



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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17-18 February 2024, First Sunday of Lent, Year B

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

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| 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: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Lillian Burkinshaw, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Ted Kurcher, Vicki Stephens, Bob Lloyd, Kierin Paterson, Ian 'Scotty' Andrea, Alec Cooley, Joan Percy, Raymond Finnegan, Paola Barbatano, Angela Lama Marca, Peter Pateman, Gayna Edwards, Rowan Andrews, Marilyn Bennett, Angela Fraser, PNG victims of civil unrest, Matt Hellier, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Anniversaries of Death: Mary Huang, Gary Woods, Laurence Raymond Spargo, Mary Tuxworth, Domingo Espayos, George Pugh, Kevin Wilson, Brian Brown, Frank Williams, Jim Molan, Desmond Lilley, Joanne Binutti, Dave Powers, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Sharon Woods, Peter Majer, Peter Marlow, Adam Ryan, Oreste Trinca, Gaetano & Diomina De Simone, Frank Smith, Josh McKinnon.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Breda Jones, 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.

TO SEE BEYOND OUR LIMITED HORIZONS

'Lent'. Think Ash Wednesday, fasting, prayer and giving. A time to change or as today's Gospel would have it, 'repent'. But why? What lies behind it? Some of the prayers in the Missal reflect an understanding of lifting our game that we might be worthy. For many that is the beginning and end of it. I will give up this and take on that and God will love me more. It will be tough but I will have a crack. I like a challenge and besides, this spiritual 'boot camp' is over at Easter. **However, last Friday's First Reading from Isaiah was quite insistent that true penance is not an end in itself but a willingness to change or repent such that we now see what is pleasing to God and continue to act on it (Isaiah 58:1-9). It is about seeing as God sees.** We were signed with ashes last Wednesday to proclaim a desire to 'burn off' old ways. We fast that we might appreciate the difference between what we want and what we need. Besides, satisfaction of my wants might often be at the expense of the needs of others. We pray to be more attuned to the movement of God's Spirit in the midst of challenges which can suck us in or undermine our dignity as reflected in our thoughts, words and deeds. Yes, we give to support those who are materially deprived through Project Compassion but we also ask what reforms are needed to redress their ongoing plight? Lent is about being attuned to acting under God's Spirit as Jesus did in the desert (his Lent, if you like) and in his ministry (and in our pilgrimage, if

you like). In other words, Lent calls us to repent or to a change of outlook and action in an ongoing manner. Of course, the allure of our former way of seeing is strong. Pope Francis in his 2024 Lenten Message spoke of the allure of the past. For the Chosen People freed under Moses, life as slaves back in Egypt had its appeal in the desert. *“Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls. True Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom.”* Pope Francis goes on to say that Lent is a time to pause. *“The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers. This is God’s dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.”* Copies of the papal letter are at the exits. Fr John

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 Qr app. Click on **‘SPECIAL APPEALS’** therein, or scan this QR code.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP invites you to join their Lenten Journey from 7.00-9.00pm, each Wed from 21 Feb until Wed 27 March Parish Room, St Peter Chanel’s, Weston St, Yarralumla. For more info contact Neda 0415 266 019 or Gabriel 0422 285 491.

CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE will perform the St John Passion BWV 245 300th Anniversary Performance, St Christopher’s Cathedral, 7.45pm, Sat, 16 and 2.00pm, Sun, 17. Tickets at www.canberrabachensemble.com

CURSILLO RETREAT, 12-14 APRIL, ST CLEMENT’S RETREAT CENTRE, GALONG (between Yass and Harden). Cursillo provides an opportunity for men and women to renew and deepen their faith life through a program of talks, meditations and prayer. Contact Irma and Joe at irmandjoe@gmail.com. Info: <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all concerned. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process (6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au).

AN EVENING WITH TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE, OP, former Master of the Dominicans (1992-2001), author and internationally reputed speaker and retreat director, 5.30-7.00pm, Thursday, 14 March, Merici College, Wise Braddon. Free tickets available at <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: As of 1 January 2025, Catholic Education in the Archdiocese will *‘adopt a civil framework of incorporation’*. Greater transparency and accountability and a more synodal model of church underpin the decision. Copies of press release at exits.

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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: Second Sunday of Lent, Year B, Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10.

| LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 24-25 February 2024 | | | |
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| <i>4th Sun. of the month</i> | Curtin Sat. 6 pm | Curtin Sun. 9.30 am | Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm - |
| Acolyte | Melissa Bray | Anthony De Salis | Marianne Crane |
| Reader | Alex Evers | Alan Grinsell-Jones | Karen Anderson |
| Commentator | Loreian Quipot | Denis Howden | |
| Welcomer | Robert Kennelly | Max Grinsell-Jones | |
| Ministers of Comm. | Tony Butler | Jane Hunt | Marianne Crane |
| Communion to Sick | Warr: Helen Crain-Welsby | FWG: Julie Bufalo and Ellen Long | Homes: Peter Wynter |
| Counters | <i>26 Feb.</i> | Rosemary O’Mally and Bryan Stevens | |
| Wednesday Liturgy | <i>28 Feb.</i> | Prayer Leader: Alex and John Evers | Eucharistic Minister: Emma Fairfax |

