



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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27-28 January 2024, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Paola Barbatano, Angela Lama Marca, Peter Pateman, Gayna Edwards, Rowan Andrews, Marilyn Bennett, Eulah Grinsell, Angela Fraser, PNG victims of civil unrest, Matt Hellier, Rathesh Fernando, Denise Gregory, Iranian bomb victims, Japanese earthquake victims, Paul Hickey, Robert De Groot, Rev Rex Davis, Lyn Granlund, shooting victims of Prague, Bernard Davis, Troy Dargan, Marlene Perkins, Victims of Israel-Palestine war, shooting victims of Maine, USA, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Domingo Espayos, George Pugh, Kevin Wilson, Brian Brown, Frank Williams, Jim Molan, Desmond Lilley, Joanne Binutti, Dave Powers, Judith Whittaker, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Sharon Woods, Peter Majer, Peter Marlow, Mary Huang, Adam Ryan, Oreste Trinca, Gaetano & Diomina De Simone, Frank Smith, Josh McKinnon, and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

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 and those afflicted with COVID.

TO BE SET FREE

Mindful of Mark's theme of Jesus 'the stronger one' whose mission is to bind up 'the demonic', today's Gospel has Jesus cure a man possessed. The people are impressed and acknowledge that he teaches with authority. The life and ministry of Jesus is an instance of that prophet foretold by Moses in our First Reading but so much more powerful than Moses foresaw. **In fact, while Jesus' power was manifest in this particular incident, it reflected the liberation that was being offered to all present.** *"Captivities' of prejudice, fears, scruples, guilts, ignorance about God, were dragged out of them. Far beyond overt cases of possession, the demonic can refer to any condition that controls human lives, inhibiting freedom and choice, stunting personal growth, alienating persons from God and their true humanity, rendering relationships with others poisonous or destructive. Addictions of all kinds come to mind, their destructiveness symbolised in the 'convulsions' inflicted on the man in this scene by the demon as it left him. Rather than being mere spectators of what is being described, the Gospel invites those who hear it to identify with Jesus' audience in the synagogue and to consider how their own lives need to be set free through the power and teaching of Jesus" (Brendan Byrne).* While we are prone to see evil in others or particular situations, it is sobering that it can be present in us and

not noticed. This is perhaps understandable as ‘the devil’, ‘satan’ and ‘lucifer’ are all understood to seduce us into sin or falsehood. **In other words, in the Australian idiom, we can all get ‘sucked in’ and not even realise it.** In Church-speak, we might refer to this as the effects of ‘Original Sin’. The need for prayerful reflection and especially for the reception of the Eucharist can assist us to see anew. **It is not about being scrupulous. Rather, it is about an honest awareness in the light of Jesus’ call and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

Fr John

END OF 2023 PARISH FINANCE REPORT is available at the exits.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parents and Carers of baptised children in Year 3 (and above) are invited to enrol them in the parish’s Family-Based Sacramental Program for First Reconciliation. To enrol, please access or download the QKR! app. Tap on ‘North Woden Transfiguration’ then ‘Parish Payments and Sacraments’ and ‘Sacraments’, fill in the form and make your online payment by Friday 2 February 2024.

WHAT’S NEW? Besides the **new sign outside the church** and the installation of **the defibrillator outside the sacristy**, you will have noticed that either side of the sanctuary we have **green banners** reflective of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. These replaced the cream banners of the Christmas Season. The latter, and in due course red and purple banners when appropriate, are an initiative of the Parish Liturgical Committee and the skill of Kathryn Hailey. The hope is that the banners will assist us to enter into the Church’s liturgical year; a year of remembrance, commitment and celebration to deepen our pilgrimage in the Body of Christ.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TO HOMES AND NURSING HOMES: We have a pressing need for assistance in these most valued and rewarding ministries. Some folk are tentative about a ministry that they do not feel worthy of. To be clear: no one is worthy. However, by virtue of our baptism, we are invited to consider whether this might be a way of serving the Body of Christ locally. Again, some might feel confronted by the elderly and the infirmed. Be assured that your presence is so highly valued that such concerns are soon replaced with gratitude for being able to enrich the lives of others. Perhaps after prayerful reflection, you might consider nominating for the monthly roster. There is much to gain and much consolation to offer. If interested or wanting more information, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

IS SEWING YOUR THING? We are in need of baptismal robes or small tunic-like garments for presentation during the baptism of infants. Material and instructions for the creation of these simple garments will be provided; your time and commitment are needed.

VOCATIONS DINNER AT ARCHBISHOP’S HOUSE. 6pm, Thursday 8 February for men interested in discerning a call to the priesthood. Discuss issues over a meal and then share a time of prayer. RSVP Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au / 0414 523 036.

LOST PROPERTY: If you believe you may have lost an item in the church, please check out the lost property on the left side of the main foyer as you exit. There quite a few spectacles, some umbrellas and other items there.

2024 Columban Art Calendars available from the Parish Office. Cost \$10.00

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: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 3-4 February 2024			
<i>1st Sun. of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm -
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Reader	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	Denis Howden	Kim Hofmeier
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Bob Perkins	
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	5 Feb.	Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	7 Feb.	Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls