

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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1-2 July 2023, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

9.30am Curtin
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9.30am Curtin (Lit of Word and H Comm)
5.30pm Curtin
9.30am Curtin (including Anointing on First Friday)
Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy! **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia! **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**: Bless the Lord. O my soul, and all within me, his holy name

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MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Trevor Murphy, Bryan Simpson, Ivka Zarak, Desiree Kilby, Margaret Naylor, Barry O'Neill, Margarita Meceda, Conchita Munsayac, Drowning victims off Greece, Cessnock bus crash victims, Indian train crash victims, John Hannah, Alan Campbell, Geron Castillo Sampaga snr, Tina Turner, John Sheehan, Clare Schmitzer, Winifred O'Brien, Ella Stack, Wellington fire victims, Francis Neonbasu, Geraldine White, Nives Padovan, Gaie Ross, Shaun Walls, Belgrade shooting victims, Isabelle Hancock, John Chesworth, Barry Humphries, Harry Belafonte, Una O'Malley, Michael Shea, Fr Bob Maguire, Bob Hutchinson, Raymond Phillips, Shaun Clancy, Margie Rose, Rex Carmody, Barton highway accident victims, Marian Boyd, Nashville shooting victims, Maria Mesaros, Hamburg shooting victims, Joe Pavlich, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

<u>Anniversaries of Death</u>: Joe Gellatly, Milena Ceccarelli, Margaret Perry, Tano Travia, David Jones, Molly Crowe, Barney Crowe, Colleen McCann, Annie Jones, Kathleen Majer, Felicisima Villafuerte, Cecil Wagstaff, Vincent Huang, Veronica Beath, Raco Vincenzo, Stilo Candida, Wendy Egan, Michael Fleming, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, Keith McLaughlin, Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Jack Perry, Desmond Lilley, Kevin Wilson, Noel Lane, David Power, Dix and Keily families and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Lena Meli, Gwen Brown, Michael Duffy, Fr Greg Beath, Michael Moloney, Tom Brewer, Margaret Jones, Jacob Iosefa, Fr Bill Kennedy, Fr Laurie Beath, George Toth, Ben Arcus, Grayham Rundle, Kathleen Belfanti, Hennie Timmerman, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

TO REFLECT, TO PRAY AND TO DECIDE

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council (NATSIC) today calls us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The theme is 'A New Life in Christ'. It is noteworthy that First Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church (see information sheet at the exits). This celebration is part of the wider community's NAIDOC Week, 2-9 July, under the theme of 'For our Elders'. This theme is fortuitous as last weekend the Catholic family celebrated the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Sadly though, Kay Patterson, Australian Human Rights Commissioner, this week stated that we are facing a "perfect storm" of elder abuse over the next three decades. Traditionally, but not exclusively, wisdom requires a certain life experience and is associated with 'the elders'. Two elders of the Catholic community of Australia are Fr Frank

Brennan SJ and Paul Collins. Frank has been reported as taking to task the leaders of our Federal Parliament for politicising their approach to the forthcoming referendum on 'the Voice'. As a consequence, he claims "Whichever way the referendum goes, we will be left with a country divided, and that is a tragedy." Paul Collins steps back from the politics to consider the cultural and historical background to the call for a Voice. (NB Copies of both articles, from 'The Sydney Morning Herald' and 'Pearls and Irritations' respectively are available at the exits). Some are rusted on supporters of a 'Yes' vote, as are others for a 'No' vote. Perhaps many (most?) are still considering the issues? After all, cost of living pressures are more immediate. Acknowledging the issues, Brennan claims that "We can vote 'No' to a constitutionally enshrined Voice either because we continue to think that all constitutional entitlements should be held 'in common with all other Australians' or because we are not convinced that the Voice will work effectively; or we can vote 'Yes' because, whatever the imperfections of the wording and the risk of future complications, we think it is high time that Australia's First Peoples were recognised in the Constitution in a manner sought and approved by a broad cross-section of Indigenous leaders." Today's Gospel emphasises the cost of discipleship. As we noted last week, it is comforting but not comfortable to be a disciple. Matthew's Gospel has it that we will be judged on our response to those in need (25:31-46). "As often as you did it (or failed to do it) to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it (or failed to do it) to me." In other words, believing that God has taken flesh and become vulnerable before us in Christ, our response to the one in need – and needs can be many and varied - is our response to God. Fr Richard Rohr OFM claims that no one gets to heaven without a reference from the poor or needy. Our Aboriginal brothers and sisters have called for a Voice in the Uluru Statement of the Heart (copy found on the foyer noticeboard). They believe it will help to address many issues for them and help to create a better future for all Australians. As citizens and disciples, do you believe it will or are you doubtful? There is much for all of us to reflect on and pray about before casting our vote in the referendum. Fr John

LAUCH OF 'MARYMEAD CATHOLICCARE' was held on Friday. Bringing together these two entities which between them employ close to 700 and have a proud history of service in the archdiocese is a cause of celebration for the Church and beyond. Pray that they will continue to serve in the spirit of the Gospel.

EOFY: following last weekend's presentation about parish finances, a summary explanation of the recent past and projected financial contributions is available at the exits. Again, a big thank you to all who have financially supported the parish in the past and in anticipation to those who will do the same on a regular basis, be it through electronic means (see CDF sheet at exits) envelopes, cash in the collection bowls or Tap 'n Go. Planned Giving Envelopes for those who have requested them are available in the foyer.

ACCOMMODATION: Parishioners Florio and Geovanio Soares, tertiary students, are seeking a room or flat as their current accommodation is soon to end. Inquiries can be made to the Parish Office.

'THE FARM' EOFY SUPPORT: If you would like to support women at 'The Farm' in their hope of a fulsome life, do so via: BSB 633 000, ACC NO. 165 751 173. This work is supported by the Archdiocese and proceeds from last year's parish dinner went to 'The Farm'.

PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY: St Matthew and St Vincent's Parish, South Belconnen. 22hrs per week, phone 6254 1827 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications to Fr Simon Falk PP at <u>BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au</u> by 30 June.

MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 8-9 July						
2 nd Sunday of the month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm		Curtin Sun. 9.30 am		Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm	
Acolyte	Long Nguyen		Stafferd Fernandez		Darryl Kite	
Reader	Margaret Ryan		Bianca D'Rosario		Mark Murphy	
Commentator	Rachel Smith		Bob Perkins			
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan		Ted and Margaret Frawley			
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Eyers		Mary Henry		John Welsby	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Liz Anderson		Fred Ward: M	largaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny and Brendan Ryan	
Counters	10 July	John Eyers, Michael Duffy				
Wednesday Liturgy	5 July	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan Eucharistic			Minister: Sr Francis Fitzpatrick	