



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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*Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.*

### 20-21 March, the Fifth Sunday of Lent (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:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Bill Coyle, Bruno Wolnicki, Phil Smith, Bryan Kennedy (brother of Fr Bill Kennedy), Nora Brown, Jill O'Connor, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Bette Sullivan, Bishop Bede Heather, former Bishop of Parramatta, Jim McMahon, Kathleen Hogan, Felicity Bearder, John Mason, Jim Daly, Janet Swan, Denis Lenihan, Archbishop Philip Wilson, Katerina Imsivovic, Fr Lino Zamperoni, Dave Barrow, Fr Tim Cahill, Maria Italiano, Maree Spillane, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Ellen Thompson, June Barrett, Audry Stilling, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Keith McLaughlin, Richard Pugh, Joe Caruana, John Frawley, Jack Perry, Desmond Lilley, Patsy Edwards, Sylvia Cronin, George Pugh, Francesco Iacovetta, Kevin Wilson, Chris Perkins, Joanne Binutti, Peter Marlow, Margaret Frawley, Canico Gusmao Belo, John Holtzapffel, Lewis Mesaros, Peter Majer, Domenica D., Oreste Trinca, Friedrich Lueth, Helen Day, Nick Dulay, Jose Infante, Valerie Mills.

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

Eleanor Dorman, Frank Boyle, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID.

#### A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Following recent protests around the country, comedian Sammy J has produced a timely skit on 'male toxicity'. It has drawn mixed reactions. I think it makes a telling point. Others disagree. Why not check it out at <https://youtu.be/IJGpt73omWc>. Sometimes to truly see we need a new perspective. As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are being called to a new perspective. In our First Reading the prophet Jeremiah calls us to a new covenant written not on tablets of stone but on our hearts. His audience understood the heart as the life-principle, the core of one's being, not just a symbol for romantic love. This call is personal. **The new covenant was realised in Jesus.** He lived out of a deep personal awareness of his Father's call. In the very core of his being he had doubts about his capacity to see it through (cf. the agony in the garden). **Yet, as our Second Reading notes, "Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering [and] became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation" (Heb 5:9).** The Gospel takes up the same point in speaking of a grain of wheat dying and producing a rich harvest. The Gospel also reflects the experience of the early Church in referencing "some Greeks" who would "like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). **To 'see' Jesus is to see him fully revealed on the cross in openness to the Father's will.** If we are to truly see Jesus, we must be willing to look upon the cross not as a mere article of devotion but as a call 'to let go and let God'

in order to produce a “rich harvest”. To see Jesus truly is to trust and to follow him. **Like Sammy J’s skit, Lent calls us to a new perspective. We are being called to a new perspective as both citizens and as disciples.** Fr John

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEMBERSHIP renewed membership is Clyde D’Rosario, Gary Evans, Maggie Grove, Jane Hunt, Sharon Jonas, Julie Long, Lejoy Lukose, Shane McMahon, Margaret Williams and Fr John.** Last Thursday Melissa Hitchman, former Ambassador to the Holy See and parishioner gave a very informative and engaging presentation in the Parish Centre. Stay tuned for future PPC sponsored talks.

**LENTEN REGIONAL 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** for parishioners of Weston Creek, South Woden and North Woden Parishes will be celebrated at 7.00pm, Tues 23 March, St Jude’s, Holder.

**The Holy Week-Easter Timetable will be:**

- Chrism Mass** or 'Mass of the Oils', 5pm, Monday 29 March, St Christopher's Cathedral
- Holy Thursday**, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm, Thursday, 1 April, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, followed by Adoration until 10.30pm
- Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross, 10.00am, Friday, 2 April, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin
- Good Friday**, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm, Friday, 2 April, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin
- Easter Vigil**, 7.30pm, Saturday, 3 April, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin.
- Easter Sunday**, 9.30am and 5.30pm Masses, Sunday, 4 April, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION** will allow us to express solidarity with and make a difference in the lives of Christians caught up in the effects of COVID-19 (especially on tourism), war, violence and instability in this **region**.

**Lenten Prayer Service using the songs and prayers of Taize:** 5:30-6:30pm Sun 21 March, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 37 Burnie St, Lyons. Enquiries to Caroline Weller ([c.weller@internode.on.net](mailto:c.weller@internode.on.net))

**PALM SUNDAY ‘WELCOME REFUGEES’ PROTEST, 1pm, Sun 28 March, Garema Place.** As individuals, communities and nations we can surely do better to assist those who long for what we so value, a place to call ‘home’.

**YOUNG PARISHIONERS YRS 4-6** gather in Parish Centre this Sun, 4-5.20pm with Maddie and Grace.

**“NEGLECT OR AGEING WITH DIGNITY”:** 7.30pm, 23 March, ACCC, Barton. Registration via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN** invite you to a ZOOM public forum, Thurs 8 April, 7.30-9.30pm, ‘**A Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Archdiocese: Why Not?**’. Speakers: Fr Richard Lennan, Boston College USA, and Andrea Dean, Pres of Women and the Australian Church (WATAC). For info and connection on the night, visit [www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events). Or Mark, 0417 603 697.

**COVID VACCINATION INFO:** General Inq’s 1 800 020 080; Older Persons Support Line, 8.30am-6.00pm, Mon-Fri, 1 800 171 866. Patience is a virtue because of the volume of inquiries.

**HOUSEKEEPER TO CARE FOR RETIRED CLERGY AT LANIGAN HOUSE,** Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri, 9.30am – 2.30pm. Letter and resume to Chris Kolmeyer, [chris.kolemeyer@cg.org.au](mailto:chris.kolemeyer@cg.org.au) / GPO Box 3089 Canberra ACT 2601.

**PARISH MEDITATION GROUP** meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au) or 0437 876 487. **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Entrance: Mk 11:1-10. Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 27-28 March, the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)</b>			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gary Parker	Dan McKay	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: John O’Connor & Marianne Crane	Homes: Volunteer required
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
<b>Collection Counters</b>	29 Mar. Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	24 Mar. Leader of Prayer: Emma Fairfax		Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson

