



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**27-28 April 2024, Fifth 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	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:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Gallo, 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**

Peter and Sheila Van Ghent, David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, Madeline McMahon, Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Jeannette Clarke, Elizabeth Pukl, Anthony Watt, 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.

### **ORIGINAL GOODNESS**

**Faith and love in action are two sides of the Christian coin: belief in Jesus as God's Son and a life of active love arising from our being 'at home' with God. And so today's Gospel from John puts before us the beautiful image of the vine and the branches.** United to the vine, Christians are called to bear fruit in *"the acts of love (see the First Reading) that are an extension in their own lives of the love they have received from God"* (Brendan Byrne). **On Friday we celebrated Anzac Day.** War kills some and wounds all. Bloodshed, mayhem, myths, movies, memories and communal respect have forged this day. Lest we forget. **St Paul was at war with the early Church. However, his energies were transformed following his Damascus road experience. He saw the potential for all in Christ – "for me to live is Christ" (Phil 1:21).** His influence on Christianity is second only to that of Jesus. Rutger Bregman, historian and writer proposes another radical transformation. Contrary to prevailing wisdom, he maintains *"that most people, deep down, are pretty decent"* ('Humankind – A Hopeful History', Bloomsbury, 2021, p. 2). **I would understand Bregman to insist that we are born with an original goodness, not original sin. At the end of an engaging read with concrete examples, Bergman proposes ten rules to live by. 1. When in doubt assume the best – "That you'll occasionally be cheated [is] a small price to pay for the luxury of a lifetime of trusting other people". 2. Think in win-**

**win scenarios** – “The best deals are where everybody wins”. **3. Ask more questions** – “Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you . . . Their tastes may be different”. **4. Temper your empathy, train your compassion** – Empathy is exhausting, whereas compassion acts with energy to address need. **5. Try to understand the other even if you don’t get where they are coming from** – “Understanding the other at a rational level is a skill. It’s a muscle you can train”. **6. Love your own as others love their own** – Caring more about our own makes us human. “But we must also understand that those others, those distant strangers, also have families they love. That they are every bit as human as we are”. **7. Avoid the News** – “Steer clear of television news and push notifications and instead read a more nuanced Sunday paper . . . meet real people in the flesh. Think as carefully about what information you feed your mind as you do about the food you feed your body”. **8. Don’t Punch Nazis** – Bergman cites the amusing example of a considered response to Neo-Nazis in Wunsiedel, Germany (pp.392-394). **9. Come out of the closet: don’t be ashamed to do good** – People are often moved by simple acts of kindness. *It’s as though we press a reset button that wipes away our cynical feelings so we once more have a clear view of the world.* **10. Be Realistic** – “In truth it’s the cynic who’s out of touch . . . people are deeply inclined to be good to one another”. **The truth of being truly human finds a resonance in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Indeed, he is the ultimate optimist and no less than our Saviour. That is Good News worth sharing. Lest we forget.** Fr John

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL:** Thank you for your financial support for our seminarians at Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush.

**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 walk of solidarity for the length of the Gaza Strip (**41 kms**) commencing at 4am, Saturday, 5 May atop Mt Ainslie, 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](mailto:adair.obrien@outlook.com)

**BENEDICTINE ABBEY, JAMBEROO AND SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB PHILLIP INVITE YOU TO THE RELEASE OF THE ‘LECTIO DIVINA MANUAL’** (praying Scripture), 10am, Tuesday, 7 May.

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

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** Join the community of the Missionaries of God’s Love at 6pm, Tuesday, 7, 14, 21 & 28 May for fellowship, charismatic prayer, input, praise and worship. RSVP 0403 568 355

**NATURAL FERTILITY MANAGEMENT** in an effective and non-invasive manner. See [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

**JOURNALIST/EDITOR FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE:** Promote the spread of the Gospel, sparking conversations and fostering connections that matter. Position description at <https://bit.ly/4aLK78>. Further info, call Anthony Spata, 0402 210 055 / [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au)

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNERS** are held on the second Thursday of the month for men interested in a discerning a possible call to priesthood. Contact Vocations Director Fr Emil Milat, [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

**‘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](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B; Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b> 4-5 May 2024			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of the month</b>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6 pm</b>		<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Anthony De Salis		Long Nguyen
<b>Reader</b>	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick		Denis Howden
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers		Therese Keily-Wynter
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacqui Mullen		Maureen Jeffrey
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Nanette Bonato		Peter Wynter
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	Warr: Morna Falkland		FWG: Siji Devasia
<b>Counters</b>	6 May   Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	1 May	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick

