



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**11-12 March 2023, Third Sunday of Lent, 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 (Lit of the Word and H Comm until 30 March)
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:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, that water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Marie 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:** Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Jack Perry, Mary Taxworth, Desmond Lilley, Kevin Wilson, Laurence Raymond Spargo, Noel Lane, David Power, Dix and Keily families, Margaret Cusack, Brian Brown, Joanne Binutti, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Peter Marlow, , Bali bombing victims and victims of COVID.

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

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, Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Greero and those afflicted with COVID.

### **CULTURAL SUBVERSION FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL**

**We have all heard of the 'Good Samaritan'. However, Jews and Samaritans were very much at odds with each other. The contemporaries of Jesus would have understood the notion of a 'Good Samaritan' as a contradiction. The reason in large part was because when Jews returned in 587BC after deportation to Babylon, they looked with disdain on the ethno-religious divergent inhabitants of what had been the northern kingdom of Israel. They saw Samaritans as akin to Gentiles. In fact, Jesus forbade ministry in Samaria (Matt 10:5). It is noteworthy that today's Gospel from John has no parallel in Matthew, Mark or Luke (the 'Synoptic Gospels'). The suggestion is made that as the early Church was later involved in the mission to Samaria (Acts 8:1-8), John has read the encounter at the well back into the ministry of Jesus. Whatever about these deliberations, it is rather fortuitous that we hear this Gospel on the Sunday following last week's **International Woman's Day (8 March)**. Clearly the incident is a "cultural subversion" whereby "John seems to be confirming new roles for women in his community. Jesus not only talks with the woman, but in a carefully orchestrated, seven-part dialogue her progressively guides her from ignorance to enlightenment, from misunderstanding to clearer understanding. She is the most carefully and intensely catechized person in this entire Gospel!" (John J Plich).** Indeed, Jesus engages with the woman about political and religious issues that were not considered appropriate conversation for women. Thus, the Samaritan woman moves from scorn

in addressing the “Judean” stranger, to “sir”, to “prophet” and finally “Messiah”, and she initiates the village’s recognition of Jesus as “saviour of the world”. African theologian Francoise Diarra was unequivocal when she said recently, “Today, the massive commitment of women stands out as a sine qua non condition for the future of the universal Church in general, and that of Africa in particular, because real change depends on the will of women”. Finally, we remember that Mary is honoured by the Church as the ‘first disciple’ and Mary Magdala as the ‘apostle to the apostles’ on Easter morn. Perhaps the Samaritan woman should be honoured as the point of ‘cultural subversion’ for the sake of the Gospel? **Encounter, dialogue and graced insight in truth and love is the way of discipleship. It was and is the way of liberation for all.** Fr John

**PROJECT COMPASSION: Has your household taken a box or set of envelopes to support Project Compassion?** Pope Francis reminds us that “The Future starts today, not tomorrow”. The theme for this year’s appeal is **For All Future Generations**. For decades Project Compassion has been synonymous with the Lenten call to support those in need in recognition of their manifesting the suffering Christ

**N.B. MASS TIME CHANGE: As last year, so again this year, the time for the Sunday morning Mass on Sunday, 26 March will be 8.30am NOT 9.30am.** This will allow organisers of the ‘Show N Shine’ to set up. **Thank you for your understanding.** You are invited to check out the beautifully maintained vehicles on display and to vote for your favourite. Money raised after expenses will support **Camp Quality**.

**VIRTUAL ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH OF FR FRANK BRENNAN’S Indigenous Voice to Parliament, 7pm, Thurs 16 March.** Garratt Publishing, Australian Jesuits and Catholic Social Services Victoria are co-sponsoring the event. **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE**  
**Brennan, priest, lawyer and academic offers background to the proposed referendum, additional ideas for discussion and presents both the ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ cases.**

**PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANCE:** We are looking to employ someone to assist with office duties for 2 hours per week. If you would like to know more, contact Fr John personally or via the parish office.

**ST CHRISTOPHER’S CATHEDRAL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION:** Be part of the Mass and celebration dinner with Archbishop Christopher this Fri, 17 March, the Feast of St Patrick. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1017990&>

**50 YEAR REUNION OF ST CHRISTOPHER’S COFFEE HOUSE:** Members of the same between 1973-1977 are invited to gather in the Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral), 3pm - 10pm, Sat, 25 March. Friendships will be renewed and . Fr Mick Burke will celebrate the 5pm Parish Mass with the original music group playing retro hymns. RSVP to Sue Woods. Email: [smwoods6@gmail.com](mailto:smwoods6@gmail.com), 0438 811 742.

**PALM SUNDAY RALLY FOR REFUGEES:** 1pm, Sunday, 2 April, Garema Place. Speakers: David Pocock, Senator for the ACT, Zhara Hashemi Barat refugee and Rev Dr Katherine Rainger, Senior Chaplain at Radford College.

**CHRISM OR OILS MASS: 5pm, Monday, 3 April, St Christopher’s Cathedral.** Archbishop Christopher will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of Chrism and the Oil of the Sick for use across the archdiocese in the coming year. Clergy will also renew their commitment to serve. All welcome

**REGIONAL SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:** for North Woden, South Woden and Weston Creek Parishes will be 6pm, Tuesday, 4 April at Holy Trinity Church.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A: Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>3<sup>RD</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>	Marianne Crane	Staffer Fernandez	Daryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	Margaret Ryan	ThereseKeily-Winter	Dennis Granlund
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Farifax	Volunteer	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	C Mc Laughlin N Kelaart	A Perera J Maher	Lyn Granlund
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: Liz Anderson	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Moya Kennelly
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer	G Nash
<b>Counters</b>	<i>20 Mar.</i>	Michael Higgins	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>8 Mar.</i>	Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose	Eucharistic Minister: Deepthi Mathew

