



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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14-15 August, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B)

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am Curtin
Wednesday	9.30am Curtin – Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Thursday	5.30pm Curtin
Friday	9.30am Curtin (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Ron McLennan, Elaine O'Brien, Cathryn Paton, Mitchel Bush, John McNamee, Michael Baker, Fr Francisco Algas Jr, Kathleen Masters, Stephan Evans, Marie Hickey, Therese Tuite, John Cusack, Lois Billings, Walmucio Atunes Lima, Ted Fitzgerald, Kathy Toth, Fr Brian Maher, George 'Sandy' Munro, Rev. Fr Angelito Parulan, Benigno Aquino III, Mavis Crouch, Yvonne Cuscheri, Joy Finlayson, Isabel Olivia (Sally) Roberts, Joe Gellatly, Graham English, Michael O'Keefe, Maxine Wilson, Debbie Kensey, Joe Winner, Elizabeth O'Brien, Fr Paul O'Neil (East Maitland) and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin, Cecil McGaughan, Anne Perkins, Damien McMahon, Benjamin Jesus Ortile, Esperanza Gementera, Rosie Ortile, Peter Hackwill, Terry & June Freebody, T P Cheng, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Gerald Whittaker, Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Veselko Kelava, Chaminda Peiris, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Pauline McLennan, Kathy Hailey, Carmen Woods, Catherine Lloyd, Rosa Winstanley, David Swan, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Andrea Miller, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, those afflicted with COVID.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

On 1 November 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary, that is, the assuming of "her body and soul to heavenly glory" to be a dogma of faith. What was declared formally was already a common belief amongst Catholics. Similarly, in 1854 Pius IX had defined as dogma the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, that is, the belief that Mary was from her conception "*preserved free from all stain of original sin*". There is a logical consistency between the two dogmas which defined the faith of the people. While you will not find an account of Mary's Assumption in Scripture, many see the woman in our First Reading from the last book of the Bible as God's people (Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10). "*Since Mary best embodies the people of both the Old and the New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory*" (Foley and McCloskey). Again, our Second Reading speaks of Christ's

resurrection as *“the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep”* (1Cor 15:20). The logic is that *“since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven”* (ibid). From the fifth or sixth century the feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) and by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. **These developments culminating in the dogma of 1950 manifest the Church’s understanding of ‘Scripture and Tradition’ or the one deposit of faith.** At the end of John’s Gospel, the fourth and the last Gospel, we are reminded that not all the books of the world could capture the life of Jesus (Jn 21:25). It is under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, who had inspired the authors of the Scripture that we continue to depth the riches of the living tradition handed on to us. **Sr Joan Chittister explains that the Scriptures reveal Mary as independent woman; unmarried mother; homeless woman, political refugee; third world woman, mother of the condemned, the widow who outlives her child; the woman of our time who shares the divine plan of salvation; Mary, the bearer of Christ.** Sr Joan recalls with affection the May Marian altars of her childhood. She saw them as a response in faith to our primal need for mothering and the understanding that heaven would not be *“without a mother’s protection and a woman’s care.”* At the same time, Sr Joan says *“Mary is not a plaster statue. Mary is the woman whose commitment and courage saved the world from self-centredness.”* Sr Joan therefore finds it *“amazing that the Church’s attitude toward Mary has not marked the Church’s attitude toward women in general. Perhaps the reason is that we do not see beyond what culture told us women were and so never really came to conversion. Whatever the reason, we all have a lot of growing to do if the woman, Mary, is ever seen as God saw women and saw her.”*

Fr John

LOCKDOWN: During lockdown Holy Trinity Church will be closed and the regular weekday and Sunday Masses will not be celebrated. Further details are noted on the church doors. Our two parish schools will remain open for those unable to provide care for their children. Students at home and those presenting at school will be engaged with the remote learning model.

AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM (ACCCR) is holding the second of three online convocations, *‘Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council’*, Thurs 26 August, 7.30-9.00pm. To be opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr, with Speakers Dr Jesse Rogers, Ms Debra Zanella, Mr Robert Fitzgerald and Mr John Warhurst. All welcome. Register at auscathocoalition@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN’S TASKFORCE ‘MARY MAGDALENE DINNER’ commences 6.30pm, Fri 3 Sept, Southern Cross Club, Woden. Three course meal \$65. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meets weekly. Contact Vikki: mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph; 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 21-22 August, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen
Servers			
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eysers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: John Eysers	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	<i>23 Aug</i>	Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>18 Aug</i>	Leader of Prayer: Lejoy Lukose	Eucharistic Minister: Sarin Sebastiona