



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**25-26 February 2023, the First Sunday of Lent, Year A**

### WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am Curtin
Wednesday	9.30am Curtin
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:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

**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:** Gary Parker, NZ flood victims, earthquake victims in Türkiye and Syria, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Kyra Berger, Victims of US shootings, Sheila Langtry, Wendy Poole, Paul Bryant, Joyce Theodore, Janice Orr, Jim Molan, Renee Gayer, Lisa Marie Presley, Jeff Beck, Cardinal George Pell, Michael Keech, Vin Kane, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, John Suckling, Pele, Fr Desmond Purcell, Yongrae Lee, Connie Vella, Kate Madden, Romano Ippoliti, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Jack Perry, Mary Taxworth, Desmond Lilley, Kevin Wilson, Laurence Raymond Spargo, Noel Lane, David Power, Dix and Keily families, Margaret Cusack, Brian Brown, Joanne Binutti, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Peter Marlow, Vincent Huang, Ellen Stening, Peter Majer, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez and victims of COVID.

### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

John O'Connor, Hennie Timmerman, Jan Chesworth, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Shaun Clancy, Patrick Jones, Julianna Maher, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

### **A GRACED JOURNEY**

**We need markers. We need signposts that reassure and challenge us on life's journey. Lent is such a time for the family of faith.** Scripturally, Lent recalls the Chosen People's forty years testing in the desert and Jesus' forty days of testing before his public ministry (today's Gospel). **In the early Church the proximate preparation or spiritual testing of those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter morphed into a time of preparation for all the faithful to be renewed in awareness of their baptismal dignity which we celebrate anew each Easter.** It is awareness of and action consistent with that dignity that we seek to nurture by prayer, works of charity and alms giving. Ashes on the forehead, Project Compassion (boxes/envelopes for each household available at the exits) and personal resolve about some matter(s) are graced responses to the movement of God's Spirit. Pope Francis has compared the Lenten journey to that of the call to synodality. Both are journeys and both affirm that we journey together open to the movement of God's Spirit. **The beautiful symbol on the top of our bulletin**, prepared by Emil Capper and colleagues at Holy Trinity School capture this. So too **the stark Lenten presentation at the front of the altar**, prepared by our Parish Liturgy Committee, is about letting go of that which hinders us on the journey. **You will recall that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast (for those aged 18 to 60) and abstinence (for those 14 and older).** All the other

Fridays of Lent and throughout the year are days of spiritual renewal. Looking ahead, I note that our parish will host the **regional Lenten Second Rite, 6pm, Tuesday, 4 April**. May our prayer and good deeds over these forty days be a source of personal renewal and blessing for our communities. Fr John

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2023:** you can donate via QkR App under ACG Special Collections. Please note that it does not include the ability to request a tax receipt. If a tax receipt is required then donate via the website, <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

**FR JOHN** continues his rehab at home. Your prayers and offers of assistance have been much appreciated. Weekday Masses will be celebrated by visiting clergy at 9.30am Mon, Tues and Fri, with a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at 9.30am Wed, and at 5.30pm Thurs in lieu of the usual evening Mass. Weekend Masses will continue as usual. Thank you for your understanding and support of your fellow parishioners and visiting clergy who will variously assist.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER RENEWAL:** please take, complete and return the Volunteer Liturgical Ministry Form to the box in the foyer by Tuesday 7 March at the latest. Training session options will be communicated for each ministry.

**'TRIUMPH' is the title of the Diocese of Wollongong 2023 Lenten program.** Limited copies are available free in the foyer. Please only take a copy if you will be using it for pray during Lent otherwise leave them for others to use.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** children are preparing to celebrate the sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers. Further details available from the RECs at Holy Trinity School and St Peter and Paul School or parish office.

**CARING FOR CREATION:** Southside group meeting 3pm, 28 Feb., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 37 Burnie St, Lyons to explore Chapter 2 of Pope Francis' encyclical On Care for Our Common Home. Contact: [LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com)

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION:** A year of celebration is proposed, including a 'more formal' celebration with Archbishop Christopher on 17 March, the Feast of St Patrick.

**50 YEAR REUNION OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S COFFEE HOUSE:** If you were involved in the latter between 1973-1977, you would be most welcome to gather in the Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral) between 3pm and 10pm, Saturday, 25 March. Friendships will be renewed in the sharing of stories, songs, food and coffee (of course). Fr Mick Burke will celebrate the 5pm Parish Mass with the original music group playing retro hymns. Please RSVP by 11 March to Sue Woods. Email: [smwoods6@gmail.com](mailto:smwoods6@gmail.com), 0438 811 742.

**'THE FARM' AT GALONG:** the Canberra Day Appeal website is now taking donations. Kate Cleary will be grateful for any amount to support the work of the Farm. <https://handsacrosscanberra.org.au/campaigns/canberra-day-appeal-2023/>

**PALMS AUSTRALIA** are seeking a variety of professionals and trades folk to share their skills with willing learners in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code. Check out stories of Palms' work at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au). Info also available on 92 9560 5333 or 0422472567



**SHOW'N SHINE 2023** will be held in the school/church carpark on Sunday, 26 March, following morning Mass commencing that day at 8.30am. Proceeds raised in conjunction with ACT Street Machine Association will assist Camp Quality.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent Year A, 5/3; Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>1st Sunday of the month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Bev Cains	Bob Perkins	Athena Cains
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Evers	Volunteer required	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteers required	Gael Nicholls
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Siji Devasia	Homes: Volunteer required
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	G Freebody, P Hughes
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>6 Mar.</b>	Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>1 Mar.</b>	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick