



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**26-27 October, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

### WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am Curtin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am Curtin Liturgy of the Word and Communion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.30pm Curtin</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am Curtin (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)</b>
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

### **MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John Rate MSC, Kevin Gaughwin, Terrye Oborn, Michael Smyrk, Carmel Ryan, Margaret Brennan, Barbara Johnston, Tim Fischer, Anthony Clift, Sr John Keenan RSM, Jim Daley, Barbara Atkins, Louise Loft, Alan Alder, Anne Mills, John Riley, Etienne de Fombelle, Victims of the Darwin shootings, Julia McDonald, Quentin Pongia, Kevin Walsh.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Frederick Schinkel, Oreste Trimboli, Oreste Trinca, Paolo Trimboli, Peter Joseph Clarke, John Morris, Kathleen Greene, Jack Crosbie, Mavis Hoffman, Melanie Swan, Pat Ryan, Jack Ryan, Mick and Beth Ahern, Frank Williams, Paul Murphy, Carlo Binutti, Natalie Bartone, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin, Jerome Woods, Marjory Swan, Maurice Cronin, Marie Pugh, Judy Green.

### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Cecil Wagstaff, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, David Swan, Dick Barry, Gary Pertz, Luke Ward, Eric Reiher, John Vincent, David Parker, Mark Shepherd, Violet Webster, Catherine Peachey, Lucy Duncan, Rod Duncan, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Stephen Evans, Dermott Cummins.

### **TRUE HUMILITY**

Today's Gospel contrasts the self-righteous Pharisee and the truly humble tax collector. As in all the encounters of Jesus, we are at different times both characters. Scripture scholar Fr Brendan Byrne SJ in the online "Australian Catholics" comments (emphasis added): "*In a strongly religious society the issue as to who is virtuous and who is not will always be prominent. In the milieu of Jesus, the gospels particularly associate such concern with the Pharisees. In preaching, however, we must be careful not to reinforce the view that the kind of judgmental behaviour represented by the Pharisee in this parable was typical of Pharisees in general, let alone of Judaism as a religion. It is to be found in all religions, Christianity included.*

*Whereas in prayer the focus should be upon God, the concentration of this Pharisee rests upon himself. Worse, it is also upon the failings of his fellow human beings. Before enumerating all his own virtues – things quite admirable in themselves from a religious point of view – this person sets himself apart from the sinful mass of humankind ("thieves, rogues, adulterers"). How convenient for him that a representative of these kind of people is right here at hand in the person of the tax-collector.*

*God issues the prizes*

***The Pharisee illustrates the attitude of those who can only bolster their own self-image by putting down others. For such people life is a competition in virtue. God assesses the results and issues the prizes. Prayer is an opportunity to keep God informed about one's own success and also about the shortcomings of others. As so often in Jesus'***

parables, it is all a bit of a caricature. But nonetheless, if we are honest, if we are honest, we can ask ourselves how often we catch ourselves out doing much the same?

*The tax-collector, by contrast, stands down the back simply pleading that God be merciful to him, a sinner. In what sense sinner? Because of personal moral failure, for which he now repents? We should not immediately jump to this conclusion. Could it simply be that he finds himself trapped in an occupation that makes him a sinner in his own eyes and those of his world – an occupation which, perhaps, with a family to support and no other job possibilities, he cannot simply abandon? All this the parable leaves open. In any case, as Jesus points out, God’s view reverses both verdicts. The one who came to God’s house in his own eyes a sinner went home with God’s favour (“justified”); the one so sure of his virtue went home without it.”*

Fr John

**PARISH MATTERS**

**FAREWELL:** We today thank and farewell **Fr Frank Brennan SJ** for his assistance in the parish over many years and we wish him every blessing in his new appointment as Rector of Newman College, Melbourne University.

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS will be celebrated at next Friday’s 1 Nov 9.30am Mass. A Mass for the Feast of ALL SOULS will be celebrated at 9.30am, next Saturday 2 November at Holy Trinity.**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Family Group sessions preparing for First Reconciliation are proceeding. Please note Celebration is 7pm, Thursday, 28 November. For information please contact the Parish Office.

**ROSTERS** were emailed during the week. Please contact the Parish Office for copies. Ministry is a gift to be shared, not a job to be done. Thanks to all who are continuing and/or nominated. Perhaps you might nominate for one of the following:

- + Cleaners for Holy Trinity Church and Garran Church
- + Eucharistic Ministers at 5.30pm and 6pm
- + Altar care and linen, Curtin and Garran
- + Communion to the Sick and Homebound
- + Readers at 6pm
- + Commentator at 9.30am
- + Altar Servers
- + Welcomer for 9.30am

**PLENARY COUNCIL CLAIM THE DATE:** The first two of the six topics for reflection in the Plenary Council process will be addressed in Advent on Friday, 6 and 13 December, with facilitated sessions both days at 10am and again at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The four remaining topics will be addressed in Lent. All welcome.

**PRAYERS FOR THE GIFT OF RAIN:** In response to the crippling effects of widespread drought, the Australian Catholic Bishops are calling for prayers for this intention during the month of November, as well as acknowledging the ongoing efforts of faith-based, charitable and government organisations to assist those most affected.

‘One in Christ Jesus’: Archbishop’s Day of Teaching, Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral), 9am – 4.30pm, Sat 2 Nov, sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Canberra-Goulburn. Register: 0415266019.

**MILITARY CHAPLAINS FUNDRAISING DINNER:** 7.30-10.30pm, Saturday, 23 November, Holy Trinity Parish Centre. Mr David Smith MP (Member for Bean ACT) speaker. Entertainment by the RMC Band Brass Quintet. \$55 per person. Tickets: Bob Perkins, 6247 2977, email [neo@ksca.org.au](mailto:neo@ksca.org.au)

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Planned Giving and Loose Collection:** \$689.75

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Wis 11:22 – 12:2; 2 Thess 1:11 – 2:2; Lk 19:1-10.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 2-3 November, 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>			
	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Garran Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Daryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer Required	Denis Howden	Greg Holland
<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer Required	Luke Howden	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Luke Howden, Katrina Howden	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: H Crain Welsby	Fred Ward: Ruth Duffy	Homes: M and C O’Connor
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Ted Fitzgerald	G Freebody, P Hughes
<b>Collection Counters</b>	M Stumpf, B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		