



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**26-27 October 2024, The Thirtieth 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:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Susie Menadue, Marcelino Gulane, Melissa McAuliffe, Mary-Ann Gormly, Michael Hermosilla, Paz Espina-Ruiz, Hugh Zockling, Maureen Grellis, 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:** Pushpa Dwaly, Fr Leandro Infante, Pacifico Infante, Joe Caruana, Josh McKinnon, Anne Taylor, Benjamin and Bill Rowe, Winifred Mona Spargo, 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**

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, Susie Menadue, Iole Cicolini.

### TO SEE AND TO ACT

**Crime thrillers will often have a clue or twist hidden in plain sight. Such is present in today's Gospel.** Jesus' journey to Jerusalem began with his cure of the blind man at Bethsaida (8:22-26). It concludes in today's reading with Jesus' cure of the blind man as he leaves Jericho, the last town before Jerusalem. *"The arrangement suggests an intention on the part of the Evangelist to make the physical blindness of the two men Jesus heals a symbol of the spiritual blindness of the disciples, which, as we have noted again and again, is the chief focus of Jesus' activity on the journey to Jerusalem"* (Brendan Byrne). Nonetheless, it is only after his death and resurrection and the sufferings in their own lives that the disciples will begin to understand and identify with *"the mystery of the world's pain and suffering in the person of Jesus"* (ibid). **Back to the blind man. He is very shrewd. How can he 'force' Jesus, the passing faith healer to cure him? He shouts "Son of David, have mercy on me!"** In acknowledging Jesus as 'Son of David' the blind man is identifying Jesus as the Messiah, whatever about the differing understandings of the title. Moreover, he seeks mercy from Jesus. In that culture was understood as a willingness to pay personal debts. He believes that Jesus can pay the debt owed for his being blind. **By repeating this statement over and over, it would be very difficult for Jesus to accept either honorific title and not respond. He cures the blind man.** He does so in response to being identified as of the line of (King) David, but as one who serves. Jesus intercedes like a servant with the God of Israel to obtain restoration of the man's sight. In turn the former blind man follows and identifies with *"Jesus as his successful broker*

with the patron-God of Israel who does not turn a deaf ear to the requests of a humble subject (John J Pilch). **We too are called to see anew, to align our understanding with God’s vision.** Psychotherapist Victor E Frankl comments: *“Like the healthy eye which does not see itself, we, too, function best when we are overlooking and forgetting ourselves, by giving of ourselves. Forgetting myself makes for sensitivity, and giving myself, for creativity. By virtue of the self-transcendence of human existence we are beings in search of meaning.”* **To seek present and eternal meaning is the journey of transformation in Christ. How sad then to be so self-focused as to be blind to the meaning of life?**

Fr John

**‘RENEWING OUR PARISH TOGETHER’:** Summary copies of our journey are available at the exits. A vital part of the journey is the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to be addressed at **this Wednesday’s, 30 October, 6:00-7:30pm, Parish Centre PPC Discernment Gathering.** A representative gathering of parishioners on the PPC will discern the ongoing pastoral good of the parish. **Maybe you?**

**ALL SAINTS DAY,** Friday, 1 November, 9.30am Mass and **ALL SOULS DAY,** Saturday, 2 November, 12.30pm Mass with Canberra-wide members of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**YARRALUMBA UNITING CHURCH,** Denman Street, 12 noon, Sunday 27 October. BBQ for support of outback clergy.

**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](http://bit.ly/michael-harvey)**

**A MESSAGE OF HEARTFELT GRATITUDE** was received from the family of Fr Brian Ebert for the parish’s support of Brian and celebration of his Funeral Mass here at Holy Trinity.

**INFORMATION SEESION ON MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED:** Would you be interested in a programme to assist those married in the last 2 years and those looking to marry? Register at <https://cgcatholic.org.au//ministry-to-the-newly-married-information-night/> for 5 Nov Info session.

**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.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) commences on Monday, 11 November and culminates with reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.** If you or someone you know would be interested in being received into the Church or completing their post-baptismal sacramental initiation, please contact Fr John or the Parish Office. Likewise, if you would like to be part of the RCIA Team, please indicate on a ministry sheet.

**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 concluding at Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden. Register at <https://events.maristc.act.edu.au/NatureCycle24>

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

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b> 2-3 November 2024			
<i>1<sup>st</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	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	Bob Perkins	Kim Hofmeier
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Therese Keily-Wynter	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacqui Mullen	Maureen Jeffrey	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Nanette Bonato	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	Warr: Lisa Binutti-Wilson	FWG: Betsy Joseph	Homes: Peter Wynter
<b>Counters</b>	4 Nov. Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	30 Oct. Prayer Leader: John O’Connor	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane	