



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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11-12 November 2023, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Patricia Belden, Michael Morrisroe, Kathryn Keane, Victims of Israel-Palestine war, shooting victims of Maine, USA, Rob Docker, Frank Boyle, Libby Roberts, Peggy Denny, Peter Hewitt, Mary McNamara, Denise Lynch, Jennifer O'Shannassy, Peter Nally, Raphael, Evita & Philomena Smith, victims of Israel-Palestine conflict, Tim Eaton, Victor Marillanca, Peggy Denny, Sr M Celine (Kay) Jones, , victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Majer, Peter Marlow, Mary Huang, Adam Ryan, Oreste Trinca, Gaetano & Diomina De Simone, Tiffen family, Frank Smith, Josh McKinnon, Vincent Huang, Jerome Woods, Anne Taylor, Giovanni Mammoliti, Melanie Swan, Marc Kelaart, Pat and Jack Ryan, Gerard Smith, Paul Murphy, Charlie Morella, Marjory Swan, Brian Kain, Felicisima Villafuerte, Carlo Binutti, Jim Woods, Marie Pugh, Daniel Joyce, Pam Dewhurst, Ron and Pauline McLennan, and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Stewart, Greg Nash, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa and Anco Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, Richie Noonan, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Maryann Gregson, Libby Roberts, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, Hennie Timmerman, Stephanie De Jongh, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

BE ATTENTIVE, BE PREPARED

The motto of the Boy Scouts is *'Be Prepared'*. As a Boy Scout, I understood it to mean be ready to assist where you can. Similarly, Mary MacKillop exhorts us to address needs as they present. So too today's Readings call us to be attentive to the Lord's coming. This call to attentive waiting and expectation is reflected in our First Reading from the Book of Wisdom. We are exhorted to be seekers of wisdom. We will not be disappointed. *"Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for and anxiety will quickly leave you."* To seek the wisdom of God is to be attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is for this reason that Pope Francis' prayer request for November is for our prayers. *"Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and accompany the Church, listening for the Holy Spirit."* Our Gospel compares and contrasts the wise and the foolish bridesmaids. The wise have brought sufficient oil for their torches. The unwise have not. They await the bridegroom who will take the bride to his home. Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne comments: *The five wise and five foolish bridesmaids represent members of the Church, who, as so often in Matthew, are of mixed quality. The oil represents the kind of good deeds that Jesus commends – "justice, mercy and faith" (23:23) - and which will be so graphically illustrated in the concluding parable of the Great Judgement (25:31-46). The five foolish bridesmaids represent the kind of believers depicted towards the*

close of the Sermon on the Mount: those who cry out, "Lord, Lord" but have not good works to accompany this confession of faith (7:21-27). The wise may "sleep" (in death) before the coming of the Lord but when he does come they will go out to meet him with the 'lamps' of their good works shining (cf. 5:16). Thus, the final warning about "staying awake" because neither "the day or the hour" is known really means, in the light of the parable, "Be prepared", rather than "stay awake". **Byrne goes on to contextualise the parable for us.** He notes that at the end of Mass we are sent out with the words, "**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord**". We are being directed to live the two-fold command of love of God neighbour (Matt22:37-40). "Those who take them to heart have always with them the "oil" required for salvation; they can "sleep" without anxiety about being caught short by the Lord's sudden arrival" (ibid). **And to be very clear about the relationship between faith and works: We are saved by faith, faith in the mercy of God, and that faith finds expression in both our worship and relationship with others, especially those most in need.** "You don't get to heaven without a reference from the poor." Fr John

PARISH DINNER: Sat, 18 Nov, 6.30 for 7pm, Parish Centre to support the outreach of St Vincent De Paul in support of the homeless in Canberra. Paddy McGrath is Guest Speaker. Tickets \$40. BYO. Cash payment to Parish Office, 9.15am-3:15pm Mon-Fri or to Fr John. Bookings limited so book early. Initiative of the Pastoral Council. If you could assist for 30 minutes with set-up of the Parish Centre, 2pm, next Sat., 18 Nov., let the Parish Office or Fr John know.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Enter the name(s) of deceased family and friends in the Remembrance Book on the sanctuary and, or forward a Mass request for the same via the envelopes in the foyer.

CARE FOR CREATION: Archdiocesan Prayer Vigils to highlight the call of Pope Francis for an integral ecology '(Laudato Si') will be held outside Parliament House, Sun 26 Nov, 2.30-4.30pm and Mon 27 Nov, 8.00-9.30am. Pope Francis will be attending part of the COP 28 Conference, 30 Nov-12 Dec, Dubai.

MARIST COLLEGE is hosting their Mura Gadi evening this Thurs, 16 Nov, 6.45-8.30pm with Sally Fitzgerald, ACT rep on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATISICC). Sally will share her experiences and attendees will assist in assembling palliative care packages for indigenous people.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The summer edition with a focus on Church music is available in the foyer.

SECOND RITE OF ADVENT RECONCILIATION for the parishioners of Weston Creek, North and South Woden will be celebrated, 7pm, Wed, 13 December, St John Vianney's, 87 Namatjira Dr, Waramanga. Claim the date.

GAZA CRISIS APPEAL: Caritas Australia invites you to support their provision of urgent humanitarian assistance. Donate at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or 1 800 024 413.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL FETE: Sat., 25 Nov., 10am-2pm. If you have seedlings that you would happily donate, or plants that you are willing to part with; or a fabulous baker of cakes, pies, scones, jams, or preserves; or craft items that you can make and donate? Kindly drop off to the front office, contact the school 6281 4811 or htpspfete@gmail.com.

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available from the Parish Office. Cost \$10.00.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL EMERGENCY HELPLINE: Volunteers needed to assist those struggling and on the margins, training provided, hours to suit. For more information, please call the helpline 6282 2722.

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: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 18-19 November			
<i>3rd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Reader	Margaret Ryan	Bob Perkins	Tony Butler
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Lyn Granlund	Alex Evers
Communion to Sick	St A's: John Evers	FWG: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Counters	20 Nov. Michael Higgins		
Wednesday Liturgy	15 Nov. Prayer Leader: Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin	