



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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30 September-1 October 2023, Twenty Sixth 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: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Sr M Celine (Kay) Jones, Salvatore Servello, Ron Barassi, Kevin Neale, Vic Gilles, Joseph Papandrea, Dorothy Sirr, victims of Moroccan earthquake and Libyan floods, Ben Arcus, Mary Kellow, Shane Abbey, Philomena Fisher, Peg Woodward, Pauline Naylor, George Hasset, Frank Commisso, Alan Moore, Karen Lloyd, Sr Mary Gerardine Agnew rsj, 4 ADF helicopter personnel, Maui fire victims, Gwen Brown, Fr Laurie Beath, Patricia Roberts, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Josh McKinnon, Vincent Huang, Jerome Woods, Anne Taylor, Giovanni Mammoliti, Melanie Swan, Marc Kelaart, Pat and Jack Ryan, Gerard Smith, Edward James Lindsay, Paul Murphy, Charlie Morella, Marjory Swan, Brian Kain, Felicisima Villafuerte, Carlo Binutti, Winifred Mona Spargo, Jim Woods, Marie Pugh, Daniel Joyce, Pam Dewhurst, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Angela and Maria Pezzimenti, Victor and Fredrick Schinkel, Elizabeth Rappmund, Anne Perkins, Terry and June Freebody, Ron Beath and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Genoveffa and Anco Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, Rob Docker, Richie Noonan, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Maryann Gregson, Libby Roberts, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, Hennie Timmerman, Peter Hewitt, 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.

MOVING FORWARD IN GOOD CONSCIENCE

The first phase of the Synod on Synodality (or 'Walking Together'), 4-29 October, will see an unprecedented world-wide gathering of representative laity, religious and clerics join Pope Francis to prayerfully seek and respond to the movement of the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church. The second phase of the Synod will be held in 2024. The initial gathering will consider responses to matters arising from the largest consultation in history. The Church in Australia had prayerfully considered many of the issues in our two-phase Plenary Council (2021-2022). **Prayer underpins the work of all discernment.** The format for the Synod reflects that adopted for our Plenary Council, namely, prayer, small group discussions and then a gathering to arrive at a position acceptable to the majority. Three broad areas will be canvassed, **Synodality, Communion, Mission and Participation.** **The Synod's second phase will give rise to proposals which Pope Francis will respond to. The latter will be the specific outcomes of the Synod.** This Synod is not the equivalent of an Ecumenical Council, as was Vatican II (1962-1965), but it is a representative gathering of the baptised discerning together. It will not change doctrine but it might will change matters of governance and

pastoral practice, and indicate matters for further engagement. It is noteworthy that the Synod will commence on the Feast of St Francis of Assis (4 Oct) as the 'Season of Creation' concludes. All life is connected. **Today is 'Respect Life Sunday'**. The Church continues to affirm that human life is a precious gift to be respected from natural conception to natural death. Again, in a fortnight we will vote in the **Voice referendum**. Archbishop Christopher, reflecting on the Bishops Social Justice Statement *Listen, Learn, Love* and a more recent comment, noted that the Bishops are calling "for all Catholics to consider prayerfully the ethical/moral issues surrounding this crucial vote and not simply the political considerations." **Whether it is the synod, the gift of creation, the referendum, life issues or particular personal matters, we are called to make informed choices in response to the call of our conscience wherein God's Spirit moves.** That which is truly ennobling of humanity is consistent with the movement of the Holy Spirit. **An informed choice therefore considers both the wisdom of the ecclesial and wider community and our personal circumstance in arriving at a decision in good conscience.** We continue the journey open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often" (Newman). **We propose and we invite and in respectful dialogue the Spirit both challenges and comforts, and all emerge the better.** Fr John

ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS DINNER: Gather at 6pm, Thursday, 5 October at Archbishop's House for a meal, discussion and prayer. Vocations Director: Fr Emil, emil.milat@cg.org.au, 0414 523 036.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARIAN PROCESSION will be held at **Ss Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn, Saturday, 22 October** commencing with morning tea, followed by a tour of the restored old cathedral, Confessions, Mass, BBQ and 2pm Rosary. All welcome (see foyer poster).

ARCHDIOCESAN CHARISMATIC MASS: Gather with others who have done so over the past 40 years for the Sunday night Charismatic Mass initially at St Christopher's Cathedral and now at **St Benedict's, Narrabundah from 3pm, Sunday, 22 October in the St Benedict's Parish Centre with Mass to follow at 6pm.** \$20 donation. RSVP or more info: Julie 0434 583 946 / jbufalo@uniting.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE FUNDRAISING DINNER, Friday, 27 October will support of MacKillop House, run by MarymeadCatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn for homeless women and single mothers. Tickets can be purchased at www.cgwomen.org.au. Info from Samantha at samanthahazlett@icloud.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/>

OZNAM APPEAL: St Vincent de Paul will hold its' retiring collection for the support of twinned conferences in India and Indonesia after all Masses this weekend.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS FOR MOROCCO AND LIBYA: Thousands have died and many are injured. Shelter, food, water and medical assistance are urgently needed. Donate at www.caritas.org.au.

THE CATENIANS, an international association of lay Catholics, are conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>. More info: Phil Murray, President, 0419 695 927.

SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO invite English teachers, Youth Workers and Youth Ministers to volunteer for 6 months work in Pacific Islands and Australian communities. Inquiries to www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@saleisans.org.au

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:** Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 7-8 October			
<i>2nd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Melissa Bray	Mark Murphy
Reader	Margaret Ryan	Bianca D'Rosario	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan	Ted and Margaret Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Eyers	Brendan Ryan	John Welsby
Communion to Sick	St A's: Helen Crain-Welsby	FWG: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny & Brendan Ryan
Counters	9 Oct. John Eyers		
Wednesday Liturgy	4 Oct. Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls	