



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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27-28 APRIL, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am Curtin
Wednesday	9.30am Curtin
Thursday	9.30am Curtin
Friday	9.30am Curtin
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Lesley Thompson (mother of Fr Richard, South Woden), Jane Crawford, Ollie Bugno, Nadia Di Paoli, Carol Currey, Anne Denny, Vonnie Beath, victims of Sri Lankan terrorist attacks, victims of Philippines earthquake, Jean De Salis, Ollie Bugno, Noah Osborne, Ted Warner, Sr Marietta Drew RSJ, Cecily Howden, Rick Woods, Edward Graeme, Vince Newton, Stephen Seesink, Jim Crennan.

Anniversaries of Death: Dorothy Donnellan, Wendy Egan, Bob Bliss, Barry Moran, Richard Pugh, Sean Reiher, Jack Perry, Bill Manera, Peter Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Agnes McCabe, John Morris, Rhonda Dixon, Frank Williams, Mary Ballian, Doris Falzon, John Falzon.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Daphne Thompson, David Parker, Mark Shepherd, Violet Webster, Catherine Peachey, Lois Loft, Geoff Hill, Frederick De La Gala, Lucy Duncan, Gillian Moyes, Marianne Stumpf, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Maree Williams, Stephen Evans, Luke Ward, Dermott Cummins, Jessica Perlibachas, Natasha Phillopinas, Nayomi Allaprandi, Timothy Roberts, Helen Pudovskis.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In 2000 Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. In doing so he drew on the life and writings of Polish Sister Faustina Kowalska. **His decision was not without its critics.** They would have it that the celebration of Easter Sunday and the Octave of Easter cannot and should not be 'topped up', whatever the merits of one of the faithful close to the pope's experience and spirituality. **Easter is the stand alone highpoint of God's mercy.** It is noteworthy that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have acknowledged but not promoted 'Divine Mercy' Sunday, while recognising the value of the 'Divine Mercy' devotion for some. **Closer to home, we note that other than when it falls on a Sunday, 28 April is the Feast of St Peter Chanel.** Peter Chanel was a young French Marist priest sent to the Pacific island of Fotuna. The enthusiastic embrace of the Catholic faith by the locals concerned Nuiliki, the local leader who had Chanel clubbed to death. **What is not disputed is that in quite diverse circumstances Sr Faustina and Fr Peter were dedicated to the life and teachings of Jesus. Current reflection**

on our community's well-being in the light of the life and teachings of Jesus has seen the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) release statements pending the 18 May federal election (<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au>). The CSSA statement affirms *"the inherent dignity of individuals and families"*, and calls for *"adequate income and social services for low-income and vulnerable families, a Job Guarantee Program to create a full employment economy, support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their pursuit of constitutional recognition and the resettlement of all asylum seekers and refugees currently on Nauru and Manus Island to Australia."* The ACBC base their statement, **"Politics in the service of peace"** on the four pillars of Catholic Social Teaching, namely, the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, ACBC President notes that *"we all have a role in promoting peace – which means speaking to our fellow Australians with love not hate, with respect not contempt, with understanding not indifference."*

Acknowledging our different personalities and backgrounds, and therefore diverse spiritualities, we gather as the 'community of communities' for liturgical celebration at Sunday Mass. We then go from this 'source and summit' experience to live the Gospel. At least that is the call of a consistent Catholic faith practice and ethic of life. We often 'miss the mark' but continue as a pilgrim people, humbled but wiser as we seek to follow the risen Lord. **We pray that those young parishioners who this week commence their proximate preparation for First Eucharist would be formed by this understanding and experience in their families and in our parish and school communities.** Fr John

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: The dates for the Parent Information Night (PIN), followed by home preparation and then celebration of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or First Holy Communion and Confirmation are:

- **First Eucharist:** PIN Tuesday 30 April, 6pm Parish Centre; Celebration Sat. 15 and Sunday 16 June
- **Confirmation:** PIN Tuesday 30 July, Celebration Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 September
- **First Reconciliation:** PIN Thursday 17 October, Celebration Thursday 28 November

THE SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA invites you to gather on Thursday 9 May for Rosary at 6.10pm, Mass at 6.30pm and then refreshments in the Parish Centre and a presentation on Serra's activities in support of the priesthood and religious life.

SAINT CLARE'S COLLEGE: Open Day, Wed 1 May; School Tours, Tues 7 and Wed 15 May, Yr 11 Information Night, Mon 13 May. Further details from Caroline Lanzon, 6260 9436, 0420 526 914. **MERICI COLLEGE Open Day, Wed 8 May.** Info and bookings at www.merici.college.

IMAGES OF THE DIVINE, Iconography Exhibition by 15 local iconographers to be held in the Archdiocesan Offices, Manuka, 31 May-2 June. Poster and further details in the Church Foyer.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$1846.95

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 4-5 May, Third Sunday of Easter			
	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy	Darryl Kite
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Alex Evers	Denis Howden	Greg Holland
Commentator	Alex Evers	Luke Howden	
Usher/Welcomer	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly, Cecil Wagstaff	Luke Howden, Katrina Howden	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher, Karen Anderson
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward Ruth Duffy	Homes Marjorie and Chris O'Connor
Collectors	C Wagstaff, J David	L Howden, M Grinsell-Jones	G Anderson, G Freebody
Collection Counters	M Stumpf, B Carmody		