



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**20-21 May 2023, The Ascension of the Lord, 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:** 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:** 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, 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:** 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**

Margaret Jones, 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, 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.

### **OUR LIFE IN COMMON**

**At the 4 May gathering at Marist College to consider what makes for 'human flourishing', social researcher Hugh Mackay noted that loneliness is a growing phenomenon, surprisingly amongst 18 - 25-year-olds especially. We are not made to go it alone. We are formed in community. Of course, choosing to be alone is quite different from loneliness. Jesus' disciples were concerned about their being left alone after his departure. He reassured them that they would not be left orphaned. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate would support and guide them as they sought to live as his disciples. As to the ultimate outcome of the reign of God, neither the time nor circumstance of its full manifestation were made manifest. It was clear that it would not be after the contemporary hopes for the social, political and economic restoration of Israel. Fast forward to 2023 and we have the ACT Government's decision to 'compulsorily acquire' Calvary Bruce. Where is God in this? On the side of life, surely (John 10:10)? Calvary has delivered on its agreement with the ACT Government. The ACT Government has nonetheless withdrawn from negotiations with the Little Company of Mary and decided to 'compulsorily acquire' Calvary Bruce, gagging debate in the ACT Legislative Assembly about its' decision, all the while claiming that religion has nothing to do with the matter. And so we are left wondering, why? What is your motivation Mr Barr? The ACT Government needs to recommence**

dialogue with the Little Company of Mary. The power to make a compulsory acquisition is not in question. The rationale to do so is. Indeed, for want of clarification, perhaps an injunction to make clear why the ACT Government arrived at the position they have would resolve the matter to the satisfaction of all Canberrans? **The ultimate irony would be if the ACT Government in seeking to address future health needs of Canberrans excluded the Little Company of Mary on the basis of their affirmation of life from conception to natural death. And this from a government spruiking an inclusive agenda predicated on acceptance of diversity. The issues touch on our common good. We are formed in community. Diverse yes, but transparent and accountable, surely? Imposition without consultation fosters an ‘us and them’ mentality, the seed bed of further discontent.** By last Thursday night 17 000 people had signed the electronic petition protesting the Government’s decision re Calvary. If you would like to sign it go to [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au). You might also like to join the prayer vigil at St Christopher’s Cathedral, 7.30pm, this Tuesday, 24 May. A number of other church leaders will gather with Archbishop Christopher. The vigil will be live streamed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+hfvBDW\\_ADYE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+hfvBDW_ADYE) 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.*”

**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.

**LAUDATO SI WEEK:** The theme for this year’s Laudato Si week 16-24 May is *Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity*. The Archdiocese will launch its draft Laudato Si action plan at 11am in this Sunday’s Cathedral Mass. The draft action plan is at <https://cgatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/> and aims to encourage and enable action plans by parishes, schools and other bodies.

**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.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, 27-28 MAY:** A request to consider wearing something **red** to Mass next 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’.**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** **Our parish will host a gathering of local Christians, 7.30pm, Tuesday, 30 May, in our Parish Centre.** Come along for an engaging time of prayer with local Christians and brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, all of whom seek the ongoing support and guidance of the Holy Spirit in communion with all people of good will. Supper will follow. All welcome.

**CES FORUM:** Paul Bongiorno, member of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery for 35 years, will address ‘Governing with Integrity: A Failed Project Struggling to be Revived’, Tues., 7.30pm, 20 June, at The Chapel, ACCC, Barton.

**WOMEN’S EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY, 24 June.** Women are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day at St John Vianney’s School, Namatjira Dr., Waramanga. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include a Holy Hour. Morning tea and lunch provided. Cost: \$20. Register here at <https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>

**MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday, Year A: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b> 27-28 May			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6 pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Darryl Kite	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	Karen Anderson
<b>Commentator</b>	Loreian Quipot	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler	Brendan Ryan	Marianne Crane
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Julie Bufalo and Ellen Long	Homes: Peter Wynter
<b>Counters</b>	<b>29 May.</b>	Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>24 May</b>	Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson