



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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20-21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter, 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	ANZAC DAY 8.00AM (NOT THE USUAL 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: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, John Connolly, Anna Minh Nguyen, shooting victims in PNG, Lillian Burkinshaw, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Ted Kurcher, Vicki Stephens, Bob Lloyd, Keiran Paterson, Ian 'Scotty' Andrea, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: 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

David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marie Power, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, Madeline McMahon, Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Jeannette Clarke, Elizabeth Pukl, Anthony Watt, Lorraine Davis, 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Our Archdiocese has three seminarians, Nicholas Barry (1st Yr), Cinnil Thomas (2nd Yr) and Bran Grgic (3rd Yr). I mention this as today's Gospel portrays Jesus as the 'Good Shepherd', the one willing to lay down his life for his sheep. After the model of the Good Shepherd, diocesan priests are called to serve the people of God in a parish setting. They are called to know their peoples' struggles and aspirations and their joys and sorrows as God's Spirit moves therein (cf. *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, n. 1, Vatican 11, 1965*). Pope Francis urges clergy to have "the smell of the sheep" (*Chrism Mass 2013*). In the same vein, he has cautioned seminarians not "to apply theories without considering the environment in which they will be working or the people entrusted to their care" (*Vatican News, 7/6/2021*). Such insistence is founded on a fundamental understanding of the mission of the Church. Recently I quoted esteemed spiritual writer Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI. Rolheiser maintains that many Christians are more theists than Christian. "A theist believes in a God in heaven whereas a Christian believes in a God in heaven who is

also physically present on this earth inside of human beings" (*The Holy Longing*, 2019, p.81). In other words, "God takes on flesh so that very home becomes a church, every child becomes the Christ-like child, and all the food and drink become a sacrament. God's many faces are now everywhere, in flesh, tempered and turned down, so that our human eyes can see him. God, in his many-faced face, has become accessible, and visible, as the nearest water tap. That is the why of the incarnation" (*ibid*). **If we come to terms with the incarnation (Christmas) and the offer of new life (Easter), everything changes.** We are immersed in that reality by our baptism and called to affirm the dignity of all as we seek to live the reign of God. In doing so, we pray that some might consider service of the faith community as priests, as 'Good Shepherds' in that traditional understanding. In church-speak priests are called to teach, sanctify and govern (cf. the scriptural notions of prophet, priest and king). In everyday terms to witness, to pray with or to liturgically celebrate and to enable the flourishing of the community's gifts. **We pray for all 'Christ's Faithful' - whether lay, religious or clergy - to be imbued with a greater awareness of God-with-us, all of us and for all time. We pray for Nicholas, Cinnil and Bran, and for Mark who approaches priestly ordination. Indeed, we are all called to be good shepherds of each other within and well beyond the faith community of priestly people. Bloom where and as you are planted.** Fr John

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL is for the support of our seminarians at Good Shepherd Seminary Homebush. Please support the appeal by one of the envelopes (or return next week) or the Qkr app under 'SPECIAL APPEALS'.

NOTE: ANZAC DAY MASS TIME WILL BE 8:00AM, NOT THE USUAL THURSDAY 5:30PM

ELDERLY CURTIN PARISHIONER seeks transport to and from Sunday am Mass. Contact Parish Office.

HEALING RALLY WITH DAMIAN STAYNE, a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK sponsored by Canberra and Goulburn Charismatic Renewal, **Wednesday, 1 May**, 7pm-9pm, St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla. Info 0419 902 293.

CANBERRA'S GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE will be a prayerful show of solidarity with cities around the world on Saturday, 4 May. Some will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am, with a 10am liturgy at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton and a 1.30pm gathering at Regatta Point before the last 6kms. All welcome. Further info: 0413 840 555 / adair.obrien@outlook.com

100 VOICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES will bring together Christians of different traditions supported by community groups to support those with particular needs; **Sunday, May 5**, 1:15pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets \$15 single, \$30 Family. Info; 6259 2931 / spencechoir@gmail.com

'LIFE IS FOR LIVING – THE SPIRITUALITY OF AGEING', facilitated by Sr Kerin Caldwell sgs, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Sat. 27 April, Parish Centre. Morning and afternoon tea provided but please byo lunch. Registration at <https://www.cgwomen.com.au/> is essential as places are limited to 30 and the event is open to Canberra faithful.

'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

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: Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B; Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 27-28 April 2024			
<i>4th Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Reader	Hilary Honey	Dave Jeffrey	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Volunteer required	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler	Jane Hunt	Marianne Crane
Communion to Sick	Warr: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Julie Bufalo and Ellen Long	Homes: Peter Wynter
Counters	29 Apr. Rosemary O'Mally and Bryan Stevens		
Wednesday Liturgy	24 Apr. Prayer Leader: John and Alex Eyers	Eucharistic Minister: Emma Fairfax	