



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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4-5 May 2024, Sixth 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: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Keith Crowley, 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, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Hugh and Audrey Hartung, 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

Pieter and Sheila van Gent, 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.

CHAIN REACTION

Last year the movie 'Oppenheimer' won seven academy awards. The movie combines fact and fiction in telling the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer's role in the creation of the first atomic bomb. There is a scene when Major General Leslie Groves asks Oppenheimer, "Are we saying there's a chance that when we push that button we destroy the world?" Oppenheimer replies that the chance is "Near zero." Groves replies, "Near zero?" When Oppenheimer asks what he wanted to hear, Groves replies, "Zero would be nice!". This exchange reflected the knowledge of the day. **Contrast that destructive capacity with the creative power of a loving chain reaction. It is the latter which today's readings address.** Fr Richard Rohr has noted that "we gradually limited the Divine Presence to the single body of Jesus, when perhaps it is as ubiquitous as light itself – and uncircumscribable by human boundaries" (*The Universal Christ*, SPCK, 2019, p. 4). In our First Reading Peter realises, after his encounter with the Roman Centurion Cornelius, that he is being led to a new vision for the whole Church. The starting point is God's love for us, not vice versa. "Thus any ability to love on the part of believers is simply the extension of a great 'chain' of love stemming ultimately from the love of the Father" (Brendan Byrne), revealed in Jesus the Christ. **Rohr is at pains to point out that Christ is not the**

surname but rather a designation of who Jesus is. He asks, “What if Christ is the name for **the transcendent within** of every “thing” in the universe? What if Christ is a name for the immense spaciousness of all true Love? What if Christ refers to an infinite horizon that pulls us from within and pulls us forward too? What if Christ is **another name for everything** – in its fullness?” Heady stuff. Yes, but touching the most personal and intimate aspects of our lives and the universe of which we are a part; a ‘chain reaction’ founded in God’s love for everyone and all of creation. **Indeed, we are the Body of Christ. Get your head around that in terms of your dignity and mission in life. St Patrick lived out of this awareness back in the fifth century as the prayer attributed to him in part relates: “Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left ...”**
Fr John

ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be again held in our Parish Centre, 7.30pm, Thursday, 23 May. Join faithful from other local churches for a time of prayer and socialising.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM AND PARISH DINNER: Friday, 14 June, Mercure Hotel, Braddon. Guest Speaker, Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG and ICON Ministry. Cost, \$99. Book at <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> or call 0416 823 447

TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC AND POLITICAL LIFE: 6pm, Wednesday, 7 August. Professor Helen Alvare, George Mason University USA will be the speaker, followed by Q&A hosted by Chris Uhlmann. Info and tickets at <https://www.tfo.org.au>

WATER RECTIFICATION WORKS to address the pooling of water adjacent to the Early Learning Centre and water flow through the catchment modules have been addressed by Jim Taylor Plumbing. A great job!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Parents and carers of baptised children in Year 6 (and above) that have celebrated First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited to enrol them for Confirmation by accessing or downloading the QKR! app., tapping on ‘North Woden Transfiguration’ then ‘Parish Payments and Sacraments’ and ‘Sacrament’, fill in the form and make your online payment by Friday 10 May 2024.

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

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

‘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 flyer or contact Fr John

PARISH SECRETARY – INNER NORTH PARISHES, that is, Campbell, Canberra Central, O’Connor and Watson Parishes. This is a part-time position of 25 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months). Email Deborah.foote@cg.org.au for the duty statement and selection criteria. Applications should be addressed to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, anthony.rios@cam.org.au by Friday 17 May 2023.

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

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

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: The Ascension of the Lord, Year B; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 11-12 May 2024			
<i>2nd Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Reader	Mark Bonato	Jane Hunt	Volunteer required
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan	Margaret and Ted Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Evers	Mary Henry	Volunteer required
Communion to Sick	Warr: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny and Brendan Ryan
Counters	<i>13 May</i> John Evers		
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>8 May</i> Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan		Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls