



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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8-9 June 2024, Tenth 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: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Italiano, Brian Bourke, Victims of PNG landslide, Les Beda, Laszlo Fenyvesi, Barry Flynn, Veronica Connelly, Benjamin Ortile, Bishop Peter Ingham, Theresa Naijes, Veronica Connolly, Katie Fonoti, Patrick Perkins, Lynton Ryan, Melvin Greenslade, Joe Sciberras, Sheila van Gent, Max Brennan, Keith Crowley, Maria Gallo, Sydney stabbing victims, Geradine Smith, John Maher, Laura Braidon, Nick Toufexis, Judy Brown, Moscow shooting victims, Matthew Marlow, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Tano Travia, Colleen McCann, Kathleen Majer, Ellen Woods, Barney Crowe, Gaie Ross, 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

Frances Smyth, Felix Lopilato, Anco Ceccarelli, Andrea Margio, Jeannette Clarke, Michael Higgins, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, Pieter 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, 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.

GOOD AND EVIL ARE OPPOSITES

God is love. Tick. Then how come to sin or “blaspheme against the Holy Spirit” cannot be forgiven? Some context first. Today’s Gospel has Jesus face misunderstanding from both his family and from the scribes. While the crowds are attracted to him, the scribes claim that his miracles are because he is in league with evil. *“The ancient world attributed to demonic possession many pathological human conditions that modern medicine would assign to natural causes. This made Jesus’ healing activity, interpreted in a hostile sense, open to the accusation that he expels demons in alliance with demonic power. In effect they are accusing him of sorcery, a capital offence at the time”* (Brendan Byrne). **However, as we have noted before, Mark’s Gospel has John the Baptist speak of Jesus as the more powerful or stronger one (Mk 1:7).** Jesus shows himself to be the more powerful or stronger one who *“through his exorcisms, has come to bind up the Strong man – Satan – and “burgle” his house in the sense of reclaiming human beings for the freedom of God’s Rule”* (ibid). **Jesus then undermines the logic of the scribes in pointing out that a divided house cannot stand.** Indeed, to claim that his miracles are through *“through the prince of demons is tantamount to*

identifying the Spirit of God with the demonic world. Whereas all other blasphemies may in due course find forgiveness, such a blasphemy is unforgivable" . . . (Those who) identify his activity with what is in fact its diametric opposite place themselves outside the scope of that forgiveness" (Ibid). Further, in saying that his disciples are his "brother, sister and mother", is not a put-down of his natural family but rather an affirmation of the growing family of faith, that is, those who do the will of God. **The more powerful or stronger one seeks to bring all into the family of faith.** And so in our First Reading, we understand that "the Son (Jesus) of the New Eve (Mary) will crush the demonic world represented by the serpent" (Ibid). In our Second Reading Paul encourages the people of Corinth to persevere under God's grace, giving thanks in the founded hope of "an everlasting home not made with human hands". **We walk in the knowledge of the family of faith that the stronger one has come to set us free so that we "might have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).**

Fr John

PARISH CENTRE CRUCIFIXION PAINTING has the following plaque attached: 'The crucifixion of Jesus by acclaimed Balinese Hindu artist Made Budhiana was gifted to Transfiguration Parish by Fr Frank Brennan SJ on behalf of the Jesuit community that often supplied in this parish and which in 2019 departed Canberra after 51 years. "The crucified one transcends all boundaries and speaks to and through all cultures"'

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OF GUATEMALAN RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK-EASTER will be opened 11:30am, this Wednesday, 12 June in the Parish Centre in the presence of Embassy representatives and parishioners, and open from 10:30am to 3:00pm, Sunday, 16 and 23 June; Guatemalan coffee and delicacies will be served in the morning. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to be welcome visitors for a one-hour stint between 11:00am and 3:00pm on Sunday 16 and 23. Without volunteers, the exhibition will not be open. If you could assist, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John

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

HANDLING ANGER: Dr Patricia Moroney, invites you to the Parish Centre, 11:00am-12:30pm, Saturday, 15 June for a session on guiding children and teens to turn anger to a positive benefit. All welcome. Info: 6286 3388.

CONSECRATED LIFE RETREAT WEEKEND, 21-23 JUNE: The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite young women (18+) to a weekend of prayer, input, sharing and sisterhood to help you discern your life direction and possible religious vocation. information or RSVP: Therese on 0432 228 250 or mgl sisters@gmail.com

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNERS with discussion and prayer on the second Thursday of the month for men discerning a call to the priesthood. RSVP Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au. **ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF REV. MARK HA:** 5:00pm, Thursday, 17 October, St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra. All welcome. Please pray for more vocations.

MACKILLOP EDEN PILGRIMAGE, Saturday, 3 August, commencing at 11am with (optional) walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church for 12 noon Mass with Archbishop Christopher, followed by 1pm lunch provided by Pambula Parish. Mary MacKillop established a school at Eden and she visited Eden in 1899 and 1901. Further info: Sue Heffernan, 0405 251 947.

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>

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: Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B; Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 15-16 June 2024			
3 rd Sun. of the month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm		Curtin Sun. 9.30 am
Acolyte	Melissa Bray	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Brendan Ryan	Greg Holland
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
Welcomer	Sr Angela, Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Volunteer required	Alex Evers
Communion to Sick	Warr: Morna Falkland	FWG: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Nanette Bonato
Counters	17 June	Volunteer required	
Wednesday Liturgy	12 June	Prayer Leader: Alex Evers	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane and John O'Connor

LOOKING TO GIVE BACK? WANTING TO SUPPORT YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

CONSIDER . . .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD during Sunday morning Mass

COLLECTION COUNTER of weekend Mass collections

READER during a weekend Mass

WELCOMER at a weekend Mass

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM to assist families presenting for baptism

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL to discern pastoral priorities with Fr John

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL to work with Fr John to address the material and financial wellbeing of the parish

CHURCH CLEANING: Assist with vacuuming Holy Trinity Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Join Fr John and other parishioners in November to journey with those seeking communion with the Catholic Church

SACRISTAN: Assist with setting up and clearing away after Mass and some other liturgical occasions

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS: Join fellow parishioners in seeing to the upkeep of our gardens and grounds

COLLECTORS: Assist with putting out and clearing away the collection bowls at Sunday Mass

INTERESTED? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR FR JOHN

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