902 293.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, CHARNWOOD celebrates 50 years next Sunday, 10 November with 10:00am Mass, Archbishop Christopher Presiding, followed by a bbq. All welcome. Register at stthomasaquinascharnwood.com

MARYMEAD-CATHOLIC CARE GARAGE AND PLANT SALE, 9:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday, 16 November, 255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah

MARIST ASSOCIATION invites you on a **NATURE CYCLE** to a few sacred spots in the Woden Valley to mark the year of the Holy Spirit. Gather with your bike or transport of choice for hospitality at our Parish Centre 2pm Saturday 16 November, and conclude at Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden. Register at <https://events.maristc.act.edu.au/NatureCycle24>. The Association also invites you to **Rodney’s Plant Plus Birthday Extravaganza**, 6:00-9:00pm, 21 November, Piallago. Enjoy champagne, canapes and live music and receive great deals on summer plantings and potted colour. Tickets \$20 from brendanbergin@mcc.act.edu.au

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, TARALGA celebrates 90 years worship at the 9:30am Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, 24 November.

WESLEY LIFEFORCE SUICIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE: 7.30-8.40am, Thursday, 21 November at Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club; remembering lives lost to suicide. Flyer in the foyer.

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: Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 9-10 November 2024			
2 nd Sun. of the month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm		Curtin Sun. 9.30 am
Acolyte	Dan McKay		Stafferd Fernandez
Reader	Mark Bonato		Jane Hunt
Commentator	Rachel Smith		Bob Perkins
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan		Ted and Margaret Frawley
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Evers		Mary Henry
Communion to Sick	Warr: Helen Crain-Welsby		FWG: Margaret and Lorraine Ryan
Counters	11 Nov.	John Evers	
Wednesday Liturgy	6 Nov.	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick

