



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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1-2 April 2023, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 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: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

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: 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, Wendy Poole, Paul Bryant, Joyce Theodore, Janice Orr, Jim Molan, Renee Gayer, Lisa Marie Presley, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Wendy Egan, Michael Fleming, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, Keith McLaughlin, Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Jack Perry, Mary Taxworth, 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

Mary Kane, George Toth, Margie Rose, Ben Arcus, Grayham Rundle, Kathleen Belfanti, John O'Connor, Hennie Timmerman, Jan Chesworth, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Shaun Clancy, 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.

TO SERVE NOT TO BE SERVED

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey. He is acclaimed by his followers but those in power see it as a challenge. The mode of his entry is in keeping with the prophecy of Zechariah. It was a symbolic gesture. **He comes to serve, not the like the religious and political leaders who sought to be served (Matt 20:28) and were threatened by him. The time of his entry to Jerusalem was not without tension.** As many gathered for Passover, the population endured the occupying Romans and their unpopular taxes and the allied of fear of terrorism and suspicion of revivalist religious movements. There are parallels of sorts with our concerns about interest rates and climate change, talk of war to our north and refugees fleeing conflict in Ukraine and Myanmar. **However, a particular issue for Matthew is the shedding of the innocent blood of Jesus.** Our First Reading from Isaiah, along with the other Servant Songs of Isaiah read during Holy Week, provide *"the 'script' for the otherwise totally unforeseen sufferings of the Messiah (Luke 24:27, 44-45; Acts 8:30-35)" (Brendan Byrne).* **The one who is totally innocent will die a horrible death.** His 'obedience unto death' *"is absolutely continuous with the divine outpouring of love that led to the incarnation of the one whose nature was divine"* (Byrne). **Nonetheless, in keeping with the biblical tradition, the heinous spilling of innocent blood is a problem Matthew seeks to account for.** He looks to Judas who betrayed Jesus and later suicided in despair and Pilate who declared himself *"innocent of this man's blood"* (27:24), though he is not. **Finally, the people accept responsibility, "His blood be upon us and upon our children" (27:25).** This verse has caused more suffering than any other in the scriptures. It would be a gross

misinterpretation to see it calling down a perennial curse on the Jews. Rather, Matthew is writing soon after the Romans destruction of Jerusalem (70AD), and, with many others at that time, he was seeking a reason for that disaster. *“For Matthew the reason is that the citizens of Jerusalem, urged on by their leaders, called down upon themselves ‘and their children’ responsibility for the innocent blood of Jesus. ‘Their children’ refers strictly to the coming generation – the generation that would be in mature years at the time when Jerusalem fell to the Romans. There is absolutely no suggestion that the responsibility should somehow continue or that it should adhere to the Jewish people as a whole. This needs to be made expressly clear” (ibid).* Meanwhile, as Jesus did in his ministry and on entering Jerusalem, let us enter this Holy Week-Easter open to what God has done and seeks to do in and through us. Fr John

HOLY WEEK-EASTER LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER: If you could assist with a particular ministry, please so indicate on the large sheet on the foyer table.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES can be placed in the bin below the right-side overhead screen.

REGIONAL SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: Join parishioners from South Woden and Weston Creek for the celebration commencing at 6pm this Tuesday, 4 April. A number of visiting clergy will be present. Celebration of the sacrament in Lent is a time-honoured means of renewal and proximate preparation for Holy Week-Easter. **Doing so in community affirms our ‘Walking Together’.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY RENEWAL: Thanks to all who have volunteered and to those that attended the formation sessions. New rosters commence in two weeks, Sunday 16 April. Copies available from the parish office.

HOLY WEEK-EASTER TIMETABLE	
Mon, 3 April, 5pm, OILS MASS , St Christopher’s Cathedral	
Tues, 4 April, 6pm, REGIONAL SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION	
Thurs, 6 April, 7.30pm, MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (and adoration until 10.30pm) (NB No 5.30pm Thurs Mass)	
Fri, 7 April, 10.30am, STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3.00pm, COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION (NB No 9.30am Fri Mass)	
Sat, 8 April, 5.00pm, RECONCILIATION 7.30pm, EASTER VIGIL	
Sun, 9 April, EASTER SUNDAY MASSES - 9.30am and 5.30pm	

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please keep in prayer the children and families who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament this month. May they grow in awareness of the call of love and the mercy of God.

MULTICULTURAL MASS: You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese’s annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher’s Cathedral, 11am, Sunday, 16 April – one full of colour, song, and dance. Join member of our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities ‘walking together’.

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS will be celebrated 8am, 25 April, St Christopher’s Cathedral. All welcome but if attending you must be seated by 7.45am.

MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

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

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 8-9 April			
<i>2nd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm		Curtin Sun. 9.30 am
Acolyte	Long Nguyen and Dan Mackay		Stafferd Fernandez
Servers			Darryl Kite
Reader	Margaret Ryan		Bianca D’Rosario
Commentator	Rachel Smith		Rita Daniels
Welcomer	Volunteer		Volunteer
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan		Tania Fernandez
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: John Eyers		P Wadsworth, C Sheehan, B Mills
Collectors	J David		Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan
Counters	11 Apr. J Eyers, M Duffy		Homes: Lyn Granlund
Wednesday Liturgy	5 Apr. Prayer Leader: Alex Eyers		Volunteer
			Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane, John O’Connor