



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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13-14 JUNE 2020, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Sunday Year A

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Fr Noel Connolly, Barney Crowe, John De Salis, Peter Tarantello, Fr Frank Morrissey OMI, Maria Phan Thi Nhuong, Paul Rollings, Fr Michael O’Dea, Hannah Sowry, Ruth Dunn, Colleen Cotter, Sr Mary Agnes (Carmelite Convent, Red Hill), Alec Reynolds, Cecil Wagstaff, Denis Hogan, Victims of the Corona virus, Noel Bissett, Bruce Fuller, Fr Peter Morrissey, Kathleen Rennie (parishioner since 1967), Four Victorian Police Officers, Sheila Rohan, Malcolm Allison, Shirley Evans, Keith Mc Laughlin, Hilda Quinones, Gloria Tin, Joyce Ryan, Maureen Boyle, Don Furner, Richard Arnel, Rod Frazer, Mary-Anne McGrath.

Anniversaries of Death: Patrick Kiely, Tano Travia, Ellen Woods, Kathleen Majer, Molly Poole, Brian Lacey, Vonnie Beath, Margaret Joyce, Wendy Egan, Cecily Howden, Frank Williams, Kathleen Rowe, John Frawley, Doris Falzon and Falzon family members, Hartung and Marlow family members, Richard Pugh, Rosario Suazo, Gary Woods, Jack Perry, George Pugh, Desmond Lilley, Sylvia Cronin, Policarpio Barawid.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Emma Lowe, Hilary Halpin, Margaret Wilson, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with Corona virus, Bella Davison, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, Dick Barry, Luke Ward, Eric Reiher, John Vincent, David Parker, Mark Shepherd, Violet Webster, Lucy Duncan, Rod Duncan, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Stephen Evans, Dermott Cummins.

SOLEMNITY OF BODY OF CHRIST – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

‘Food for the journey’ is but one of many attempts to enter the mystery of today’s celebration of Corpus Christi or the Body of Christ. ‘Body of Christ’ bespeaks personal presence. In his Trinity Sunday homily last week Fr. Frank Brennan SJ reflected on God’s presence to us: *“Our God is not just completely ‘other’. Our God is Father, Son and Spirit. Our God is Creator, Sustainer and Sanctifier . . . Our God is just not the conductor of creation and life. Our God is the whole symphony of creation and life. Our God brings everybody and everything into relationship, into love. Our God is not standing outside creation and history as judge. Our God is immersed in creation and history, as participant, in communion with us through all the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of the past, present and future.”*

Our First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy reflects on the provision of manna for the Israelites wandering in the desert before entering the Promised Land. **In the Gospel Jesus does not identify with Moses their leader but with the manna.** *“Whereas the original manna sustained the Israelites only for a time – after which in due course they died – this ‘Bread from heaven’ will sustain people for eternal life” (Brendan Byrne SJ).* More specific allusions to the Eucharist at the end of today’s Gospel emphasise that the body ‘given up’ and the blood ‘poured out’ represent Christ’s love for the world offered once for all being gifted to us today under the guise of bread and wine. **Our Second Reading affirms that which is foundational to Paul’s theology of eucharistic communion: it is both ‘vertical’ with Christ and ‘horizontal’ with each other.** To quote Brennan again: *“Our God is not standing outside creation and history as judge. Our God is immersed in creation and history, as participant, in communion with us through all the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of the past, present and future.”*

Besides the particular joys and anxieties of our personal lives, the challenges of climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, Reconciliation Week, ‘Black Lives Matter’ protests and now World Refugee Week (15 – 21 June) all call us to respond to the presence of Christ in our midst. We bring our response or lack thereof to the Eucharist (or the Mass), the ‘source and summit’ of our lives, so that we might be renewed by the one who seeks communion with us, with all others and with all creation. This personal and communal experience is the treasure of the Mass. **In essence: we gather as the Body of Christ, to be renewed by the Body of Christ, and are sent to be the Body of Christ.** Fr John

ONLINE LIVE STREAMING OF DAILY MASS: Mass is now live streamed from the chapel of St Christopher's Cathedral at 12.15pm, Monday-Friday, 9.00am Saturday and 11.00am Sunday. **NB: Being a live stream, you will need to access the Mass at the specific time by going to www.catholicvoice@cg.org.au.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL have noted that many parishioners are perhaps not across emails etc. If you know of someone who needs assistance in that regard and cannot assist directly, please let the parish office know. Again, if you know of a parishioner who has not signed up to receive the parish bulletin email, have them forward their email address to the parish office. If you could assist with Children's Liturgy when Sunday Mass resumes, please contact the parish office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COVID-19 APPEAL, in lieu of the usual Winter Appeal and in response to increasing need as a result of the pandemic, seeks your support. You can donate at www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling 13 18 12

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY MONTH: Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Archdiocese is bringing quality, interactive, live-streamed Marriage Enrichment to your home every Sunday from mid-June at 11.45am (straight after the 11am Online Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 14, 21 & 28 June). Join us at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/> to listen to and ask questions of our international, interstate and local guest presenter couples.

MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE has created an online page with all the information about Marriage & Family Month

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/marriage-family-month-june-2020/>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: In lieu of the First (for the support of the clergy of the Archdiocese) and Second Collection (for the support of the parish plant and programmes), you can still contribute by going to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>. You can also contribute via the Qkr! App. **Thank you to those who during the pandemic have dropped off contributions to the Parish Office and, or who continue to do so via established electronic transactions.**

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP will continue to meet online. Details from Vikki McDonough, 0437 876 487 / mulvaney@netspeed.com.au

PROJECT COMPASSION: To date \$1451.95 has been received. If you still have any PC envelopes or boxes, these can be brought to the Parish Office, Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9am - 3pm.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Early days but check it out at 'North Woden Parish Transfiguration'. Comments, thoughts?

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.