



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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23-24 March 2024, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, 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: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Matthew Marlow, Barbara Clacherty, Samuel Ross, 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, Wendy Egan, Richard Pugh, George Varghese, Gary Parker, Henry and Flo Marlow, Josephine and Bill Hartung, Jess Venamore, Mary Huang, Gary Woods, Richard Raymond Spargo, Domingo Espayos, George Pugh, Kevin Wilson, Brian Brown, Frank Williams, Jim Molan, Desmond Lilley, Joanne Binutti,

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Maureen Sewell, Joe Pettit, Madeline McMahon, Valerie Crane, Jason Winstanley, Rosa Winstanley, Belinda Crawford, Christopher Hudson, Sophia Felix, 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.

OUR ROLE IS VITAL

Da'Vine Joy Randolph won this year's Best Supporting Actress Academy Award for her role in 'The Holdovers'. It is an engaging movie that I would highly recommend. Of late our Gospel readings have been prefaced with reference to 'supporting roles'; Nicodemus two weeks ago and 'some Greeks' last week. I would suggest that today's reading of the Passion presents another, the Centurion who, having witnessed the death of Jesus, make his profession of faith. Our Gospel reading before the blessing of the palms from Mark (11:1-10) records Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey. He thereby indicates that he is here to serve not be served, giving his life for many as the events of the coming week will illustrate. Our First Reading from the third of Isaiah's 'Servant Songs' conflates the sufferings of the prophet and that of the people in Exile with the Church's understanding of the passion and death of Jesus. Our Second Reading from Philippians is a reflection on the person of Jesus offering further insight that **"behind every word, gesture and suffering is a costly divine outreach of love to an alienated world"** (Brendan Byrne). In Jesus God enters into our suffering. *"We know why this is allowed to happen: because this is the kind of 'service' that God willed the Messiah to perform: To enter into the sinfulness, pain and suffering of the world, to overcome those things from within, to give his life that the 'many' might have life (cf. 10:45; 14:24) (ibid).* **Betrayl, abandonment, suffering and death are not the last word, as "the moment Jesus dies the temple curtain splits in two. God is no**

longer shut in the Holy of Holies of the temple, inaccessible to all save the high priest. God is here, in this most unholy place of execution, reaching out in reconciliation to the whole world. The Gentile centurion, standing in for all of us, is the first to grasp this and make his act of faith" (ibid). Lord, might our journey through Holy Week and Easter allow each of us to encounter your love anew. Help us to understand that there is nothing in our experiences – joy or sorrow – where you are not present and seeking a response. **With the Centurion, might we be a channel of your reconciling love. We are not the focus but our role is vital.** Fr John

REDEVELOPMENT TO PROCEED: As noted last week, the proposed redevelopment of the presbytery site will proceed. 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 are yet to be determined. We will continue to engage parishioners as matters progress. 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. **Note: On Good Friday during the 3pm liturgy, we will be taking up the annual offering for support of the Church’s mission in the Holy Land**

SEASON OF LENT

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES should be returned next weekend to the basket under the right-side overhead screen. Alternatively, you could support Project Compassion under the theme of *‘For All Future Generations’* via the QkR app; click on *‘SPECIAL APPEALS’*, or scan this QR code.



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.

HOLY WEEK-EASTER TIMETABLE

Mon, 25 March, 5pm, **OILS MASS**, St Christopher’s Cathedral
 Thurs, 28 March, 7.30pm, **MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** (and adoration until 10.30pm). (NB No 5.30pm Thurs Mass)
 Fri, 29 March, 10.30am, **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**, 3.00pm, **COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION** (NB No 9.30am Fri Mass)
 Sat, 30 March, 5.00pm, **RECONCILIATION**, 7.30pm, **EASTER VIGIL**
 Sun, 31 March, **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES - 9.30am and 5.30pm**

THIRD ANNUAL ‘SHOW ‘N SHINE’ held in conjunction with the ACT Street Machine Association will be on Saturday, 6 April. A variety of great cars will be on show in front of the church and in the adjacent carpark. Admission freed but donations on the day will support ‘The Farm’, Galong.

MARYMEAD-CATHOLIC CARE CANBERRA AND GOUBURN GARAGE AND PLANT SALE, 255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah, 8.30am-12.30pm, Saturday, 6 April. Great bargains!

ARCHDIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS: 11am, Sunday, 7 April, St Christopher’s Cathedral. Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities for a vibrant celebration of their multicultural heritage in the Archdiocese’s Year of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Readings for next Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B, Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 30-31 March 2024			
<i>5th Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Long Nguyen and Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Reader	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	Juliana Maher	Greg Nash
Commentator	Alex Eysers	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Nanette Bonato	Mary Henry	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	Warr: Morna Falkland	FWG: Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Homes: Margaret and Ted Frawley
Counters	<i>2 Apr.</i>	Margaret and Ted Frawley	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>27 Mar.</i>	Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson