



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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16-17 March 2024, Fifth Sunday of Lent, 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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Francis Carroll, Genevieve Bernard, drowned Libyan asylum seekers, Marie Docherty, Brent Hill, Jason Gavin, Paul Maher, Bishop Austen Crapp OFM, Randall Clinch, Alexi Navalny, John Connolly, Anna Minh Nguyen, shooting victims in PNG, Lillian Burkinshaw, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Ted Kurcher, Vicki Stephens, Bob Lloyd, Keiran Paterson, Ian 'Scotty' Andrea, Alec Cooley, Joan Percy, Raymond Finnegan, Paola Barbatano, Angela Lama Marca, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Keith McLaughlin, John Frawley, Richard Pugh, George Varghese, Gary Parker, Henry and Flo Marlow, Josephine and Bill Hartung, Jess Venamore, Mary Huang, Gary Woods, Richard Raymond Spargo, Mary Tuxworth, Domingo Espayos, George Pugh, Kevin Wilson, Brian Brown, Frank Williams, Jim Molan, Desmond Lilley, Joanne Binutti,

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Christopher Hudson, Sophia Felix, Barbara Clacherty, Jeannette Clarke, Elizabeth Pukl, Anthony Watt, Lorraine Davis, Greg Nash, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering.

IN THANKSGIVING FOR ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS CARROLL

Archbishop Francis Carroll, the fifth Archbishop of our Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn died in Calvary Hospital, Wagga on Thursday morning, aged 93 (9.9.1930 - 14.3.2024). May he rest in peace to rise in Easter glory. The Australian Church and wider community give thanks for the servant leadership of this faithful man of God. Born in Ganmain, NSW, he maintained a love of the land and its people. He completed his schooling as a boarder at De La Salle, Marrickville. His seminary formation was at St. Columba's, Springwood and St Patrick's, Manly, being ordained on 27 July 1954. He undertook canon law studies in Rome during the Second Vatican Council. At age 36 he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Wagga in and installed as Bishop of Wagga in 1968. Fifteen years later he was appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, retiring after 23 years (1983 – 2006), and returning to Wagga. **Archbishop Francis, or Fr Francis as he preferred, was a humble somewhat shy yet gifted man.** He had a major influence in securing 'state aid' for Catholic schools and in the establishment of the National Catholic Education Commission (1974), as a member of the International Catechetical Council (1974-1992), Australian representative at the Synod which led to the seminal document on catechetics *Catechesi Tradendae* (1974), not forgetting his terms as President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (2000-2006), the latter reflecting the esteem of his episcopal

colleagues. His self-effacing manner saw him develop many long-standing friendships with all manner of people. Father Francis had a heart for the marginalized. He was at home in the Kairos prison ministry and revered by many in the Aboriginal community. **He was very much a man of the Second Vatican Council, mindful of the rich tradition we build on in addressing the challenges of our day. His episcopal motto, 'Nova et Vetera' ('Things New and Old') reflected this, as did his calling in 1989 of the first Diocesan Synod in Australia since Vatican 11, and doing so again in 2004.** Underpinning both gatherings was his understanding that we are 'the Church of the baptised' and that all need to be listened to if we are to discern by consensus where the Spirit is calling. Personally, I was privileged to work closely with Fr Francis while Director of the Marriage Tribunal and in various consultative capacities. I last visited him mid-January. He held my hand while watching the cricket on tv – he enjoyed sports and had a particular love for Aussie Rules - communicating somewhat by a nod, a smile or the movement of his eyes. Then for some twenty minutes we were present in silence as he intermittently dozed. Silence, where the Spirit is allowed free rein. Silence, where we were present not doing or saying, still as new life beckoned. After liturgical gatherings early next week at St Brendan's, Ganmain and St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga, a Pontifical Funeral Mass for Archbishop Francis will be held at St Christopher's Cathedral, 11am, this Thursday, 20 March, followed by interment in the crypt. **Fr John**

REVELOPMENT TO PROCEED: At a media conference on Friday morning involving folk from the ACT Government, Marymead-CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn (MCCG) the Archdiocese and the parish it was announced that the proposed redevelopment of the presbytery site would proceed. As noted last week, this would see the construction of some fifty units for 'affordable housing', managed by MCCG with an annual return to the parish. This decision is a win-win, addressing a dire need in the community consistent with the mission of the Church. Plans for the relocated presbytery and parish office will be determined over the next couple of years. Pray for all concerned in bringing this project to completion.

HOLY WEEK-EASTER LITURGICAL ROSTERS: If you are able to assist with a ministry, please so indicate when leaving on the roster on the right-side table in the main foyer.

SEASON OF LENT

REGIONAL SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION for parishioners of South Woden, North Woden and Weston Creek will be celebrated at **Sacred Heart Church, Pearce, 6.00pm, Tuesday, 19 March.**

PROJECT COMPASSION: You are asked to take a **box or set of envelopes** to your household for support of the work of Project Compassion under the theme of **'For All Future Generations'**. **Support is also now possible via the QkR app., click on 'SPECIAL APPEALS', or scan this QR code.**



ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: 'How Christianity Triumphs in a Newly Pagan Society', Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor, The Australian newspaper and Author, 7.30-9.00pm, Wednesday, 20 March, St Thomas More's School Hall, 30 White St, Campbell. Register at <https://bit.ly/stmf-200324>

ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY RALLY FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS, 1pm, Sunday, 24 March, Garema Place. Community, church, political and union groups gather. Fr John will be a speaker.

CURSILLO RETREAT, 12-14 APRIL, ST CLEMENT'S RETREAT CENTRE, GALONG (between Yass and Harden) allows mena and women to deepen their faith. Info via Irma and Joe; at irmandjoe@gmail.com, or <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>

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

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

EUCHARIST MINISTRY VOLUNTEER FORM: Please return completed forms to the box in the main foyer of the Church.

Readings for next Sunday: Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord Year B, Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 23-24 March 2024			
<i>4th Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Anthony De Salis	Long Nguyen
Reader	Hilary Honey	John Evers	Kerry Lehoczky
Commentator	Volunteer required	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler	Brendan Ryan	Marianne Crane
Communion to Sick	Warr: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Julie Buffalo and Ellen Long	Homes: Peter Wynter
Counters	<i>25 Mar.</i>	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>20 Mar.</i>	Prayer Leader: Sr A Jordan & Sr F Fitzpatrick	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin