



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**6-7 May 2023, Fifth Sunday of Easter, 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:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

**Recently Deceased:** 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:** 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, Richard Raymond Spargo, Noel Lane, David Power, Dix and Keily families and victims of COVID.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Sean Walls, John Hannah, Fr Bill Kennedy, Fr Laurie Beath, Mary Kane, George Toth, Ben Arcus, Grayham Rundle, Kathleen Belfanti, John O'Connor, Hennie Timmerman, Jan Chesworth, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Patrick Jones, Julianna Maher, 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, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

## WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE

***"More farewells than Melba"*** is an old Australian expression reflective of the numerous farewells afforded Australia's most famous opera singer, Dame Nellie Melba. More recently one might think of 'The Seekers' or Johnny Farnham's 'last'/'farewell concert'. Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' 'farewell discourse' in John 14-17. There are biblical precedents of farewell discourses from Jacob (Gen 49), Moses (Deut 31-33), Paul (Acts 20), and Jesus again (Lk 22). **Such discourses speak of the future and possible death and the need to pass on the speaker's words. Scripture scholar John Dominic Crossan has summarized v 6 of today's Gospel, where Jesus speaks of himself as *"the Way, the truth and the Life"*, as *"I am the authentic (truth) vision (way) of existence (life)."*** Jesus' mission was to love in word and deed. To so live and die is the only way to encounter God. This was a message of

reassurance for the persecuted community of John who were denied access to the synagogue for their belief in Jesus. (Jn 9:22). *“Such excommunication deprived these people of a community and a place that were dear to them. Moreover, it raised doubts about whether they really could meet God anywhere else. The synagogue, after all, represented God’s chosen community. Jesus assures his disciples and through them all subsequent generations of believers: “If you know me, you will know my Father also” ( John J Pilch). And yet Phillip still does not get it. He wants Jesus to reveal the Father (v.8).* Philip had been personally called by Jesus. Later he brought Nathaniel to Jesus (Jn 1:43-48). Jesus asked Philip where they could buy food for the hungry multitude before the miracle of the loaves and fishes (Jn 6:1-15). Philip interceded on behalf of some fellow Greeks who wanted to meet Jesus (Jn 12:20-22). *“Only against this background can one appreciate Jesus’ disappointment: “You still do not know me!?” (ibid).* Jesus goes to assure folk that his followers will do the works, even greater works, than he has done (v.12). *“The works of Jesus are the works of God: to give life, and to restore meaning to life or enrich life’s meaning. . . This is our challenge to engage in life-giving activities rather than death-dealing ones. This is also our challenge to put meaning into life rather than suck it out.” (ibid).* Fr John

**EUTHANASIA IN THE ACT – LOVE DOES NOT KILL:** You are encouraged to pick up a copy of Archbishop Christopher’s letter from the exits. His telling reflections conclude with the affirmation *“that no Catholic facilities will participate in euthanasia or assisted dying.”*

**GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL** will be taken up this weekend for the support of our Archdiocese and seminarians. We currently have three seminarians, Mark, Bran and Cinnil.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please keep in prayer the children and families preparing to celebrate the sacrament next month. May they grow in awareness of the call of love and the mercy of God.

**CATHOLIC MEN’S BREAKFAST**, 7am–8.45am, Tue., 23 May, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest. **Guest Speaker is Chris Padgett, Catholic author, speaker and entertainer.** Chris encourages men to take hold of the vision the Church proclaims for their personal and communal good. \$38 per person. Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>. Inquiries: Frank Stanford, 0417 664 110.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, 27-28 MAY:** A request to consider wearing something **red** to Mass that weekend (cf. the tongues of flame manifesting the power of the Holy Spirit). And, or your **national dress** as a sign of the diversity of members in the one Church. **We are ‘Walking Together’.**

**RECEPTIONIST POSITION** part-time for physiotherapist in Woden. Enquiries to Patricia, 0417 423 010.

**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:** Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 13-14 May			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm		Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Long Nguyen and Marianne Crane		Stafferd Fernandez
<b>Reader</b>	Mark Bonato		Jane Hunt
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Smith		Bob Perkins
<b>Welcomer</b>	Gerard Hogan		Ted and Margaret Frawley
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	AlexEyers		Mary Henry
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: Liz Anderson		Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan
<b>Counters</b>	15 May.	John Eyers, Michael Duffy	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	10 May	Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls