



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**5-6 August 2023, Feast of the Transfiguration, 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:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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

**Recently Deceased:** 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 Meceda, Conchita Munsayac, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** 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, 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**

Troy Anderson, Maureen Adams, Bill Grant, Michael Moloney, 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, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

### **OPEN TO THE LIGHT**

**In 6th century Gaza, a young monk complained to Abbot Dorotheos that another monk had interrupted him while reading and made him angry. "You are wrong responds Dorotheos. He simply exposed the hidden anger you have within you. If you look at the matter sensibly, you should be grateful because he did you a service. He showed you that you have a problem hidden within you, a part of you where you do not possess the freedom and peace that Jesus has come to give" (from Paul Glynn's "The Wayside Stream - Reconciliation"). Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, our parish feast day. The transfiguration of Jesus is a reassuring revelation and a challenge. A revelation in that it occurs on a high mountain, the traditional abode of God, and the whiteness of Jesus's clothes are synonymous with the heavenly realm. Further, the presence of Moses and Elijah, understood to be in heaven (Deut 34:6, 2K 2:11), confirms that "Peter, James and John are . . . given a glimpse of Jesus in the heavenly realm in which he is as much at home as in the earthly one shared with them" (Brendan Byrne). The experience reassures them, and in the words of our parish motto Peter proclaims, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here". However, the experience also challenges them as Jesus will descend from the mountain, take the path to Jerusalem and give over his life as servant**

**of God (20:28).** *“The two truths that Peter had found so difficult to reconcile with each other - that Jesus is the Son of the living God (16:16) and that he is destined to suffer and die (16:21) – are here held together in direct revelation from God” (ibid).* **Only after the resurrection did Peter come to realise that entry into the pain and suffering of the world was a necessary prelude to heavenly glory.** *“Faith in him [Jesus] and hope in the eventual triumph of his cause are the lamps [cf. ‘dawn’ and ‘morning star’ of our Second Reading] that continue to light our way in what is often the darkness of our times” (ibid).* In the darkness of his anger the young monk was enlightened by Abbot Dorotheos. **Might the morning star and dawning light move all to acclaim, “Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.”** 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.

**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](mailto:josh.scott@cg.org.au) or Fr Emil 0414523036.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, 15 AUG MASS TIMES:** 9.30am Holy Trinity, 12 noon Ss Peter and Paul’s School Hall and 5.30pm Holy Trinity.

**RCIA COMMENCES MON 1 SEPT.** If interested as candidate or team member, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

**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](mailto:queanbeyan@cg.org.au)), attaching receipt for the same and your name.

**CLEAN OUT OF FLOWER ROOM EXCESS VASES ETC AND CHURCH MEETING ROOM CHAIRS, Sat-Sun, 2-3 September** in the church foyer. Donation sought for goods taken. An initiative of the Parish Liturgy Committee.

**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.

**PARISH DINNER:** The PPC is finalising arrangements for this year’s parish dinner which will support the work of St Vincent de Paul. Looking to a Saturday in November. Details to follow.

**ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM** includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. Cost is \$300 per couple. Info and registration: [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au). Enquiries to Helena Zobec [marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) , 0405 440 463.

**‘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](mailto:soosully@icloud.com) or Vikki and Michael 6282 4778.

**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:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 1 Kngs 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 12-13 August</b>			
<i>2<sup>nd</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>	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
<b>Reader</b>	Mark Bonato	Jane Hunt	Will Unwin
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Gerard Hogan	Ted and Margaret Frawley	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Alex Eysers	Brendan Ryan	John Welsby
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St A’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny & Brendan Ryan
<b>Counters</b>	<i>14 Aug.</i> John Eysers		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>9 Aug.</i> Prayer Leader: Alex Eysers	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne C. & John O’C.	