



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 8-9 May, Sixth 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:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Ivi Ward, Peter Verbeek, Frank Boyle, George Salvestro, 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:** John and Maria Nguyen, Angelina De Alemeida, 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, 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.

#### **MOTHERS: CO-CREATORS AND SOURCE OF BLESSING**

**Some occasions are good and true. Mothers' Day is such a time.** It enriches all of us to celebrate the gift of motherhood. **To all mums: "Happy Mothers' Day!"** Mothers are or have been the most important person in the lives of many children. Motherhood is not without challenges. *"An ancient image of the church is the pelican which draws its own blood to feed its young. Many mothers can relate to that image. Motherhood is seldom a painless experience"* (Michael McGirr). **Motherhood is not notional; it is real and active. It is love in action. It is the type of love called for in today's Gospel. This love is inclusive of all.** We, all of humanity, are called to share in God's love. Mothers share that love first and foremost with their family. The blessings given and received there are an inspiration to share that love beyond. In the fourteenth century Julian of Norwich wrote the first book written by a woman in the English language, *'Revelations of Divine Love'*. In a timeless manner and despite the darkness in

the world, she claimed *“all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well”*. Perhaps Julian took her inspiration from what John’s Gospel emphasises, namely, that God in Christ took flesh and all has been changed or born anew. Julian referred to Christ as *“our mother entirely in everything”* and *“God is as truly our Mother as he is our Father”*. May all mothers and all who have mothered us be blessed for their sharing the life of God.

Fr John

**THANK YOU MARGOT:** Margot Travia has for decades been part of the roster to wash and iron altar linen. She also cleaned the glass in the doors to the main foyer of the church. Margot needs to step down from these duties. On behalf of present and past congregations and all clergy who have served in the parish, I say thank you Margot. May God continue to bless you Margot as you have us. **Who might step up to fill the gap left in the roster by Margot’s withdrawal?**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** have arranged for two guest speakers. **(1) Joe Johnson** will draw on a PowerPoint presentation to share his Antarctic Adventure, ‘God’s Untouched Land’, **10am, Monday, 24 May, Parish Centre.** **(2) Alan Tongue**, man of Christian faith, former Canberra Raiders player (2000-2011) and captain, creator of innovative programmes for teenagers and now NRL ambassador, **7.30pm, Wednesday, 23 June, Parish Centre.** Refreshments will be served on both occasions. All welcome.

**ECUMENICAL GATHERING, CHURCH BANNERS and LITURGICAL MUSIC:** **(1)** Following the celebration of Pentecost (23 May), the Parish Liturgy Committee (PLC) is hosting a gathering of local representatives from neighbouring churches, 7.30pm, Tues 25 May, Parish Centre. **(2)** The PLC would like to hear from parishioners who may be able to assist with the creation of new liturgically appropriate banners leading to the tabernacle. Contact the Parish Office. **(3)** Finally, the PLC encourages parishioners who could lead congregational singing and, or play a musical instrument to contact the Parish Office.

**SR JOHN CHITTISTER, ‘The Future of Catholicism in Australia: Renewal, Directions, Priorities, Hopes and Aspirations’,** a replay of her presentation last Sunday will be screened at the Parish Centre, 7.30pm, this Tuesday, 11 May.

**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://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/>) to share reflections having read the Working Document (‘Instrumentum Laboris’) in preparation for the P Council. The latter is available at [plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au)

**BOOK LAUNCH: ‘Wrestling with the Church Hierarchy – Engaging with the Plenary Council and Beyond’, John Warhurst,** 6.00pm, Thurs 27 May, Parish Centre, hosted by Genevieve Jacobs. RSVP essential via the Parish Office.

**ACT Rite to Life** invites you to the Parish Centre 7-8.30pm, Sunday 23 May to reflect on a Bill to be introduced by George Christensen, MP, to save infants born alive after abortion. RSVP Bev Cains 0418718713, [345bevc@gmail.com](mailto:345bevc@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au) or 0437 876 487.

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 15-16 May, The Ascension of the Lord (Year B)</b>			
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			Ava and Ella Morris
<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer required	Therese Keily-Wynter	Dennis Granlund
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Fairfax	Claire Frazer	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Kim Hofmeier	Lesley Kettle	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Claire Frazer, Marie O’Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<i>17 May</i> Michael Higgins		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>12 May</i> Leader of Prayer: Gary Parker	Eucharistic Minister: K Holtzapffel, B Soares	

