



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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10-11 April, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, (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: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Richard Tarlinton, Fr Karl Jung, Michael Horton, Bernice Wilton, Carla Zampatti, Tommy Raudonikas, victims of shootings in the US, 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 McMahan, 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: Veronica Beath, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, 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.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Elsy Poulse, 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.

NOT THERE YET

I have been asked, "How was your Easter Father?" I replied along the lines of "Great, but tiring", as if it is all over. It isn't. We are in the Easter Season. In fact, we are only now coming to the end of the Octave or eight days of Easter. And the Season of Easter continues for another six weeks until Pentecost. So my response indicating 'been there, done that' was true with respect to Holy Week-Easter celebrations but misleading about to the Church's understanding of Easter as a season and ongoing experience. If we were to live the story of Easter and see to the needs of all, as did the early Jerusalem

community (First Reading), we might enact the equivalent of a sabbatical year when the burden of crippling debt was remitted for the common good (Deut 15:4). Speaking to this week's World Bank and International Monetary Fund virtual meetings challenged by the pandemic, Pope Francis questioned the possibility for economic recovery when a small minority own half of the world's wealth. Besides calling for debt relief in Africa, and true to the maxim of not wasting a crisis, Pope Francis suggests that to emerge from this situation the better, we need *"new and creative forms of social, political and economic participation, . . . sensitive to the voice of the poor and committed to including them in the building of our common future"* (CathNews, Fri, 9/4/21). A pipedream you say. History would be on your side. Indeed, the Jerusalem Church's idyllic *'having all things in common'* experience was in time only sustained in monasteries. **Nonetheless, if we foster a sense of being siblings in God's family (Second Reading), what might be possible if that sense of connectedness was inclusive of all peoples?** Perhaps the cynical realist identifies with Thomas and says, "It is not possible!" However, on the eighth day after the Lord's resurrection, Thomas was transformed after encountering him, wounds and all (Gospel). *"At this climatic moment of the Gospel it is Thomas, the late-comer, the obtuse one, the doubter who proclaims the full identity of Jesus"* (Brendan Byrne). **While we are deemed to be 'blessed' for having greater faith than that of Thomas, are we willing to acknowledge the wounded yet Risen Lord in our brokenness and in the brokenness of others? The Lord seeks to transform or redeem all. Easter can be just a memorial, some chocolates and a break. Or it can be a call into deeper engagement. Our journey as a pilgrim people continues.**

Fr John

HOLY WEEK-EASTER THANK YOU to all who in any way assisted in the preparation and celebration of the ceremonies, as well as those who made up the large congregations.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL gathered with Philomena Billington to discern a focus building on the pastoral plan. The need for engagement with our schools was affirmed. Continue your prayers please.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL will be made at all Masses the weekend of 24-25 April. Your support will assist the formation of our two seminarians, Eden and Mark and perhaps in time those now considering a call to ordained ministry.

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED, MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE over two Sats, 9am-3pm. Presentations by married couples followed by couple and group discussion. Contact Pru 0451 670 041.

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 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 17-18 April, Third Sunday of Easter(Year B)			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			Ava & Ella Morris
Reader	Volunteer required	Alan Grinsell-Jones	Robert Rice
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Michael Wilcock	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Margaret Ryan	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Anne Perera, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund, Volunteer required
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
Collection Counters	<i>19 April</i> Michael Higgins		
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>14 April</i> Leader of Prayer: B Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: M O'Connor & J O'Connor	