



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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21-22 September 2024, The Twenty-Fifth 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: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Ebert, Amelia Vecchi, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ, Malcolm Redd, 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, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: 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

Greg Nash, Romeo Cicolini, Francis Boyd, Beverly Lilley, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, John Woodward, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Iole Cicolini.

OPENNESS TO AND ENGAGEMENT WITH ALL

Last week's Gospel saw Peter correctly identify Jesus as 'the Messiah'. Today we see the disciples struggling to reconcile their conventional understanding of the Messiah - synonymous with power and prestige - and Jesus telling them that he will be betrayed and put to death. Indicative of their hearing but not listening is Jesus' rebuke for their squabbling about presumed places of honour. **He rubs it in, if you will, with reference to a child. The comments of two Scripture scholars are noteworthy.** John J. Pilch notes: *"By asking the disciples to extend hospitality ("to welcome") a child, a creature of low status in their culture, Jesus further shames these grown men. Hospitality is extended to complete strangers to guarantee safe transit in unfamiliar and hostile territory. To extend hospitality to children ("to welcome them") would be a laugh to everyone else in the culture. Further, though guests are not expected to reciprocate hospitality, they are expected to broadcast the kindness of the host far and wide, thus expanding his honourable reputation. Unpredictable children couldn't be counted upon, so why bother?"* Indeed, according to Australian Jesuit and Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne SJ, in hugging the child, Jesus *"shows more powerfully than any word could express the preciousness of each and every human life, no matter how small, how insignificant, in the sight of God. We are all - in our 'littleness' - hugged by Jesus in this moment."* **Returning from his recent visit to South-East Asia and Oceania, Pope Francis said that the Church was still too Eurocentric or Western. Perhaps relative material well-being, religious indifference and an unprecedented stress on the individual have taken the edge off our shared experience of faith?** Contrast this with the communal commitment of the materially impoverished who are often subject to prejudice if not persecution for their beliefs. **Today we celebrate the First Communion of a**

number of young parishioners. With the ongoing support and example of their parents, may they grow to better appreciate, receive often and share this greatest of all gifts. "If we receive the Eucharist worthily, we become what we receive" (St Augustine). How might we all be a Eucharistic people in response to the September prayer intention of Pope Francis for the linked "cry of the earth and cry of the poor"? Faith is not ethereal. It is celebrated and lived in particular times and places.

Fr John

FIRST CLASS RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, the "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist", 28-29 September, St Joseph's Church, O'Connor. Carlo combined his faith and passion for technology in creating a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles. All welcome, donations gratefully received for admin costs.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY will be a prayer focus for at all Masses next weekend. Following the Cathedral 11am Mass there will be a light luncheon expo of groups supporting vulnerable human life on the ground floor of the adjacent Cathedral offices. The ACT Right to Life Association is hosting Monica Doumit, 12:45pm in the Haydon Hall. Monica has been influential in legislative battles on life, marriage, and family issues. Q&A and refreshments. Contact actrlassoc@gmail.com

TERESA BENEDICTA HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG ADULT WOMEN in work or study and interested in communal living in a Red Hill house and participating in the life of the Cathedral Parish, \$400 per person, per week. Enquiries to cathedral@cg.org.au

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL: Thanks for all who contributed. Total of our parish contribution \$1,988.15.

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

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

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>.

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.

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 28-29 September 2024

5 th Sun. of the month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Marianne Crane
Reader	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	Juliana Maher	Greg Nash
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Brendan Ryan	Alex Evers
Communion to Sick	Warr: Morna Falkland	FWG: Betsy Joseph	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Counters	30 Sep. Volunteers required		
Wednesday Liturgy	25 Sep. Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax		Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson