



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

Monsignor John Woods PP Phone (02) 6281 3999 Email: wodennorth@cg.org.au
Holy Trinity Church, Parish Office and Presbytery, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin
Ss Peter and Paul Church, Boake Place, Garran. <http://cg.org.au/wodennorth>

16-17 December 2023, Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Sunday 24 December

- Vigil Mass, 6pm
- Night Mass, 9pm

Monday 25 December

- Dawn Mass, 8am
- Morning Mass, 10am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Susie Coles, Kevin Wellspring, Adam Suckling, Wolfgang Hoeful, Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj, Hennie Timmerman, Kathleen Stewart, Seamus O’Kane, Josefa Pivar Sullivan, 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, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Joanne Binutti, Dave Powers, Judith Whittaker, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Sharon Woods, Peter Majer, Peter Marlow, Mary Huang, Adam Ryan, Oreste Trinca, Gaetano & Diomina De Simone, Frank Smith, Josh McKinnon, Vincent Huang, Jerome Woods, Anne Taylor, Giovanni Mammoliti, Melanie Swan, Marc Kelaart, Pat & Jack Ryan, Gerard Smith, Paul Murphy, Charlie Morella, Marjory Swan, Brian Kain, and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Denise Gregory, Anthony Watt, Lorraine Davis, Greg Nash, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa and Anco Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, Richie Noonan, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, 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.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent has been traditionally referred to as Gaudate Sunday. We light the pink candle on our advent wreath in anticipation of the joy of Christmas. Similarly, the Fourth Sunday of Lent or Laetare Sunday anticipates the joy of the Saviour’s resurrection and new life. Both days take their lead from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, “*Rejoice!*” The call of the Gospel is ever forward in joyful anticipation. Our hope is not because of our efforts but because of what the Lord has done and promised to do. Be that as it may, there is reason to question. Reflecting on some of the issues confronting humanity, Scottish comedian Kevin Bridges noted, “*The world is scary . . . I’ve got PTSD just watching the news . . . I think if you believe in God, you’ve got to acknowledge that the guy is in over his head now! . . . God has lost the dressing room in my opinion.*” And what of those challenges in one’s personal circumstance? For many, hope is a distant memory at best. While the liberation promised by the gospel is spiritual in essence, and the source of a deep joy expressed in prayer and thanksgiving whatever the circumstances, it “cannot be divorced from the requirements of social and economic justice” (Brendan Byrne). Many hunger for relationship and meaning. There are many gaps to be closed. Today’s Gospel is from John. John the Baptist is again portrayed as the voice preaching about the one who was coming. “*John is the ‘Voice’ that bears witness to the Word*” (St Augustine). The words and deeds of Jesus brought light where there was darkness and despair. “*Wherever Jesus*

speaks or performs healing acts ('signs') - whether in the Gospel or in the sacramental life of the Church – the light is overcoming the darkness and communicating to human beings God's gift of eternal life" (ibid). We struggle to be transformed on our journey home, but we keep going. **Perhaps the essence of spiritual growth is not in arriving but assisting others to head home with us, after the model of Jesus, 'the way, the truth and the life' (Jn 14:6)?** It is a shared journey of peaks and valleys (see our stylised boat on the sanctuary). The Good Shepherd calls us home together. We cannot make it alone. We need one another. And in that we rejoice! **If you would like some heart-warming good news, pick up a copy of the 'Daily Voice' article from the exits about students from St Matthew's, Page, reaching out to their less fortunate peers. The anticipated joy of Christmas takes many forms.** Fr John

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL seeks your support by donation of non-perishable food items for their Christmas hampers. Contributions may be left in the container below the right-side overhead projection screen.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES: Extra Advent First Rite Reconciliation times at Holy Trinity: Sat 16, 4.30pm-5.30pm, Mon 18 10-10.30am and Sat 23, 4.30-5.30pm.

ST AUGUSTINES' CROATIAN CATHOLIC, 262 Beasley St Farrer is holding a three-day charity event, **St Anthony's Bread, 6pm-11.00pm, 15 - 17 December, to raise funds for a family in need.** Sponsor a Christmas tree with your name on a plaque for \$59 (E: sponsor@christmaspark.com.au). Food and entertainment each night in a picnic setting, with 7pm appearance of Santa.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: With Christmas Day falling on a Monday this year, there will be **NO** 5.30pm Sunday Mass next Sun, 24 December. **Christmas Eve Masses** will be **6pm and 9pm** in Holy Trinity Church. **Christmas Day Masses** will be at **8am and 10am**. NB There is no Christmas Day evening Mass. **Please indicate on the foyer sheets if you could assist with liturgical ministries over Christmas and, or the church set-up from 2pm, next Sunday 24 December.**

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL will support refugees in refugee camps adjacent to Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia and Myanmar through the ecumenical Christmas Bowl, as well as the Ukrainian Catholic Church, students at Bethlehem University, church outreach to the poor in India, church projects in the Diocese of Otukpo, Nigeria, and health provision in the Solomon Islands.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS are invited to join the **Raphael Network**, which blends psychology with Christian anthropology and Catholic teaching. Enjoy online talks, an annual retreat, and peer support on this hub for holistic well-being, referrals, and resources. More information at www.raphaelnetwork.org.au

CATHOLICCARE ARANDA AND CAMPBELL RETIREMENT VILLAS have several vacancies. Contact Dominica McNamara, Retirement Villas Manager at property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au or 6162 6100.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY REFLECTION by Vatican Correspondent Austen Ivereigh available at the exits.

EUTHANASIA: The Australian Bishops have released a document, **'To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope'** to assist those journeying with folk considering voluntary assisted dying. Copies available at the exits.

THE CANBERRA OFFICE OF THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL invites any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process to make contact on **6239 9813** or tribunal@cg.org.au

2024 Columban Art Calendars available from the Parish Office. Cost \$10.00

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: Fourth Sunday Of Advent, Year B, 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 23-24 December			
<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 6 pm - Christmas Eve
Acolyte	Marianne Crane		Long Nguyen
Reader	Hilary Honey	John Evers	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Loriean Quipot	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Robert Kennelly	Volunteer required	Robert K, Mark Bonato
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler	Jane Hunt	Darryl Kite, Nanette Bonato
Communion to Sick	Warr: Liz Anderson	FWG: Julie Bufalo & Ellen Long	Homes: Peter Wynter
Counters	27 Dec. Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens		

Wednesday Liturgy	<i>20 Dec.</i>	Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose	Eucharistic Minister: Deepthi Mathew
--------------------------	-----------------------	-----------------------------	--------------------------------------