



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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28-29 October 2023, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Sr M Celine (Kay) Jones, Salvatore Servello, Ron Barassi, Kevin Neale, Vic Gilles, Joseph Papandrea, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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

Greg Nash, John Warren, Michael Morrisroe, 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.

SIN DIVIDES, COMPASSION UNITES

The conflict in the Middle East is confronting. The deprivation of freedom and the spilling of blood is not what ought to be. When violence begets violence, the innocent suffer. The reasons for the conflict are a mix of history, recent circumstance and others with a vested interest beyond Israel and Palestine. **On Friday, in response to the call of Pope Francis, we joined faithful around the world in praying for peace in the Middle East.** He has requested prayers for peace in Ukraine too. At the same time, we have (yet again!) had news of a mass shooting in the US. **No state or individual exists in isolation. Living in right relationship is the theme of today's Readings.** Right relationships between nations following the devastation of the Second World War was the inspiration for the creation of the UN in 1947 and the establishment in 1948 of United Nations Day (24 October). **'Justice for all' is a response to the call of conscience to foster both the individual and common good, founded according to the Judaeo-Christian ethic in right relationship with God. Indeed, Jesus unites the two in responding to a yet another trick question of the Pharisees.** For fear of labouring the point, it is not either, or but both, and. *"To love God with all one's heart and soul and mind – an echo of the Shema recited by all Israelites on rising every morning (Deut 6:4-5) – is to love those who God loves: one's fellow human beings, especially the vulnerable and the poor"* (Brendan Byrne). In our First Reading, the latter

are referred to as 'the widow, the orphan and the stranger in the land'. This was so as in that culture cut off from family and kinship ties was to be extremely vulnerable. *"This is the point, surely, of all those biblical reminders to Israel of what it was like when they were slaves in Egypt, strangers and wanderers in a foreign land. All truly effective works of charity and justice begin from a similar base, from compassion ('experiencing with') in the deepest sense" (ibid).* However, in Matthew's Gospel Jesus is portrayed as the new Moses, rightly interpreting the law with an emphasis on 'mercy, before sacrifice' (Matt 9:13; 12:7). **Further, in the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus made it clear that one's neighbour was not just one's 'kith and kin' but every person (Lk 10:25-37). The Good news is for all. Compassion does not discriminate. Distorted ego, pride, racism, bigotry, ignorance and xenophobia undermines that awareness. Sin can be both personal and social. Sin divides, compassion unites.** Fr John

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS: 9.30am, Wed., 1 November. **ALL SOULS DAY:** 9.30am and 5.30pm Thurs., 2 November.

PARISH DINNER: Sat, 18 Nov, 6.30 for 7.00pm, Parish Centre to support the outreach of St Vincent De Paul in support of the homeless in Canberra. Paddy McGrath from Vinnies is Guest Speaker. Tickets \$40 each. Cash payment to Parish Office, 9.15am-3:15pm Mon-Fri or to Fr John. Bookings limited so book early. Initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council

SECOND RITE OF ADVENT RECONCILIATION for the parishioners of Weston Creek, North and South Woden will be celebrated, 7pm, Wed, 13 Nov, 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 or 1 800 024 413.

JESUIT DISCUSSION GROUP invites you to join them 7.30pm-9.00pm, Tuesday, 7 November, Parish Centre, with guest **Fr Frank Brennan SJ** addressing issues post the referendum.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL FETE: Claim the date, **Saturday, 25 November.** Assistance, donations and sponsorships are welcome. Contact htpsppfete@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN 'YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT' VIDEOS: A selection of videos addressing the background and hopes for the year (August 2023 -August 2024) is available at <https://www.yearofholyspirit.org.au/>

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN CHARISMATIC RETREAT DAY, 9am, Sat, 4 Nov, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Forrest. Archbishop Christopher and Br Lalith Perera from Sri Lanka will address those gathered. A fitting gathering in this Archdiocesan 'Year of the Holy Spirit'. Flyers in the foyers or call 0412310364.

PARISH OFFICE MANAGER: invitation to apply for the full-time position of Parish Office Manager, Inner North Parishes. Email Deborah.foote@cg.org.au for duty statement and selection criteria. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, anthony.riosac@cam.org.au by Friday 3 Nov. 2023.

NARRABUNDAH PARISH is seeking the part-time permanent assistance of a Parish Secretary, Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12noon. Phone 6295 7879 or narrabundah@cg.org.au for selection criteria.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL EMERGENCY HELPLINE: Volunteers needed to assist those struggling and on the margins, training provided, hours to suit. For more information, please call the helpline 6282 2722.

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: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10; 1 Thes 2:7,9-13; Mt 23:1-12.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 4-5 November			
<i>1st Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Reader	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	Denis Howden	Kim Hofmeier
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Therese Keily-Wynter	
Welcomer	Jacqui Mullen	Maureen Jeffrey	Kim Hofmeier
Ministers of Comm.	Nanette Bonato	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	St A's: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Siji Devasia	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Counters	6 Nov.	Bernadette Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	1 Nov.	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick