



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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24-25 February 2024, Second Sunday of Lent, 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: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, 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: George Varghese, Gary Parker, Henry and Flo Marlow, Josephine and Bill Hartung, Jess Venamore, 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

Randall Clinch, 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.

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

Former NZ Rugby All Blacks Captain Colin Meads was nicknamed 'Pine Tree' in acknowledgement of his imposing on-field presence. He gave and asked no quarter in competition. Another man of stature for many different reasons was Fr Don Giuseppe 'Pino' Puglisi (1937-1993). Pino is a name of Hebrew and Italian origin. In the former it is an alternative rendition of Joseph and it also means 'pine tree' in Italian. Further, the surname of this Italian priest conjures up images of a pugilist or fighter. Born into a family of modest means in the working-class neighbourhood of Brancaccio in Palermo (Sicily), he was a fighter for his beliefs and he was a presence for good in his community. Fr Puglisi was very much committed to the renewal of the Second Vatican Council and to the good of his people. He worked closely with them, opening up the possibility of a world beyond that controlled by the overbearing Sicilian Mafia. As parish priest of Godrano he helped to overcome a blood feud by his pastoral outreach. The Mafia tried to scare him off several times as his engagement and vision for his people, especially the youth undermined their influence. He was also renown for a sense of humour. As a young priest in response to his Cardinal Archbishop Ruffini's passive attitude towards the Mafia, the cardinal having even suggested that they might be fictional, Fr Puglisi suggested he needed to be corrected, albeit he added "*we should always criticize it [the Church] like a mother, never*

a mother-in-law." Puglisi refused Mafia money and would not award a contract for church repairs to a company 'recommended' by the Mafia. He was the first priest to deny known Mafia gangsters from marching at the head of religious processions, a Mafia tradition. He became a target. One of those responsible for Fr Puglisi's shooting murder on his 56th birthday outside his Brancaccio parish church later confessed that he greeted them saying, "I've been expecting you." The outcry following his death was such that the influence of the Mafia waned. Fr Puglisi was beatified on 25 May 2013. **With Fr Puglisi and contrary to evil forces which seek to undermine our goodness and beauty, we hear in today's Gospel, "Lord it is wonderful for us to be here". Indeed, Fr Puglisi's motto, 'Se ognuno fa qualcosa, allora si puo fare molto' ('If everyone does something, then we can do a lot') is scrawled throughout Brancaccio. Indeed. We are each called to do something to share the gift and joy of life in Christ.** 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 QkR app., click on 'SPECIAL APPEALS', or scan this QR code.**



ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: 'How Christianity Triumphs in a Newly Pagan Society', Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor, The Australian newspaper and Author, 7.30-9.00pm, Wednesday, 20 March, St Thomas More's School Hall, 30 White St, Campbell. Register at <https://bit.ly/stmf-200324>

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP'S continues their Lenten Journey, 7.00-9.00pm, each Wed, Parish Room, St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Contact Neda 0415 266 019 or Gabriel 0422 285 491.

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/4bISurY>

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 March. 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: 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).

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 will result.

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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: Third Sunday of Lent, Year B, Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 2-3 March 2024			
<i>1st Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Dennis Granlund	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Alex Evers	Therese Keily-Wynter	
Welcomer	Jacqui Mullen	Maureen Jeffrey	Kim Hofmeier
Ministers of Comm.	Nanette Bonato	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	Warr: Morna Falkland	FWG: Siji Devasia	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Counters	<i>4 Mar.</i>	Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>6 Mar.</i>	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick