



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**25-26 November 2023, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe, 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:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### **MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY**

**Recently Deceased:** Wolfgang Hoeful, Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj, 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**

Lorraine Davis, 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.

### **FAITHFUL WITNESS**

**Today’s celebration of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year. Our readings focus on the notion of the ‘Shepherd-King’.** The neglect of those in leadership is understood to be the reason for God’s people going into exile. Our First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel speaks of a future restoration of the people by God. The fulness of that promise was realised in Jesus, who self-describes as the Good Shepherd, willing to lay down his life for his sheep. In turn, the disciples of Jesus are to serve the needs of others. Hence, the understanding of the Gospel about the division of the sheep and goats at the last judgement is seen to be founded on whether - like the Good Shepherd - we reached out to those in need. The understanding is that in responding to the needy we are responding to Christ. Some scholars reject this humanitarian interpretation. **Reginald H Fuller insists that the correct interpretation of the sheep and goats is found in the application of the “shaliach” principle. In effect, to reject the messenger (the Church) is to reject the message (the love of God).** Fuller would maintain that judgement will be founded on the reception or rejection of the Church’s proclamation of the gospel. **Of course, this understanding begs the question as to whether the Gospel has been effectively communicated by the Church.** Indeed, not too long ago the Church claimed that

there was no salvation outside the Church and “error has no rights”. However, the Church’s self-understanding now insists that the Church is “a sign and instrument” of salvation, elements of which are found outside the Church. Moreover, the Letter of James 2:14-20 insists that faith without works is dead. As one commentator notes: “*There’s no point telling poor people to ‘have faith’ if what they really need is food and clothing. So faith without action is useless.*” Marymead-CatholicCare employs over 600 people as an agency of the archdiocese providing varied services to the people of Canberra and beyond. They do so not just as another NGO but as a Catholic faith-inspired agency giving expression to values which all people of good will can resonate with. **Perhaps a reconciliation of the different interpretations of today’s Gospel is to be found in a ‘both, and’ understanding.** The Church, you and me, is called to live our faith, to witness to it. Our everyday and down to earth witness affords others the opportunity to glimpse the love of God. So too we glimpse the presence of God in them, especially when they present as the broken, rejected Christ. In faith-inspired witness we all move forward the richer. **The opportunities are many. Is our witness sufficient to them?**

Fr John

**SEASON OF ADVENT: Copies of “The Sign” prepared by the Wollongong Diocese are available in the foyer. Please only take a copy if you will be using it individually or in group.**

**PARISH DINNER and CLERGY GATHERING:** A very enjoyable gathering last Saturday night raised \$800 for the work of St Vincent De Paul in supporting the homeless in Canberra. Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council and to the Parish Social Group. The latter also prepared the meal for the fathering of the clergy of the Southern Deanery in the Parish Centre on Thursday.

**PLENARY COUNCIL INTERIM REPORT:** Following the conclusion of the Plenary Council in July 2022 and prior to the Vatican’s ‘recognitio’ of the Council’s nine decrees, an interim report has been released and copies are available at the exits.

**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](mailto:libbycremen@hotmail.com) by 10 December.

**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.

**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](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or 1 800 024 413.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA** will be held on Sunday 10 Dec after 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre. Come along for a chat, coffee or tea, finger food and some Christmas cake.

**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:** First Sunday Of Advent, Year B, Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 2-3 December</b>			
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6 pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Desmond Strusz	Dennis Granlund	Rita Daniels
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacqui Mullen	Maureen Jeffrey	Kim Hofmeier
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Nanette Bonato	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St A’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Siji Devasia	Homes: Moya Kennelly
<b>Counters</b>	<b>4 Dec.</b>	Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>29 Nov.</b>	Prayer Leader: John O’Connor	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane