



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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18-19 November 2023, Thirty-Third 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: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Jennifer O’Shannassy, Peter Nally, Raphael, Evita & Philomena Smith, victims of Israel-Palestine conflict, Tim Eaton, Victor Marillanca, Peggy Denny, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Sharon Woods, 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

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.

FOCUS NOT SLOTH

This week most clergy of the archdiocese were at Galong for their annual retreat. The retreat was led by Marist Brother Dr Paul Creevey. Brother Paul had taught at Marist, Pearce (2006-2009). He recently completed his Doctorate on John’s Gospel at Leuven University, Belgium. However, it was Mark’s Gospel that Brother Paul led the clergy through a deeper understanding of. He did so as Mark is the main Sunday Gospel for next year, Year B or Year 2 in the three-year cycle of readings. Today’s Gospel is from Matthew, the main Sunday Gospel for Year A. **In Mark and in today’s Gospel there is an emphasis on the challenge of discipleship. Our reading from Matthew, written later than Mark’s Gospel, addresses the delay in the hoped-for imminent return of Jesus. Some members of the church have died and Jesus has not returned. The question addressed is how to live appropriately, mindful, as we heard last week, that we know neither ‘the day or the hour’ of the Lord’s return. Those servants who double the ‘talents’ given them are welcomed “into the joy” of their master, or the heavenly banquet. The third servant is not dishonest but is penalised severely for not addressing what is required of him. Presuming to see his master as very strict, he is paralysed with fear. He resolves “not to do anything wrong in order that God will not find anything to punish. Such**

an attitude neglects to ask what God really wants of believers in the present time, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the “weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faith” (23:23). The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise, if they are not to atrophy and wither” (Brendan Byrne). So too in our second reading from 1 Thessalonians, we see that as the day of salvation dawned with Christ’s resurrection, we “should be up and about, watchful and active, rather than “asleep” as in the night” (ibid). There are challenges here for all of us. Father Ronald Rolheiser OMI reflects: “At a very basic level, long before anything explicitly religious need be mentioned, it is true to say if we do things which keep us energised and integrated, on fire yet glued together, we have a healthy spirituality. Conversely, if our yearning drives us into actions which harden our insides or cause us to fall apart and die then we have an unhealthy spirituality. Spirituality is about what we do with that incurable desire, the madness that comes from the gods, within us” (‘The Holy Longing – The Search for a Christian Spirituality’, 2019, p.38).

Fr John

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA: Each Sunday after the 9.30am Mass parishioners gather in the Parish Centre for a cuppa and chat. All are welcome. **To ensure that this lovely initiative continues, Libby Cremen seeks your assistance before drawing up the 2024 roster.** Rostered duties are a little pre-Mass preparation and then assisting with serving of tea/coffee and biscuits after Mass. A great way for singles, couples or families to serve their parish. If you would like to know more or sign up, contact Libby on 0459 853 552 or libbycremen@hotmail.com by 10 December.

EFT TERMINALS have been updated at the votive candles and on the left side of the church. The terminal in the foyer continues. The votive candle stand allows for payments of \$2 – the price per candle - or multiples thereof (ie \$2, \$4, \$6 or Other). The left side terminal is in the same amounts as the foyer terminal, ie, \$5, \$10, \$15 or Other.

TRANSFIGURATION NEWSLETTER, SPRING EDITION is now available at the exits.

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.

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.

2024 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: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe Yr A, Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 25-26 November			
<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Melissa Bray	Darryl Kite
Reader	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	Karen Anderson
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: Liz Anderson	FWG: Julie Bufalo & Ellen Long	Homes: Peter Wynter
Counters	<i>27 Nov.</i>	Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>22 Nov.</i>	Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson