



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**29-30 April 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter, 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:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Una O'Malley, Michael Shea, Fr Bob Maguire, Bob Hutchinson, Raymond Phillips, Shaun Clancy, Margie Rose, Rex Carmody, Barton highway accident victims, Marian Boyd, Nashville shooting victims, Maria Mesaros, Hamburg shooting victims, Joe Pavlich, Ljuba Kovac, Greek train crash victims, drowned asylum seekers off Italy, Justin Higgins, Robert Kelly, Gary Parker, NZ flood victims, earthquake victims in Türkiye and Syria, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Kyra Berger, victims of US shootings, Sheila Langtry, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Raco Vincenzo, Stilo Candida, Wendy Egan, Michael Fleming, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, Keith McLaughlin, Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Jack Perry, Mary Taxworth, Desmond Lilley, Kevin Wilson, Richard Raymond Spargo, Noel Lane, David Power, Dix and Keily families and victims of COVID.

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

John Hannah, John Chesworth, Fr Bill Kennedy, Fr Laurie Beath, Mary Kane, George Toth, Margie Rose, Ben Arcus, Grayham Rundle, Kathleen Belfanti, John O'Connor, Hennie Timmerman, Jan Chesworth, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Patrick Jones, Julianna Maher, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

### **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: A BLESSING FOR SOME, NOT ALL**

**Sheep dogs with their masters astride motorbikes or on horses or in four-wheel drive vehicles are the norm for gathering sheep in Australia. Those images are far removed from the practice of shepherds in the time of Jesus. Then the engagement was personal. Far fewer sheep for each shepherd and the sheep were often known by name. Having grazed during the day on open pastures, the sheep of a number of shepherds were enclosed at night for their protection. Thieves might attempt to enter the sheepfold in the hope that the sheep would follow their call. Next morning each shepherd would call his sheep and they would respond to his voice. King David, the first king of Judah and a former shepherd boy was called to rule over the people like a good shepherd. Few subsequent kings did so. The people lived in hope that the Messiah, Son of David, would be the 'Good Shepherd' par excellence. Unfortunately, today's Gospel from John 10 concludes before Jesus proclaims, "I am the Good Shepherd" (v. 10). Indeed, his sheep listen to his voice and he lays down his life for them. In the Gospel, he refers to himself as "the gate of the sheepfold" (v. 7). "By describing himself as 'the gate of the sheepfold' Jesus is indicating that only through vital and continual interaction with himself will members of the community find life and growth. In this sense he 'has come that they may have life and have it to the full', (v.10), that is, beyond life as mere existence, to have 'eternal life' that is a share in the undying life of God" (Brendan Byrne). With this understanding, we can grow in appreciation of the Sunday Eucharist as the source and summit of our lives. We gather for nurture, then go, responsive to the promptings**

of the Holy Spirit as we seek to follow the call of the Good Shepherd who leads to fresh pastures and living water. **This is not possible for an increasing number of Christians, as Siobhan Reeves from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will share with us today. Many Christians are persecuted for their faith and unable to gather and be renewed in faith. We give thanks for our religious freedom. We also pray for and otherwise support fellow Christians who no longer have that most basic freedom.** Fr John

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.** This weekend we welcome ACN speaker **Siobhan Reeves** who will share with us about how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

**EUTHANASIA IN THE ACT – LOVE DOES NOT KILL:** You are encouraged to pick up a copy of Archbishop Christopher’s letter from the exits. His telling reflections conclude with the affirmation *“that no Catholic facilities will participate in euthanasia or assisted dying.”*

**FR FRANK BRENNAN’S BOOK LAUNCH – “AN INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT: Considering a constitutional bridge”** (Garrett Publishing) – 6pm, Monday, 1 May, Chambers Pavilion. Australian Center for Christianity and Culture, Blackall St., Barton. RSVP to acc-c@csu.deu.au

**GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL** will be taken up next weekend for the support of our Archdiocese and seminarians. We currently have three seminarians, Mark, Bran and Cinnil.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT (PIN) will be conducted online, 6pm, Tuesday, 2 May.** Parents of children in Year 6 and above who have celebrated their First Holy Communion and have registered their child for the sacrament via the Qkr app will be notified of the link for the 2 May meeting. **Confirmations will be celebrated on Mon 19 and Tues 20 June. Pray for the candidates and their families. Inquiries to the parish office.**

**CARING FOR CREATION SOUTHSIDE GROUP** will meet 3pm, 2 May at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 37 Burnie Street, Lyons to reflect of Chpt 4 of Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘On Care for Common Home’.

**‘AN EVENING OF DIALOGUE’ – Humanity, Created and Called to Flourish – Marist College, Pearce, 7.00 – 8.30pm, Thurs, 4 May.** Speakers: Dr Hugh Mackay, Social Psychologist and Author, Lara Kirk, Archdiocesan Marriage, Family and Relationship Manager, Michael McGirr, Caritas Australia and Author, Professor Br David Hall FMS, La Salle Academy. **See foyer flyer with QR code to register.**

**VOCATIONS DINNER AT ARCHBISHOP’S HOUSE:** 6pm, Thursday, 4 May. An informal evening comprising a talk on the priesthood by Fr Josh Scott, Eucharistic Adoration, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. RSVP to Vocations Director, Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414523036

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S TASKFORCE** invites all women of faith to morning tea on Saturday 6 May, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin St., Forrest, or for a Zoom meeting, 7.30pm, Mon., 8 May. Join the Women’s Taskforce or become a Friend and get involved when you can. **Register for either the morning tea or Zoom at [www.cgwomen.com.au](http://www.cgwomen.com.au)**

**CATHOLIC MEN’S BREAKFAST,** 7am–8.45am, Tue., 23 May, Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest. **Guest Speaker is Chris Padgett, Catholic author, speaker and entertainer.** Chris encourages men to take hold of the vision the Church proclaims for their personal and communal good. \$38 per person. Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>. Inquiries: Frank Stanford, 0417 664 110.

**RECEPTIONIST POSITION** part-time for physiotherapist in Woden. Enquiries to Patricia, 0417 423 010.

**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:** Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b> 6-7 May			
<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>	Anthony De Salis	Long Nguyen and Marianne Crane	Darryl Kite
<b>Reader</b>	Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	Denis Howden	Kim Hofmeier
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Therese Keily-Wynter	
<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 Andrew’s: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Siji Devasia	Homes: Moya Kennelly
<b>Counters</b>	<i>8 May.</i>	Bernadette Carmody and Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>3 May</i>	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick