



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

1-2 May, Fifth Sunday Sunday of Easter, (Year B),

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am 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 Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

BAPTISMS: this weekend we welcome Theodore, Albert, Adrianna and Stuart.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Indonesian submariners, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Trudy Dinn, Michael Petherbridge, Anton Cabral, Patricia McAllen, Andrew Peacock, John Flanagan, Ofelia Ancheta, Prince Philip, Richard Tarlinton, Hans Kung, Michael Horton, Bernice Wilton, Carla Zampatti, Tommy Raudonikas, victims of US shootings, Caterina Res, Fr Harold Baker MSC, Bill Coyle, Bruno Wolnicki, Phil Smith, Bryan Kennedy (brother of Fr Bill Kennedy), Nora Brown, Jill O'Connor, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Gerard Shiels, Bernie Carpenter, Cecil Wagstaff, Kath Rennie, Brian Lacey, Maria Reginato, Anna Vigone-Shaw, Veronica Beath, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, Keith McLaughlin, Richard Pugh, Joe Caruana, John Frawley, Jack Perry, Desmond Lilley, Patsy Edwards, Sylvia Cronin, George Pugh, Francesco Iacovetta.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Eleanor Dorman, Frank Boyle, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID.

TO CHANGE OFTEN

"In another world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often"- Cardinal Newman (1801-1890). St Paul changed dramatically on the road to Damascus. The early church had to change its' attitude to Paul, their former persecutor (First Reading). Our Second Reading speaks of *"real and active"* love as the fruit of change in Christ. In the Gospel Jesus speaks of the need for pruning or change. **In this Easter Season we are called to walk into the future in the light of the Risen Christ. Christ is both the Alpha and the Omega or as Franciscan Fr Richard Rohr puts it, "the Divine Radiance at the Beginning Big Bang and the Divine Allure drawing us into a positive future" ('The Universal Christ', 2019, 95).** When Jesus called us to 'repent', he was calling us his disciples to a 'change of mind', a change of outlook. **However, we are reluctant to change. Too often, we reduce that call to a moralising change of a few externals while maintaining a self-referential worldview. We do not really change, and we find ourselves needing more and more of what is not working!** St Augustine reflected: *"A temporal thing is loved before we have it and it grows worthless when we gain it, for it does not satisfy the soul . . . but*

*the eternal is more ardently loved the more it is acquired. . . . The soul will find the eternal even more valuable after once tasting it” (87). Yet, and this is good news, following the incarnation (or God becoming one-with-us), the eternal is present in the material. **Can we see anew and work for balance and harmony? To do so would be to change and to change often. Besides, change or resurrection and renewal is the observable pattern of everything. “True Christianity and true science are both transformational worldviews that place growth and development at their centres. Both endeavours, each in its own way, cooperate with some Divine plan, and whether God is acknowledged may not be that important” (p. 100). God works from within and in secret. To recognise that will call for change. The fruit of that change will be a peace that lasts.***

Fr John

PLENARY COUNCIL PREPARATORY DEANERY GATHERING: Archbishop Christopher invites parishioners of the Southern Deanery to gather with him online, 1.30pm, Friday, 14 May (register at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/plenary/>) to share reflections having read the Working Document (‘Instrumentum Laboris’) in preparation for the P Council. The latter is available at plenary.council@catholic.org.au

INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE: ‘The Marriage Course’, a 7 weeks online course run by the Archdiocese, 7.15-9.30pm, commencing 11 May. Perhaps watch with other couples but discuss content privately. Cost \$70, incl 2 workbooks. Info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/>. Register at <https://bit.ly/TMCinonight>.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL: Thank you to those who contributed to last weekend’s appeal for the support of our seminarians. Donations can be made via the foyer envelopes.

WELCOME TO NAISON AND JULIET who at the 9.30am Mass will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We pray for them as they remind us of our graced status as God’s children.

YOUTH GROUP: students in years 4-6 gather in Parish Centre this Sunday, 2 May, 4-5.20pm with Maddie and Grace.

SR JOAN CHITTISER will address “**The Future of Catholicism in Australia: Renewal, Directions, Priorities, Hopes and Aspirations, 9.00-10.30am, Sunday, 2 May** in the first of three online convocations sponsored by the **Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform**. Registration is free at www.acccr.com.au . **If you will miss this Sunday’s presentation, a replay of the same will be screened at the Parish Centre, 7.30pm, Tues, 11 May.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Enrolments for students in Year 6 and above via QKR! Registrations close Friday 30 April. Further information available from the parish schools and parish office. Please note Sacramental dates below:

- Parent Information Night Tuesday, 4 May - 6pm via Zoom (Link will be available)
- Stole Night Thursday, 27 May - 5pm Holy Trinity School Hall
- Confirmation Retreat Thursday, 3 June - 9.15am-2.15pm Holy Trinity School Hall
- Presentation Mass Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 June Holy Trinity Church
- Sacrament of Confirmation Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 June, 6pm, Holy Trinity Church

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT to counter homelessness will occur on 17 June. For info or to make a donation go to <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/event/canberra>

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487.
Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 8-9 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	Z Seselja
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Ted Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee	Sue Phillips, Mary Henry, Amy Doszpot	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: N Kelaart	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: T & P Wynter
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	<i>10 May.</i> Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		

Wednesday Liturgy	<i>5 May</i>	Leader of Prayer: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Francis Fitzpatrick
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