



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**26-27 August 2023, Twenty First 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:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Pauline Naylor, George Hasset, Frank Commisso, Alan Moore, Karen Lloyd, Sr Mary Gerardine Agnew rsj, 4 ADF helicopter personnel, Maui fire victims, Gwen Brown, Fr Laurie Beath, Patricia Roberts, Sinead O'Connor, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Fr Brian Sparksman, Tony Bennett, Michael Duffy, Mario Brancella, Sisifo Gisa, Mato Babic, Roland Brannelly, Patricia Crofts, Yook Lin Tan, Fr Anton Bulla SVD, Keith Berks, Charlie Lustri, Lena Meli, Grayham Rundle, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Pam Bishop, Trevor Murphy, Bryan Simpson, Ivka Zarak, Desiree Kilby, Margaret Naylor, Barry O'Neill, Margarita Mecedá, Conchita Munsayac, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Marjory Swan, Brian Kain, Felicísima Villafuerte, Carlo Binutti, Winifred Mona Spargo, Jim Woods, Marie Pugh, Daniel Joyce, Pam Dewhurst, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Angela and Maria Pezzimenti, Victor and Fredrick Schinkel, Elizabeth Rapmund, Anne Perkins, Terry and June Freebody, Ron Beath, Joe Gellatly, Milena Ceccarelli, Margaret Perry, Tano Travia, David Jones, Molly Crowe, Barney Crowe, Colleen McCann, Annie Jones, Kathleen Majer, Vincent Huang, Veronica Beath, Raco Vincenzo and victims of COVID.

### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

Richie Noonan, Jason Mathie, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Fr Mick Burke, Tom Story, Maryann Gregson, Libby Roberts, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, Jacob Iosefa, Fr Bill Kennedy, George Toth, Ben Arcus, 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, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

### **WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

I read an article in which a distinction was made between how we relate to 'Jesus' and how we relate to 'Christ' (Fr Ronald Rolheiser, *"Relating to both Jesus and Christ"*, 16 July 2023, reproduced in *Catholic Outlook, Parramatta Diocese*). Rolheiser points out that Christ is not the surname of Jesus. There is not a perfect identity between the two. *"Jesus is a divine person inside the Trinity, someone who once walked this earth as a flesh and blood individual and who is now with the Father as part of the Godhead. And although he is also the key component inside the reality of Christ, Christ is more than Jesus. Christ is a mystery which also includes us, Jesus' followers on earth, the sacraments, the word (Scripture), and the church. Scripture is clear: We are the body of Christ on earth. We don't represent Christ, replace Christ, or are some vague mystical presence of Christ. We are the Body of Christ, as too are the Eucharist and the Word."* Rolheiser goes on to contrast the Protestant emphasis on a personal relationship with Jesus and the Catholic emphasis on the church. He concludes by noting that we *"must be about Jesus and Christ, that is, focused on a personal relationship with Jesus and participation in the historical incarnational mystery of Christ . . . No Christian can legitimately say, my discipleship consists wholly in a private relationship with Jesus, just as no Christian can*

*legitimately say, I don't need Jesus, I only need church and the sacraments."* **Today's Gospel has one of only two references in the four Gospels to the word 'church' (Matt 18:15-17 being the other).** Our First Reading foreshadows the appointment of Peter (in Greek 'Petros'), whose profession of faith is the rock ('petra') on which the church will be built. Peter's profession of faith was a gift which no amount of human understanding (cf. 'flesh and blood') could achieve. In company with Jesus, *"the disciples are being drawn into a fellowship with the divine never before imagined or foreseen"* (Brendan Byrne). Contrary to popular belief, the power of the keys is not about Peter at the pearly gates, but rather authoritative church teaching proclaimed with divine ratification. *"Catholics need not read it triumphalistically but, along with other Christians, find in it above all an assurance that for all its human weaknesses and failings, the Church guards a supreme treasure and enjoys a divine guarantee"* (ibid). **As Rolheiser insists, this confidence must be complemented by a personal relationship with the person of Jesus. The truth of discipleship is both, not either, or.** Fr John

**THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS CONFERENCE HAVE RELEASED THE 2023-2024 STATEMENT "LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples" FOR THIS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** Prior to the call for a Voice referendum, the decision was made to address how the Church might further engagement with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. In releasing the Statement, Bishop Vincent Long, Parramatta Diocese, noted *"Whatever the outcome of this year's referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians. Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love, and humility. 'Doing justice, loving kindness and walking in humility' as the prophet long ago urges us."*

**TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Latest edition is available at the church exits.  
**YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER CARD (August 2023 – August 2024)** is available at the exits.  
**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS (Spring 2023)** is available at the exits.  
**Fr Ronald Rolheiser's "Relating to both Jesus and Christ"** (see above) is available at the exits.  
**2023-2024 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT, 'Listen, Learn, Love'** is available at the exits.

**NEXT WEEKEND: (1)** Father's Day Appeal for Retired Clergy. **(2)** Excess vases will be on display in the foyer for your purchase for a small donation. So too the assorted chairs in the meeting room off the foyer. Take one or as many as you choose. All going!

**LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION LITURGIES will be celebrated 9.30am this Tuesday and 5.30pm this Thursday** as Fr John will be attending a seminary reunion then travelling to Newcastle and returning for the Marymead-Catholic Care Board meeting.

**CARMELITES DEPARTING CANBERRA:** After fifty years in Red Hill, the Carmelites will depart after a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral on 24 August next year. Sr Angela, Prioress General, Kew, Melbourne notes that the Sisters departure is *"due to diminishing numbers and no recent vocations."* Archbishop Christopher noted that the Sisters' Spiritual legacy *"will continue, of course, not limited by time or distance."*

**PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR:** Prior to having this life-saving device available at Masses and other parish events, we need volunteers to undertake training with St John Ambulance. Last chance to register on the foyer clipboard.

**AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE REFURBISHED FORMER SS PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL, GOULBURN,** Monday, 11 September, departing 10:15am from Holy Trinity church, guided tour on arrival and then lunch at adjacent 'Roses' café before return by 3.30pm. An initiative of our PPC. If interested, contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

**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:** Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 2-3 September</b>			
<i>1<sup>st</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>	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Desmond Strusz	Dennis Granlund	Rita Daniels
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Therese Keily-Wynter	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacqui Mullen	Maureen Jeffrey	Kim Hofmeier
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Nanette Bonato	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St A's: Liz Anderson	FWG: Siji Devasia	Homes: Moya Kennelly
<b>Counters</b>	<b>4 Sept.</b> Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>30 Aug.</b> Prayer Leader: John O'Connor	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane	