



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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29-30 July 2023, Seventeenth 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: God is in his holy place, God who unities those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, I love your commands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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 Lustrì, Lena Meli, Grayham Rundle, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Pam Bishop, Trevor Murphy, Bryan Simpson, Ivka Zarak, Desiree Kilby, Margaret Naylor, Barry O'Neill, Margarita Meceda, Conchita Munsayac, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Angela and Maria Pezzimenti, Victor and Fredrick Schinkel, Elizabeth Rapmund, Anne Perkins, Terry and June Freebody, Ron Beath, Gerald Whittaker, 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 and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Maureen Adams, Bill Grant, Gwen Brown, Michael Moloney, Tom Brewer, Jacob Iosefa, Fr Bill Kennedy, Fr Laurie Beath, 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, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

A REASON TO LIVE

Victor Frankl was imprisoned for three years in Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration camps. He noted how some physically robust individuals succumbed to the inhumane conditions while others of a more feeble disposition carried on. In his renowned 'Man's Search For Meaning', Frankl wrote that "any attempt to restore a man's inner strength in the camp had first to succeed in showing him some future goal. Nietzsche's words, "He who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how", could be the guiding motto for all psychotherapeutic and psychohygenic efforts regarding prisoners. . . Woe to him who saw no more sense in his life, no aim, no purpose, and therefore no point in carrying on. He was soon lost." What is the horizon of my life? What inspires me to keep going when the going is tough? Jesuit scripture scholar Brendan Byrne notes that the first two parables in today's Gospel – the treasure in the field (discovered by the labourer) and the pearl of great price (discovered by the merchant) – there is a gap between finding and possessing. "Both have to sell all they have in order to finally obtain ('buy') what they so desire. But the mere sight of what they dearly long for so relativises the value of everything else as to render them free to make the sacrifice with joy". Byrne comments, "Christian life requires a measure of detachment. It requires freedom

from being completely absorbed and immersed in the attractions, pleasure and concerns of this world – not because these are bad in themselves but because we have been ‘captured’ by a sense of God’s love and God’s future for us that relativises all these things. . . We do not yet possess the treasure but the prospect of it, unseen but grasped in faith, is already working transformation.” The third parable of the dragnet reminds us of the sower of seed. As the latter sows the seed widely, so too the dragnet brings in all kinds. Yes, some do not respond to the generosity of God’s call, but more to the point is that all are invited. In our First Reading **Solomon**, mindful of his limitations in being called to be king, seeks a discerning heart to affirm what is true and of lasting value. Those open to the call of life become a **brother or sister of the Risen Lord** (Second Reading). As Frankl observed, *“I think the meaning of our existence is not invented by ourselves, but rather detected . . . Values do not push us but rather pull us.”* **We are all called, we all have a vocation. We are all made for union with God, and “our hearts are restless until they rest in God” (St Augustine).**

Fr John

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES: Pray that those children and their families preparing to celebrate their full participation in the Eucharist will be graced with a life-long love of the Mass.

DOES THE CHURCH’S LITURGY INTEREST YOU? Perhaps on behalf of the parish you would be interested in attending a national liturgy conference in September? On your return you would be encouraged to be a member of the Parish Liturgical Committee which meets most months and seeks to enhance our Sunday liturgies. If interested or would like to know more, contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

PARISH FEAST DAY, SUNDAY 6 AUGUST: We invite you to gather with fellow parishioners after the Sun 9.30am Mass for a chat, hot soup and, or cuppa in the Parish Centre. **Claim the date.**

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT: For young men considering a call to the priesthood. Gather at Queanbeyan presbytery, Lowe Street, 5:30pm, Thursday 10 August, for Mass followed by dinner and concluding with Night Prayer at 8.30pm. RSVP Fr Josh josh.scott@cg.org.au or Fr Emil 0414523036.

MARYMEAD CARD DAY: 14 August, Royal Canberra Golf Club. Cost \$50 includes a hot lunch, glass of wine, soft drink, tea, coffee, petit fours. There will be craft and preserves for sale. Start time is 10am. Flyer in foyer.

CURSILLO SPIRITUALITY DAY: 10am, Sat. 19 Aug, Marian Hall, St Matthew’s Parish, 12 Chewings Street, Page. Reflect on Matthew’s Gospel, to learn from how Jesus interpreted God’s commandments. Lunch provided.

ST GREGORY’S QUEANBEYAN PARISH HISTORY BOOK LAUNCH, 3 Sept, Feast of St Gregory. Donations in support of production costs to Parish Acc – BSB 062786, Acc No. 000012889, Ref: ‘History Book’. Pre-order a copy (\$85 ea) by forwarding payment to the account, then emailing the parish (queanbeyan@cg.org.au), attaching receipt for the same and your name.

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‘LINKED HANDS’ FOR YES: An invitation is extended to parishioners voting ‘Yes’ in the Voice Referendum to gather with like-minded members of other local churches, groups and individuals on Sat., 26 August, 11.55am–2:00pm. The aim is for 27 groups of 50 people in each; the hope is that one of the groups will be of parishioners. Contact Susan and Francis soosully@icloud.com or Vikki and Michael 6282 4778.

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 Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 5-6 August			
<i>1st Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Melissa Bray	Mark Murphy
Reader	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	Denis Howden	Kim Hofmeier
Commentator	Alex Evers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
Welcomer	Jacqui Mullen	Maureen Jeffrey	Kim Hofmeier
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	St A’s: Liz Anderson	FWG: Siji Devasia	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Counters	7 Aug. Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
Wednesday Liturgy	2 Aug. Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin		Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls