



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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2-3 September 2023, Twenty Second 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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Yook Lin Tan, Fr Anton Bulla SVD, Keith Berks, Charlie Lustri, Lena Meli, Grayham Rundle, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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

Shane Abbey, Richie Noonan, Jason Mathie, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Fr Mick Burke, Tom Story, Maryann Gregson, Libby Roberts, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, Jacob Iosefa, Fr Bill Kennedy, George Toth, Ben Arcus, Kathleen Belfanti, Hennie Timmerman, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

A PROPHETIC VOICE

Pope Francis has taken a risk. He has not taken the easy path. He challenges us about what has been forgotten; that all is connected. After all, the word 'religion' literally means to 're-ligament' or reconnect. On Friday, 1 September we began the 'Season of Creation'. It runs through to 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The inspiration was the 1989 initiative of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios 1, which the World Council of Churches extended from 1 September until 4 October. The Catholic Church joined in 2015. The initiative is "to see the world, not as something apart from us, but as a delicate interlocking set of relationships of which we are part" (Andrew Hamilton SJ). If you would like to see the Archdiocese's response to this awareness and more especially Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si - On Care For our Common Home" (2015), go to www.cre4creation.org. To undermine or abuse life-giving relationships is to sin, be it personal or social sin. Pope Francis therefore calls for right relationships or an 'integral ecology'. Further, the most deserving of our care are those most in need (cf. widows and orphans in the Scriptures). Care for those in need is the antithesis of pious individualism and self-justifying affirmation of the status quo. With respect to the mission of Jesus (and therefore our mission), and drawing on the

inspiration of Jeremiah, the reluctant prophet (Frist Reading), we see that *“a prophet’s role is to unmask the subterfuge and excuses through which people and indeed whole societies seek to hide painful truth from themselves” (Brendan Byrne)*. As the people rejected the words of Jeremiah, so too Peter, who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah, cannot countenance that the Messiah will suffer and die. **Yet it is only by entering into the pain and suffering of the world that Jesus can manifest the Father’s will to identify with us, giving his life as a ransom, serving rather than being served (Matt 20:28)**. The irony is that Peter, whose earlier profession of faith was the rock of which the church is founded, is now the stumbling block! The stumbling blocks of today question the need for change of our outlook or actions. **Lord, open us to the vision of an integral ecology after the teaching and example of Pope Francis. May he persevere in being the prophetic voice calling all to right relationship within ourselves, with others and with all creation. As you are one-yet-three, might we be one in the communion of your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus who came to serve, not to be serve.** Fr John

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY: Today we honour and give thanks for our dads, living and deceased, and those who have been father-figures for us. **It is also the annual opportunity to financially support our retired clergy who have ministered across our archdiocese.** See the envelopes provided or contribute in the collection.

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 VASES AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS are yours for a small donation. So too the assorted chairs in the church meeting room off the foyer. Take one or as many as you choose. All going!

THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS CONFERENCE HAVE RELEASED THE 2023-2024 STATEMENT “LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples”: Prior to the call for a Voice referendum, the decision was made to address how the Church might further engagement with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Bishop Vincent Long, Parramatta Diocese, notes *“Whatever the outcome of this year’s referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians. Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love, and humility. ‘Doing justice, loving kindness and walking in humility’ as the prophet long ago urges us.”*

CARMELITES DEPARTING CANBERRA: After fifty years in Red Hill, the Carmelites will depart in August next year. The Sisters departure is *“due to diminishing numbers and no recent vocations.”* Archbishop Christopher noted that the Sisters’ legacy *“will continue, of course, not limited by time or distance.”*

VOCATIONS DINNER: For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. Dinner with insightful discussions and prayer at Archbishop’s House, Thursday 7 September at 6pm. RSVP Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 9-10 September			
<i>2nd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Reader	Noel Egan	Stana Gernandez	Loreain Quipot
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan	Ted and Margaret Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Eyers	Mary Henry	John Welsby
Communion to Sick	St A’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny & Brendan Ryan
Counters	11 Sept. John Eyers		
Wednesday Liturgy	6 Sept. Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	