



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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11 - 12 July 2026; 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

13 Jul Monday	9.30am – Mass (Office closed)
14 Jul Tuesday	9.30am – Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
15 Jul Wednesday	9.30am – St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor; Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
16 Jul Thursday	5.30pm – Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
17 Jul Friday	9.30am – Mass
18 Jul Saturday	5.00pm - 5.30pm - Reconciliation; 6pm – Mass
19 Jul Sunday	9.30am – Mass 5.30pm – Mass

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Fr Troy Bobbin, Antonio Zarco Navarro

Anniversaries of Death: Gerald Whittaker, Anne Perkins, Milena Ceccarelli, Marian Sciberras, Pietro Martinello

May the sick be comforted by our Prayers

Margaret Ryan, Ted Lindsay, Joe Gormly, Patricia Doyle, Gerardo Servello, Zander Savery, Rajan Fernandez, Chris Page, Leila Jordan, Geraldine Ford, Emily Capper, David Swan, Mary Clark, Lex Govaars, Tom Gravanic, Carmel Coleman, Jeanette Ford, Richard Foote, Chris Feeny, Olga Johnson, Margaret Williams, Pieter van Gent, Mark Lodder, Ted Lindsay, Greg Nash, Francis Boyd, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, David Garratt, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott

A Generous Sower

When we look at living beings in nature, plants and animals of all kinds, we see how much seed is generously sown. There is plenty of it, and yet few spring up and reproduce fruit. The Lord himself keeps sowing his word among us as an invitation, a call, a challenge. But do we even let it take root? What is the crop we let it reproduce? God is generous with his word but are we generous with our response? Let Jesus today speak his word to us, let us welcome it with warmth, let it take root in us and grow and yield a rich and beautiful harvest.

Marivoet, Fr. Camilo J. (1998). *Liturgy Alive Models of Celebration (Year A)*. Quezon City, Claretian Publications

Presbytery redevelopment and its effect on the Parish finances – please see information sheet attached

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection from the table in the front foyer.

Please take home a copy of the Catholic Voice latest edition

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal peoples, Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who are traditional custodians and first peoples of this land. We pay respect to their elders past and present. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our city and region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.

Volunteers – Communion to the Sick and Homebound. **We are now looking for more volunteers to join this ministry (2 – 3 hours every 4- 6 weeks). Induction is provided through accompanying others in this ministry.** Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

First Eucharist Program – enrolments are now open for the program, which starts at the beginning of next term. For information about enrolling, the timetable and home groups, please see our website www.cg.org.au/wodennorth

Mon 13 July 7pm – 8.30pm | Young Christian Worker meeting – What actions are we taking in our daily lives? How does our faith help this? Holy Trinity Church meeting room.

Inquiry Nights about our Catholic Faith | Tuesday August 11, 18, 25 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Do you know a friend, a relative, a neighbour OR acquaintance who is not a Catholic and who likes to ask questions about what you believe OR who is genuinely searching for meaning in life OR is experiencing emptiness or sense of loss and doesn't know where to turn??? Invite and bring this person to the first of 3 Inquiry Nights where their questions can be asked in a welcoming, friendly environment in the Parish Centre. Contact the Parish Office 0459 394 813 or wodennorth@cg.org.au for more information and to register.

16 August | SOUTHSIDE HYMN FESTIVAL | 02:00 pm

All choirs & musicians from the Southern Deanery (South Canberra, Weston Creek, Woden, Tuggeranong, Braidwood, Cooma, Queanbeyan area, etc.) are warmly invited to play and sing at the Southside Hymn Festival from 2.00-4.30pm at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Curtin ACT on Sunday, 16 August 2026. All parishioners are welcome. FREE admission and afternoon tea. Organised by the Knights of the Southern Cross. Please register by 6.00pm 26 June 2026. E-mail Bob Perkins at perkins.family@aapt.net.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487 or mulvaney@netspeed.com.au

Readings for next Sunday; 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-33
Please sign on for your ministry on the form in the foyer

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 18 - 19 July 2026 Third Sunday of the Month			
	Saturday 6pm		Sunday 9.30am
			Sunday 5.30pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen		Stafferd Fernandez
Lector	Emma Fairfax		Alan Grinsell-Jones and Juliana Maher
Commentator	Rachel Smith		Denis Howden
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances		Max Grinsell-Jones
E.M. Communion	Christine McLaughlin		Brendan Ryan
Comm to the Sick	Warr: John Evers		FWG: Patricia Yapp
			Homes: A: Romesh and Jennita Homes B: Jenny and Brendan
Counters	20 July	Joanne and Phillip Mitchell	
Tuesday Liturgy	14 July	Emma	Gael
Wednesday Liturgy	15 July	Frances	Liz
Thursday Liturgy	16 July	Alex	Christine

Parish Safeguarding commitment: our parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. If you have concerns about these matters please contact Fr James, or our safeguarding volunteer Anne Hitchings Wodennorth.safeguarding@cg.org.au, or Maria Hicks ipss@cg.org.au the Manager for the Archdiocese's Professional Standards and Safeguarding.

Expected effects of the Presbytery redevelopment on parish finances

The redevelopment proposal began some eight years ago when Mons John Woods observed that the presbytery was poorly suited to its current uses and becoming expensive to keep in repair. Asking a developer to build and sell expensive home units for retired people could have made a lot of money for the parish, but he thought – and parishioners, in meetings which he convened, agreed – it would be better to invite Marymead CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn (MCCG) to build affordable rental housing to meet some of the Canberra community's pressing need for it.

When the ACT government amended its zoning law to permit this use of the site and offered a subsidy to not-for-profits providing affordable rental housing, and the Australian government offered loan finance, MCCG decided to undertake the redevelopment. It emerged that it would be best not to have a home for the parish priest (PP) and a parish office in the new buildings, but MCCG's offer of a rental for use of the site would enable the parish to pay for an alternative PP's home and new offices. Early this year the archdiocese offered to have our PP live in Lanigan House in Garran, at a below-market cost to the parish. With this in prospect for at least the next few years, we expect the cost of providing substitute offices to be largely recovered in the following three years, and the redevelopment to be positive in financial terms for the parish thereafter.

In summary, the four financial effects are:

- + Rent from MCCG – throughout use of site
 - ☹ Another home for PP – for as long as parish has one
 - ☹ Refit in church to make offices for secretary and PP
 - + No more maintenance or repair of ageing presbytery
- And how we expect them to add up is shown in the chart below.

All together – first five years

