



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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27-28 May 2023, Pentecost, 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 Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, 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: Colleen McCann, Annie Jones, David Jones, Barney Crowe, 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

Tom Brewer, 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.

TO LISTEN, TO DISCERN, TO ACT

For the people of the Scriptures, powerful forces of nature, such as thunder and lightning, often signalled the presence of God. Think of when Moses received the Commandments on Mt Sinai (Exod 19). On the other hand, perhaps the best example of humanity's self-reliance was the Tower of Babel (Gen 11). *"Neither humanism nor human effort is here condemned, but only the immoderate exaltation of the human as the supreme value"* (New World Dictionary Concordance). **Today's celebration of Pentecost brings the Easter Season to a close. It celebrates the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit to unite humanity with one another and with God. There are in fact two accounts of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.** The first is today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. It is set during the Jewish feast of Pentecost, fifty days, or seven weeks after Passover when the people gathered from all over to give thanks for the land and its produce. The second is from John's Gospel in the evening of the day of the Lord's resurrection. In the Old Testament the spirit of God was variously 'sent' (Isa 48:16), 'poured' (Isa 63:11) or 'placed'. It is only in the New Testament that the concept of the Holy Spirit begins to be personified. The account from Acts stresses that the diverse crowd of the Jewish diaspora understanding the disciples' proclamation after their

empowerment by the Holy Spirit (received as tongues of flame). *“That the crowd, from all over the known world, can understand what the disciples are saying means the dawn of a new hope for humanity” (Joseph Sobb)*. The disciples are also huddled away in the Gospel account when they received the promised spirit which Jesus gave up at his death. (Jn 19:30). As God breathed life into Adam, so now Jesus breathes a sharing of divine life into the disciples. **In both Acts and John’s Gospel, Pentecost ushers in the era of the Church. The Church is not an end-in-itself. It is a graced ‘sign and instrument’ of God’s abiding presence, holy yet sinful and always in need of reform (Vatican II)**. Thus, the call of Pope Francis for a ‘synodal’ church in which we are ‘walking together’, responsive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our tradition and contemporary experience with all peoples of good will. To that end, the Church in many instances pioneered and continues to provide health, welfare, aged care and education services for the flourishing of all. **In our increasingly diverse and connected world, we need to discern the common good together**. We do so in good faith respecting the conscience of others, that *“most secret core and sanctuary”* where we are *“alone with God whose voice echoes in our depths” (Vatican II)*. **Nonetheless, the Little Company of Mary has been unable to encourage the ACT Government back to the discussion table. In a recent letter to staff, it was noted, “Having tried and failed to resolve this amicably, we have no other choice but to escalate our response.” (25/3/2023). More to come**. Good will in the face of arrogant presumption ignoring due process and gagging the Legislative Assembly should not go unchallenged. The common good of all Canberrans let alone the wider Australian populace calls for a telling response. Consider the signing the online petition at www.savecalvary.com.au. Over 30,000 have done so. A further 10,000 signed the Australian Christian Lobby petition. Over 1500 attended last Wednesday’s Cathedral Prayer Vigil in person or online. Leaders of the ACT Interfaith group and various Christian leaders prayed about and spoke against the takeover. **Meanwhile, we are in Reconciliation Week (27 May – 2 June), Monday being a public holiday**. The week commemorates the 27 May 1967 Referendum to end discrimination against Aborigines and the 2 June 1992 Mabo decision which recognised Aboriginal land rights. It began as a Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993, supported by Australia’s major religious groups. Three years later it evolved into National Reconciliation Week under the guidance of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, now Reconciliation Australia. Fr John

ECUMENICAL PRAYER GATHERING: In the spirit of Pentecost, you are invited to gather with parishioners and others from local Christian churches for a time of prayer followed by supper, **7.30pm, this Tues, 30 May, Parish Centre. Jesus prayed that we might be one.**

VOCATIONS INQUIRIES DINNER: Gather at 6pm, Thurs. 1 June, Queanbeyan Presbytery (47 Lowe St.) for a meal and discussion. RSVP Fr Emil 0414 523 036

ARCHDIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS: Archbishop Christopher has appointed Fr Tony Percy to the new position of ‘**Episcopal Vicar for New Frontiers**’. He will work collaboratively with others and instrumentalities to assess Archdiocesan property, establish a maintenance schedule, consider the use or under-utilisation of church property, and plan for future needs. After eight and a half years as Vicar for Education, I have been appointed to the new role of ‘**Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Social Services and Welfare**’. I will be work closely with Marymead CatholicCare as they amalgamate on 1 July.

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.

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity, Year A: Ex 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 3-4 June			
<i>1st Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen, Marianne Crane	Melissa Bray	Darryl Kite
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Dennis Granlund	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
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	<i>5 June</i>	Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>31 May</i>	Prayer Leader: John O’Connor	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane