



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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

27-28 March, the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (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
Holy Thursday	7.30pm Curtin – Mass of the Lord's Supper (NB: No 5.30pm Mass)
Good Friday	10am Curtin – Stations of the Cross; 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	7.30pm Curtin – Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Parishioners will gather outside the Church for the blessing of the palms.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Caterina Res, Fr Harold Baker MSC, 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: Cecily Howden, 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.

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

With Passion or Palm Sunday we enter a journey. We will journey in stages, beginning today with the crowds of Jerusalem, then to the upper room (Holy Thursday), to the foot of the cross (Good Friday), and finally to the joy of the empty tomb (Easter Sunday). **But will we 'see, judge and act' out of that journey or will we live our faith as convenient and just not get it? Our Passion Reading today is from Mark's Gospel. Only recently I noticed that it begins with and ends with people who were outsiders. They got it.** I refer to the (nameless) woman at Bethany who anointed the body of Jesus. Jesus acknowledged her as preparing him for death. And at his death, the Centurion acknowledges, *"In truth this man was a Son of God"*. Austen Ivereigh, the most authoritative biographer of Pope Francis in his recently published, *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future (Simon and Schuster)* provides insights into the Pope's understanding that we are all connected and that it is the marginalised who can teach us. Applying the 'see-judge-act' prism, Pope Francis invites us to be more aware and engaged:

You cannot know poverty from a distance; you have to touch it. To recognise and come close – that’s the first step. The second step consists in responding practically and immediately, because a concrete act of mercy is always an act of justice.

But a third step is necessary if we are not to fall into mere welfarism: to reflect on the first two steps and open ourselves to the necessary structural reforms (113).

Of course, poverty can be not only material but also emotional, relational, spiritual, educational or any circumstance where one’s capacity to choose is less than befitting one’s dignity as created in God’s image and likeness. “I have come that they may have life and have it to the full” (Jn 10:10). It is with this understanding that some folk will gather for the Palm Sunday protest against the plight of asylum seekers (see below). **It is with this understanding that our Holy Week-Easter journey calls all of us to be beacons of light and hope which the darkness cannot defeat.**

Fr John

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 allows 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.

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’.

‘**CATHOLIC VOICE**’ celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia is available in the foyer.

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. 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.

COUNSELLOR: ‘The Farm’ in Galong, a rehabilitation service for women and children, is seeking a counsellor with experience in the areas of trauma, addiction and mood disorders. Information, Kate Cleary CEO on 0404 112 428

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 / GPO Box 3089 Canberra ACT 2601.

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

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 3-4 April, Easter Sunday (Year B)			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 7.30pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen & Dan Mackay	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Jacquie Mullen	Lance Ferrer	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Julia Carter	Homes: Therese & Peter Wynter
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	6 April	B Carmody, J Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	24 Mar.	Leader of Prayer: Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson

