



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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16-17 September 2023, Twenty Fourth 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: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Vic Gilles, Joseph Papandrea, Dorothy Sirr, victims of Moroccan earthquake and Libyan floods, Ben Arcus, Mary Kellow, Shane Abbey, Philomena Fisher, Peg Woodward, Pauline Naylor, George Hasset, Frank Commisso, Alan Moore, Karen Lloyd, Sr Mary Gerardine Agnew rsj, 4 ADF helicopter personnel, Maui fire victims, Gwen Brown, Fr Laurie Beath, Patricia Roberts, Sinead O'Connor, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Fr Brian Sparksman, Tony Bennett, Michael Duffy, Mario Brancella, Sisifo Gisa, Mato Babic, Roland Brannelly, Patricia Crofts, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Giovanni Mammoliti, Melanie Swan, Marc Kelaart, Pat and Jack Ryan, Gerard Smith, Edward James Lindsay, Paul Murphy, Charlie Morella, Marjory Swan, Brian Kain, Felicisima Villafuerte, Carlo Binutti, Winifred Mona Spargo, Jim Woods, Marie Pugh, Daniel Joyce, Pam Dewhurst, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Angela and Maria Pezzimenti, Victor and Fredrick Schinkel, Elizabeth Rapmund, Anne Perkins, Terry and June Freebody, Ron Beath, Joe Gellatly, Milena Ceccarelli, Margaret Perry, Tano Travia, David Jones, Molly Crowe, Barney Crowe, Colleen McCann, Annie Jones, Kathleen Majer, Vincent Huang, Veronica Beath, Raco Vincenzo and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Richie Noonan, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Maryann Gregson, Libby Roberts, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, Hennie Timmerman, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Rajan Fernandez, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

TRANSFORMATION, TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Today is a very special day. Today we pray for and rejoice with those children and their families who are celebrating First Holy Communion. To gather and to be nourished by God's Word and to receive Holy Communion is the high-point of our union in Christ. Sunday is the 'source and summit' of our week, and not just for the first time but for every week of our lives. **Today's readings cause us to reflect on how we live that life when we have hurt or been hurt by another. To be forgiven is wonderful, but to live with ongoing resentment is toxic.** *"There is an old saying that resentment is like trying to kill somebody by taking poison yourself. . . Of course, it is wonderful to be forgiven. It is a liberating experience. But it is just as liberating to be able to forgive. Psychologists often point out that mental and physical health can be improved simply by letting go hatred and animosity towards the people who have wronged you"* (Michael McGirr). **Sound psychology and our Christian faith are on the same page in that our relationships ought to be a reflection of divine generosity and grace.** On the cross, Jesus forgave his persecutors. At every Mass in the 'Our Father', we pray *"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"*. **In today's Gospel the**

master forgives the debt that the servant had no chance of ever repaying. “This means that when the master, in a pure act of generosity, cancels the debt he is in effect restoring the servant’s life” (Brendan Byrne). However, contrary to his master’s generosity, the servant demands immediate payment of a debt that could be paid in time. “Each member of the believing community should understand that they live as people who have received, through Christ’s costly self-gift in love, remission of a debt (the debt of sin) that they could never themselves repay. How utterly inappropriate then an unwillingness to forgive fellow members of the community the ‘debts’ set up by injury on a vastly smaller scale” (ibid). **If we regularly gather to experience God’s love, our lives and communities can be transformed. Gathering for Sunday Mass fosters transformation, today and every day.** **Fr John**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA’S EMERGENCY APPEALS FOR MOROCCO AND LIBYA: Thousands have died and many are injured. Shelter, food, water and medical assistance are urgently needed. Donate at www.caritas.org.au.

GATHERING TODAY 4.30pm, Woden Valley Lutheran Church, 37 Burnie St, Lyons with prayers and music of Taize, praying for the Synod on Synodality. RSVP Caroline c.weller@internode.on.net

THE CATENIANS, an international association of lay Catholics, are conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey in the hope of better supporting lay Catholics live their faith today. To participate in the anonymous, tick-box survey go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>. More info: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians, 0419 695 927 or phil13murray@gmail.com.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING will be held at 6pm, Wednesday, 27 September in the Parish Centre. If interested and yet to put your name forward, please contact the Parish Office.

OZNAM APPEAL: St Vincent de Paul will hold its’ retiring collection for the support of twinned conferences in India and Indonesia over Sat 30 Sept – Sun 1 Oct.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS: If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty – the following week’s roster is at the end of each bulletin – please ensure that you arrange a replacement.

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY FR JOHN MORNING TEA: to be celebrated this morning in the Parish Centre after 9.30am Mass. Finger food, birthday cake, tea and coffee will be provided.

HOLY WATER has been returned to the entrances of the church. To bless oneself on entering and leaving the church is to acknowledge one’s dignity and to identify with the family of faith gathered to be nourished on mission.

YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT VIDEOS: A selection of videos addressing the background and hopes for the year (August 2023 -August 2024) is available at <https://www.yearofholyspirit.org.au/>

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NEWSLETTER: Latest edition is available at the church exits.
YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER CARD (August 2023 – August 2024) is available at the exits.
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS (Spring 2023) is available at the exits.
2023-2024 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT, ‘Listen, Learn, Love’ is available at the exits.

EXCESS CHAIRS in the meeting room off the foyer. Gold coin donation. Take one or as many as you choose. All going!

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: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 23-24 September			
<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Melissa Bray	Darryl Kite
Reader	Hilary Honey	John Eyers	Kerry Lehoczky
Commentator	Loreian Quipot	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler	Brendan Ryan	Marianne Crane
Communion to Sick	St A’s: John Eyers	FWG: Julie B and Ellen L	Homes: Peter Wynter
Counters	25 Sept. Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens		
Wednesday Liturgy	20 Sept. Prayer Leader: Sr Angela, Sr Frances	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin	