



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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16-17 November, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Margaret Mansfield, Tony Falzon, Brett Lentfer, James Spaile, Joy Murphy, 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: All listed in the Holy Souls folder and Falzon family members, John Holtzapffel, Peter Marlow, Lewis Mesaros, Michael Holtzapffel, Oreste Trimboli, Oreste Trinca, Paolo Trimboli, Peter Joseph Clarke, John Morris, Kathleen Greene, 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, Marie Pugh, Judy Green.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Nola Schneider, Jan and John Chesworth, Chris Perkins, Teresa Couacaud, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, 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.

KEEP GOING

"If you are going through hell, keep going." So said British war-time Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. Today's readings have a similar theme. **At the time of Jesus the faithful of Israel had known centuries of tough times under foreign rule. They longed for God's intervention to put things right and to usher in the 'kingdom of God'. This hope gave rise to highly symbolic and spectacular apocalyptic literature which is normally expressed as a revelation (*apokalypsis* is Greek for revelation).** *"The purpose is to allow the faithful to be caught up imaginatively in the ultimate victory of God and to derive encouragement from this in their present trials. In colloquial terms, the essential message is: 'hang in there'"* (Brendan Byrne SJ). **Unfortunately, not a few fundamentalists have and continue to interpret the scenarios literally, rather than focusing on the religious truth of God's ultimate triumph.** Luke's Gospel and his later work the Acts of the Apostles, written between 80 and 80AD, sees Jesus predictions of the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and the persecution of the early Church realised. While prophets usually addressed the present (cf. *"Repent"* of turn again to God), the bona fides of a prophet were established by the coming to pass of what was predicted (Deut 18:21) as only God and those to whom God revealed it could know the future. Luke would have it Jesus is the 'real deal' who should be trusted. While the time of persecution of believers extended vastly beyond what Jesus spoke of, the message

is the same; 'hang in there'. **Indeed, wars and natural disasters continue and living the Gospel is not without personal and communal challenge. "Grounds for dismay, disillusionment, loss of faith are always there" (Byrne). But in communion with a great band of witnesses, especially in this month of the Holy Souls, we 'hang in' confident of God's ultimate victory.**

Fr John

PARISH MATTERS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY commences at next Sunday's 9.30am Ss Peter and Paul Mass. Inquiries and offers of teenagers or parents to assist should be directed to the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY: if you are a school leaver or young adult and would be interested in exploring the possibility of being a youth minister, pls contact Huw Warmenhoven, huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au or youth@cg.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE: If you have skills in creating and, or maintain the same we would love to hear from you as we seek to make our website more engaging. Contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

ROSTERS have been distributed. 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:

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

PUBLIC FORUM: "Parish Pastoral Councils: Building Blocks of the Future Church", 7.30pm, Thursday, 28 November, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. See Context Paper www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org.

L'ARCHE FUNDRAISING CARD/MAHJONG DAY: 10am-2pm, Monday, 18 November, Canberra Bowling Club, Hobart Ave, Forrest. \$25 per person (includes lunch, wine or juice, tea and coffee). Contact Di 6241 2658 or Mary 6258 1739.

ST PAUL IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN SCHOLARSHIP: Seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney. A single session on Wednesday, 20 Nov. at 6.45pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. Entry free. Register: 6286 3388

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

ADVENT REFLECTION AND CAROLS: 'Come Let Us Adore Him', 3-6pm, 7 December, in St Monica's School Hall, 1 Deffell Street, Evatt.. Please join us for carols, reflection and more. Come and be blessed!

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$930.75

Readings for Next Sunday: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 23-24 November, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Sean Perera	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Volunteer Required	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eyers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Volunteers required
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Gabrielle Lewis	Fred Ward: Julie Cronin	Homes: Therese and Peter Wynter
Collectors	J David	Ted Fitzgerald	Alex Reynolds, John Warhurst
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally, Maureen Jeffrey, Bryan Stevens		

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.

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'CATHOLIC VOICE' highlighting the drought in our Archdiocese is available free in the foyer.