



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**30-31 March 2024, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year B**

### 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:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Laura Braido, Nick Toufexis, Judy Brown, Victims of Moscow shooting, Matthew Marlow, Barbara Clacherty, Samuel Ross, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Genevieve Bernard, drowned Libyan asylum seekers, Marie Docherty, Brent Hill, Jason Gavin, Paul Maher, Bishop Austen Crapp OFM, Randall Clinch, Alexi Navalny, John Connolly, Anna Minh Nguyen, shooting victims in PNG, Lillian Burkinshaw, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Ted Kurcher, Vicki Stephens, Bob Lloyd, Keiran Paterson, Ian 'Scotty' Andrea, Alec Cooley, Joan Percy, Raymond Finnegan, Paola Barbatano, Angela Lama Marca, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Rick Woods, Cecily Howden, Malcolm Allison, Keith McLaughlin, John Frawley, Wendy Egan, Richard Pugh, George Varghese, Gary Parker, Henry and Flo Marlow, Josephine and Bill Hartung, Jess Venamore, Mary Huang, Gary Woods, Richard Raymond Spargo, Domingo Espayos, George Pugh, Kevin Wilson, Brian Brown, Frank Williams, Jim Molan, Desmond Lilley, Joanne Binutti,

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

Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, Joe Pettit, Madeline McMahan, Valerie Crane, Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Christopher Hudson, Sophia Felix, Jeannette Clarke, Elizabeth Pukl, Anthony Watt, Lorraine Davis, Greg Nash, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Bill Grant, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering.

### THE LIGHT OVERCOMES THE DARKNESS

Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection. The innocent one unjustly and cruelly condemned has risen and nothing is ever the same again. Why? Because he has reconciled or overcome the division of sin. Love unites, sin divides. This once and for all event has cosmic and personal significance. **It ushers in a new heaven and a new earth. It is the assurance that the light overcomes the darkness.** It is the foundation of our hope and the source of courage in the face of every adversity. In the first instance the call is to listen and to see with the heart, not limited by our particular circumstances; understandable as that initially is. **Easter is about God's initiative in Christ. It is about the offer of new life, life now and beyond the confines of death. Indeed, the latter is the gateway to fullness of life. The takeaway: There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus.** Of course, as Christians or followers of Christ, we are called to share this message in thought, word and deed. **Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI, the internationally acclaimed spiritual writer highlights that united to Christ, we can in the most mundane and often trying circumstance be a conduit of God's love.** *"If a child or a brother or a sister of a loved one of yours strays*

from the church in terms of faith practice and morality, as long as you continue to love that person, and hold him or her in union and forgiveness, he or she is touching the hem of the garment, is held to the Body of Christ, and is forgiven by God, irrespective of his or her official external relationship to the church and Christian morality" ('The Holy Longing', image, NY, 2019, p.89). In other words, if there is sincerity and some beginnings of contrition "we can forgive each other's sins; not we, but the power of Christ within us: "In truth I tell you, whoever believes in me will perform the same works that I do myself, and will perform even greater works."" **So too in recent days the National Catholic Education Commission Executive Director Jacinta Collins has come out to stress the openness of Catholic schools to all who are accepting of their ethos.** "Catholic schools are not seeking the right to discriminate based on personal attributes, but rather to maintain their religious identity and mission . . . Catholic schools can maintain their religious character without engaging in unjust discrimination, as we have done for over 200 years." Christianity is a choice not an obligation. "If individuals do not support our ethos, they are free to choose another school for enrolment or employment. That is what a free, pluralistic society is about." The right to choose does not infer the right to discriminate, and anyone who does should be held accountable. However, insistence on the right to choose is consistent with internationally protected religious rights and freedoms and characteristic of a healthy, pluralist society. **The irony is that in the name of equality some would undermine the latter in the name of uniformity. Again, the Church insists on the right to religious freedom, not the right to discriminate.** Fr John

**ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE** is available at the exits.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** should be returned to the basket under the right-side overhead screen. Alternatively, you could support Project Compassion under the theme of **'For All Future Generations'** via the Q&R app; click on **'SPECIAL APPEALS'**.

**REDEVELOPMENT TO PROCEED:** As noted last week, the proposed redevelopment of the presbytery site will proceed. This decision is a win-win, addressing a dire need in the community for affordable housing consistent with the mission of the Church. Plans for the relocated presbytery and parish office are yet to be determined. We will continue to engage parishioners as matters progress. Pray for all concerned in bringing this project to completion.

**THIRD ANNUAL 'SHOW 'N SHINE'** held in conjunction with the ACT Street Machine Association will be on Saturday, 6 April. A variety of great cars will be on show in front of the church and in the adjacent carpark. Admission free but donations on the day will support 'The Farm', Galong.

**MARYMEAD-CATHOLIC CARE CANBERRA AND GOUBURN GARAGE AND PLANT SALE**, 255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah, 8.30am-12.30pm, Saturday, 6 April. Great bargains!

**ARCHDIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS:** 11am, Sunday, 7 April, St Christopher's Cathedral. Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities for a vibrant celebration of their multicultural heritage in the Archdiocese's Year of the Holy Spirit.

**CURSILLO RETREAT, 12-14 APRIL, ST CLEMENT'S RETREAT CENTRE, GALONG (between Yass and Harden) allows men and women to** deepen their faith. Info via Irma and Joe; at [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com), or <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>

**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:** Second Sunday of Easter, Year B; Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 6-7 April 2024</b>			
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sun. 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>	Long Nguyen	Anthony De Salis	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Desmond Strusz	Tania Fernandez	Greg Nash
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Evers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
<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>	Warr: John Evers	FWG: Siji Devasia	Homes: Moya Kennelly
<b>Counters</b>	<i>8 Apr.</i>	Bernadette Carmody and Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>3 Apr.</i>	Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls