



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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13-14 May 2023, Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

Monday	9.30am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am Curtin
Wednesday	9.30am Curtin (Lit of Word and H Comm)
Thursday	5.30pm Curtin
Friday	9.30am Curtin (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 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: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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: 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, Ljuba Kovac, Greek train crash victims, drowned asylum seekers off Italy, Justin Higgins, Robert Kelly, Gary Parker, NZ flood victims, earthquake victims in Türkiye and Syria, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Kyra Berger, victims of US shootings, Sheila Langtry, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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

Nives Padovan, Jacob Iosefa, John Hannah, Fr Bill Kennedy, Fr Laurie Beath, George Toth, Ben Arcus, Grayham Rundle, Kathleen Belfanti, Hennie Timmerman, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Patrick Jones, 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.

LOVE AND FEAR

I wish all mums 'Happy Mother's Day' and trust that you are suitably affirmed and celebrated. People gather for Mother's Day. It is a good time to be with mum and family, or if mum is deceased to remember her fondly. Indeed, in life and in death mum's influence is there in our thoughts, words and deeds. Most memories are cherished, though sadly not for all. **Reflecting on presence and absence is most appropriate for today's Readings.** Today's Gospel emphasises the abiding presence of Jesus rather than his return. *"In contrast to 'the world' (unbelievers), for whom Jesus after his death will cease to exist, believers will 'see' him and 'also will live' in the sense of here and now experiencing his presence in the community and sharing his risen life"* (Brendan Byrne). The reason that the early Church and indeed the Church of today is not left orphaned is because of the promise of another Paraclete. When Jesus speaks of 'another Paraclete', *"the implication is that Jesus himself has been a 'paraclete' for the disciples"* (ibid). **In other words, the promised Paraclete or Holy Spirit will provide the comfort, assurance and direction that the historical Jesus did.** It is on that understanding that believers can have their *"answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that is within you (Second Reading)*. Where love prevails, there is no less than a sharing in the communion of love that God is. ***"There are only two feelings. Love and fear. There are only two languages. Love***

and fear. There are only two activities. Love and fear. There are only two motives, two procedures, two frameworks, two results. Love and fear. Love and fear. . . 'Love one another and you will be happy.' It is as simple and difficult as that. There is no other way. Amen" (Michael Leunig)

Fr John

TRANSFIGURATION NEWSLETTER: The Easter Season edition is available at each of the exits. Reflections from the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Liturgy Committee are the focus. Pick one up on the way out.

EUTHANASIA IN THE ACT – LOVE DOES NOT KILL: You are encouraged to pick up a copy of Archbishop Christopher’s letter from the exits. His telling reflections conclude with the affirmation *“that no Catholic facilities will participate in euthanasia or assisted dying.”*

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL ENVELOPES supporting our seminarians, can be placed in a collection bowl. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION: Please keep in prayer the children and families preparing to celebrate the sacrament next month. May they grow in awareness of the call of love and the mercy of God.

CATHOLIC MEN’S BREAKFAST, 7am–8.45am, Tue., 23 May, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest. **Guest Speaker is Chris Padgett, Catholic author, speaker and entertainer.** Chris encourages men to take hold of the vision the Church proclaims for their personal and communal good. \$38 per person. Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>. Inquiries: Frank Stanford, 0417 664 110.

ARCHBISHOP’S LETTER RE CALVARY HOSPITAL: Archbishop Christopher has written in unequivocal terms to express his dismay at the decision of the ACT Government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital Bruce. Copies of his letter are available at the exits. The lack of process and rush to enact the decision has bewildered the Little Company of Mary who sought to negotiate in good faith. After not hearing from the ACT Government for six months, they were blindsided with the decision. **To be clear: the Little Company of Mary sought to be part of the evolving healthcare in the ACT. Having opened in 1979 under the Commonwealth Government as service provider for a Catholic Hospital in Canberra, and so continuing from 1989 under the ACT Government, Calvary has 76 years to run on their current lease agreement.** Chief Minister Andrew Barr is reported as saying that religion had nothing to do with the decision. So, what is the basis for the decision to compulsorily acquire Calvary? According to Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith “a single network will allow us to better coordinate our health services”. Again, as they have for 44 years, Calvary was looking to work with Government in providing for the health needs of Canberrans. Besides, the Government’s record on health gives founded basis to question their capacity to deliver on their stated aim. Obviously, this decision raises serious concerns about the ACT Government’s transparency and accountability. It also puts on notice other areas of the Church’s apostolate in health, social services, aged care and education. **You, your friends and colleagues of all faiths and none are encouraged to sign the Archdiocesan ‘Save Calvary Hospital Petition’ to be presented to the ACT Legislative Assembly. The petition can be electronically accessed and signed at www.savecalvary.com.au**

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 27-28 MAY: A request to consider wearing something **red** to Mass that weekend (cf. the tongues of flame manifesting the power of the Holy Spirit). And, or your **national dress** as a sign of the diversity of members in the one Church. **We are ‘Walking Together’.**

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: The Ascension of the Lord, Year A: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 20-21 May			
<i>3rd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Melissa Bray	Darryl Kite
Reader	Margaret Ryan	Bob Perkins	Tony Butler
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Francis	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Lyn Granlund	Alex Evers
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Counters	22 May. Michael Higgins		
Wednesday Liturgy	17 May Prayer Leader: Sr Francis and Sr Angela	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin	