



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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3-4 June 2023, The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, 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: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Glory and praise for ever!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, 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: Tano Travia, David Jones, Molly Crowe, Barney Crowe, Norma Crosbie, 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

Fr Greg Beath, Michael Moloney, 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.

REVEALED AND TO BE REVEALED

Our understanding of God emerges from how God has self-revealed. While today's celebration of the doctrine of the Trinity was articulated well after the New Testament era, today's Gospel makes clear that God's self-revelation is for the sole purpose of bringing all human beings into the life and love of God. **John's Gospel contrasts darkness and light. Conversion is the ongoing turning from darkness and sin or 'the world' to the light of divine love revealed in Jesus. However, John's Gospel is a mixture of both a positive and a negative attitude towards 'the world'.** The positive attitude is evident in today's Gospel and elsewhere (cf. Jn 1:29; 4:42; 6:33,51; 10:36; 12:47; 17:12). Yet there is more of a negative attitude overall in John (cf. Jn 1:9-10; 7:7; 15:18-19; 16:20; 17:14, 16; 18:36). **Scholars suggest that John's community went through stages of development. "In its earliest stage (mid 50s), this community saw the**

world as a good place but in need of reform. It needed and deserved evangelization. For the most part, Mediterranean Judean believers in Jesus attracted other Mediterranean Judeans to believe in Jesus. At a slightly later stage (late 80s), some Judean audiences began to turn a deaf ear to the preaching and soon took measures to eject fellow believers in Jesus from the synagogues. This shocking experience stimulated the development of the negative attitude toward 'the world'" (John J Pilch). In John's Gospel 'the world' is used seventy-nine times, which is over four times the combined use of the term in the other three Gospels. John's community is separate from wider society and tight knit among themselves and with their founder. Johannine scripture scholar Raymond Brown would have it that to both retreat from and presume to evangelise "the world" is naïve. Rather, "all believers must come to grips with disagreement and rejection and devise constructive rather than self-defeating responses to both" (John J Pilch). I would suggest that the way the Little Company of Mary and the Archdiocese have attempted to engage with the ACT Government over the compulsory acquisition of Calvary Hospital is a case in point. The matter now moves to the courts. Life moves ever forward. **The issue is how do we manifest our ongoing trust in the revealed love of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Our circumstances will change, and hopefully so too our awareness of God's constant love.** Fr John

CONFIRMATION PRESENTATIONS will occur at all Masses this weekend. As the above reflection acknowledges, life moves ever forward. We pray that the candidates and their families will be graced in their time of preparation for and celebration of Confirmation. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in baptism, received by most as infants, will be renewed in this sacrament where the children will present themselves rather than be presented by their parents.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER GATHERING last Tuesday saw a commendable number of parishioners from the Anglican, Lutheran and Uniting Church gather with our parishioners for prayer and supper. We look forward to gathering again for matters of common interest. Thanks to Margaret Ryan and the Social Committee for their efforts.

ACCOMMODATION: Many parishioners will remember Bela Soares who last year returned to Timor Leste. Bela was often accompanied to Mass by her sons Florio and Geovanio, both now tertiary students. They 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'.

PENTECOST MASSES: Thank you to Nora (Sat Vigil), Agustinho (Sun 9.30am) and Bianca (Sun 5.30pm) for proclaiming our Second Reading in their native tongue; Samoan, Tetum (Timor Leste) and Spanish respectively. Thanks also to those parishioners who wore something **red** and, or their **national dress. We are one in the Spirit.**

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.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM DINNER: Mercure Hotel Ainslie, 7.30pm, Friday, 23 June. Keynote Speaker will be Madeline Brennan KC. Dinner and Wine is \$90.00. Book via Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> for a very enjoyable evening.

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 Body and Blood of Christ, Year A: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 10-11 June			
<i>2nd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen and Marianne Crane	Mark Murphy
Reader	Noel Egan	Stana Fernandez	Loreain Quipot
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan	Ted and Margaret Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Eyers	Brendan Ryan	John Welsby
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Liz Anderson	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny & Brendan Ryan
Counters	<i>12 June</i>	John Eyers, Michael Duffy	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>1 June</i>	Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls