



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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7-8 September 2024, The Twenty-Third 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: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Fr Peter Gannon (PP from 1994-2000), Val Crossley, Fr Pat Kenna, Pat Sloan, Jesse Lodder, Anthony Bayni, Ton Collingnon, Helen Robson, Greg Geering, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Gerry Smith, Marc Kelaart, Pam Dewhurst, Marie Pugh, Michael Duffy, Marjory Swan, Pauline and Ron McLennan, Erlinda and Nicostrato Dulay, Jose and Crispina Infante, Ron Beath, Rod Crane, Nedra O’Connor, Milena Ceccarelli, Raco Vincenzo, Angela & Maria Pezzimenti, Pasquale (Charlie) Lustrì, Carmel Govaars, Tano Travia, Colleen McCann.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Anna and John Vincent, Romeo Cicolini, Francis Boyd, Emily Robinson, John Andrew, Ron Thornton, Beverly Lilley, Patrick Jones, Gabriel Rockwood, Lino Servello, Anco Ceccarelli, Andrea Margio, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, David Garratt, Hugh Zockling, Marjorie O’Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, Madeline McMahan, Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Elizabeth Pukl, Anthony Watt, 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.

TO LISTEN, TO SEE AND TO RESPOND

Jesus cures a deaf and mute man. He does so in private with gestures and words (*Ephphetha*) reflective of the actions of a wonder-worker of the Gentile region. The cure makes present the Messianic age prophesied in our First Reading from Isaiah. But why in private? Scholars have spoken of the ‘Messianic Secret’. Jesus was only fully revealed in his death. His self-sacrifice could not be reconciled with the conventional understanding of a powerful Messiah who would usher in political good fortune. On the contrary, Jesus would serve rather than be served (10:45). Restoring the marginalised man’s capacity for interpersonal communication allows him to flourish. In Jesus’ ministry it is the poor and needy who are prioritised. *“To despise or belittle them is to go directly against and the choice of God. Despite nearly two millennia of hearing the Gospel, most Christian churches and parishes will still find a chastening message here” (Brendan Byrne).* This brings us to the Church’s celebration of ‘Safeguarding Sunday’ (see foyer banner), at the end of National Child Protection Week, 1-7 September. The Royal Commission alerted us to challenges to keep children safe. However, Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ notes that these challenges extend beyond sexual

abuse by adults on church or school property. Hamilton contends that safeguarding “is ultimately based in the values of homes, institutions and society.” He notes sadly, “the frightening prevalence of domestic violence towards children as well as towards adult women, the discovery that other children perpetrate a high proportion of sexual abuse of children, the destructive effects on children of detention in prisons and juvenile justice centres and the massive exposure of children to social media and also to online pornography. In other words, “The threats to children’s welfare and human growth arise not only from people within the Church but features of our society that children themselves will bring from their peer culture into their homes, churches and schools. This is evident in the online humiliation of young women in social media, which has been perpetrated by students in public and private schools.” **The Church is called to continue Jesus’ mission of love and respect.** “Safeguarding Sunday invites us to ask whether the relationships within our Church express respect for people, and especially vulnerable people, who are precious in God’s sight” (ibid). **Lord, you call us to be a leaven in society. Guide us to redress past wrongs. Help us to hear with the ears of our heart and to respond with conviction and courage to the inter-connected effects of that which prompts the cries of the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised within the faith community and beyond.** Fr John

ANNUAL FATHER’S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS: There are 25 retired priests in our Archdiocese. They need our support having served faithfully over many years. You can make a gift today via the envelopes provided, by giving at www.catholic.org.au/donate or by calling 6239 9801

2024 – 2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT, “TRUTH AND PEACE: A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD”, Australia’s Bishops encourage your reflection on this timely document. **Copies available at the exits.**

SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION 2024 - CATHOLIC EARTHCARE CONVOCATION 12-14 SEPTEMBER. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165> More information at catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

VOCATIONS DINNER at Pearce Presbytery, Thursday 12 September 6pm Evening Prayer and then dinner. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. RSVP contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

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

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-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 14-15 September 2024			
<i>3rd Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Melissa Bray	Marianne Crane	Darryl Kite
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Brendan Ryan	Greg Holland
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Communion to Sick	Warr: John Eyers	FWG: Emma Fairfaxc	Homes: Nanette Bonato
Counters	16 Sep. Bernadette Carmody		
Wednesday Liturgy	11 Sep. Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls	