



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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*Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.*

15-16 May, Solemnity of the Ascension (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: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Patricia Brill, Maj. Gen. (ret'd) Peter Day, Patrick O'Flaherty, 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: Cecil Wagstaff, 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

Lorraine Ryan, 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.

TO ASCEND TOO

"He's gone. He is no longer with us." The Ascension of the Lord was akin to a rite of passage for the first disciples. Yet with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they believed that he was present to them; he was gone but they were not alone. To discern the movement of the Holy Spirit is the continual task of the church. The call of the Australian Church for a Plenary Council is just that: a call to discern anew where the Spirit is calling today. Last Tuesday night I joined some thirty others in the Parish Centre and watched a recording of Sr Joan Chittister's recent online presentation about renewal in the Church✳. I found it to be an engaging and compelling call consistent with the tradition of the Church yet attuned to contemporary challenges. Sr Joan drew creatively on eight mountain top scriptural encounters to identify perennial touchstones. In effect, she was calling us to ascend so as: to be receptive to the will of God (Sinai); to let go (Gilboa), to outreach (Olivet); to sacrifice (Moriah); to choose (Carmel), to prophesy (Hermon); to equality (Gerazene); and to inclusiveness (Beatitudes). A most telling comment was that the old Church is not dying, it is dead. It gave rise to many magnificent achievements but we now must come to terms with the present, "in remembrance of me". We are called to be 'mountain people', letting go of the negative and

delighting in what is possible when we look in communion with God. Yes, today we celebrate the Lord's Ascension, his return to the Father. What about also celebrating our own call to rise above the valley ('the rut?') and to see anew. **Remember it was on the mountain that Peter said, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here!" That's good news. Might our words and actions reflect that outlook.** Fr John

✳ A copy of St Joan's talk can be forwarded to you online if you contact the Parish Office.

'LAUDATO SI' ECUMENICAL GATHERING: Join Archbishop Christopher and representatives of other churches 10.30am, next Friday, 21 May, St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla to pray together and to inaugurate the archdiocesan 'Caring for Creation' movement. A tree planting will mark the occasion.

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 invites parishioners who could lead congregational singing and, or play a musical instrument to contact the Parish Office.

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 RIGHT TO LIFE invites you to the Parish Centre, 7-8.30pm, Sunday 23 May to hear Federal MP, George Christensen, speak to his proposed bill to save infants born alive after abortion. RSVP Bev Cains 0418718713, 345bevc@gmail.com. Alternative gathering at Holy Rosary Parish Centre Watson, Thursday 27 May, 6 to 7.30pm.

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP (behind the Cathedral) FIRESIDE CHATS: These are monthly gatherings to listen to authors, artists, (fellow) travellers and storytellers. July 2, Jenny Sheldon on the healing power of singing following a stroke. Sept 2, Elvia Collado on creating icons. Registration and info, www.firesidechats.org.au. All welcome.

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 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 22-23 May, Pentecost Sunday (Year B)			
<i>4th 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			
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: John O'Connor & Marianne Crane	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	<i>24 May</i>	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>19 May</i>	Leader of Prayer: Sr Angela Jordan & Sr Francis Fitzpatrick	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin