

# PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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# 24-25 June 2023, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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**: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save

your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

<u>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</u>: Lord, in your great love, answer me. **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also

will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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

Recently Deceased: 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

Brian Simpson, 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.

## **COURAGEOUS WITNESS OF FAITH**

You have to admire the seventh-sixth century BC prophet Jeremiah (First Reading). He had the faith and courage of his convictions in opposing the futile policies of King Jehoiakm and his successor Zedekiah. Jeremiah felt conflicted as God's spokesperson but ultimately compelled to speak out. "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like the fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones: I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it (Jer 20:9). It is with this background that the Church situates today's Gospel call to speak out. To keep the good news in-house and not publicly proclaim it for fear of hostility is to disown Jesus, who will disown such followers before his Father, for "all that is now covered will one day come to light". In fact, disciples, who are precious to God, need not fear persecution. "Those who stand firm in witness to the Gospel and the values it enshrines,

even to the point of death, can be confident that their ultimate fate lies in the hand of God . . . The only valid fear for disciples should be that of falling out of God's favour and so of losing, not one's body, but one's soul . . . This is a Gospel which readily illustrates the adage that Christianity is comforting but not comfortable" (Brendan Byrne). On Thursday we celebrated the martyrdom of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More. Both were martyred in 1535 for not acquiescing to the marital status of King Henry VIII. Fisher was bishop of Rochester and the only bishop publicly opposed to Henry's actions. However, he did not condemn his fellow bishops: "I condemn no other man's conscience: their conscience may save them, and mine must save me." Similarly, Thomas went to his execution in good conscience, and with a light heart. He affirmed that he was "the king's good servant – but God's first", having told his judges of his wish that "we may yet hereafter in Heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." Early Christians lived as a minority in a time of intolerance. Fisher and More gave courageous witness in the face of immense political pressure. The challenge for us is "to question a far too easy symbiosis between discipleship and surrounding cultural mores" (ibid). We are called to live out of the victory of new life in Christ (Second Reading) and not be 'seduced' or 'sucked in' by the "death-dealing legacy symbolised in Adam" (ibid).

**EOFY overview of parish finances will be shared at all Masses this weekend.** Thanks to all who have financially supported your parish. If you wish to make a preferred regular contribution, please complete the CDF available at the exits. A summary breakdown of parish income and expenditure for this financial year will be available at the exits in July. 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'.

## REFUGEE WEEK: 18-24 JUNE 2023: Prayer for use by Parishes

Lord.

No one is a stranger to you, and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, those who have been made destitute and those who have been exiled. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

#### **LATEST CATHOLIC VOICE** is available at the exits.

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT**: 6pm Fri. 30 June to Sat. 4pm 1 July, St Clement's, Galong. For men wishing to discern a call to the priesthood. Cost \$50. Contact Fr Emil 0414523036 or <a href="mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au">emil.milat@cg.org.au</a>, RSVP by 11am Mon. 26 June.

**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: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 1-2 July					
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm		Curtin Sun. 9.30 am		Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis		Long Nguyen		Darryl Kite
Reader	Desmond Strusz		Tania Fernandez		Greg Nash
Commentator	Alex Eyers		Therese Keily-Wynter		
Welcomer	Jacqui Mullen		Maureen Jeffrey		
Ministers of Comm.	Nanette Bonato		Peter Wynter		Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Eyers		Fred Ward: Siji Devasia		Homes: Moya Kennelly
Counters	3 July	Bernadette Carmody	rnadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
Wednesday Liturgy	28 June	Prayer Leaders: Joan and Alex Eyers		Eucharistic Minister: Emma Fairfax	