



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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4-5 November 2023, Thirty-First 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: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Patricia Belden, James 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, 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: Peter Marlow, Mary Huang, Peter Majer, 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

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.

LEADERSHIP AND EQUALITY

Today's readings target unworthy religious leaders. The prophet Malachi (First Reading) sees the conduct and corruption of the priests responsible for Temple worship after the people's return from exile as undermining right relationship with God and the people. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is presented as the authoritative interpreter of the Torah or the law. *"The scribes and Pharisees bring to their interpretation of the Torah a host of rulings from their own tradition that, instead of making it something liveable and life-enhancing, actually make it burdensome and crushing"* (Brendan Byrne). **Jesus lampoons the habits of the religious leaders. Insisting on servant leadership after his own example, coming "not to be served, but to serve" (20:28), he rebuts honorific titles and practices suggesting otherwise.** Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne notes that the Christian tradition *"has not taken this instruction literally"*, with priests being addressed as "Father" or such. He believes that with the exposure of widespread clerical abuse and the failure of authorities to handle it responsibly, *"the time has surely come to revisit the values and teaching enshrined"* in honorific titles. **The resultant contagion at worst is clericalism, manifest in presumption and action undermining the call to serve.** This is one of the matters Pope Francis has been mindful of in the Synod on Synodality,

that concept insisting on **all the faithful 'walking together'**. However, a congregational or 'flat' church is not being proposed. We are 'a hierarchical communion' in which the ordained are called to a mission of service of the faithful to fulfill their mission in their homes, offices, factories, on the land and in their communities. However, affirming that still leaves the vexed question of the status of women in the Church. The Church insists that man and woman are made in God's image and equal in dignity. Thereafter the call for equality is replaced with that of 'complementarity'. Difference is emphasised. At best, the genius of woman is that which man is not. As a logical consequence, a woman cannot share in the fulness of ecclesial governance as that is reserved to ordained males, as are the fulness of sanctifying and teaching roles. At best, a non-ordained man and woman is called to 'assist' those ordained (Canon 228 Code of Canon Law). Again, complementarity based on difference. **The theology, philosophy and anthropology underpinning this 'complementary' understanding are challenged by a contemporary critique.** I would suggest that the differences, already present amongst those in the pews, to say nothing of those who have simply walked away, will be exacerbated at next year's second session of the Synod when proposals arising from the recently concluded first session are considered. In this, as is in all issues, **"Where is the Spirit calling?"** Fr John

PARISH DINNER: Sat, 18 Nov, 6.30 for 7pm, Parish Centre to support the outreach of St Vincent De Paul in support of the homeless in Canberra. Paddy McGrath is Guest Speaker. Tickets \$40. BYO. Cash payment to Parish Office, 9.15am-3:15pm Mon-Fri or to Fr John. Bookings limited so book early. Initiative of the Pastoral Council. If you could assist for 30 minutes with set-up of the Parish Centre, 2pm, Sat. 18, please let the Parish Office or Fr John know.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Enter the name(s) of deceased family and friends in the Remembrance Book on the sanctuary and, or forward a Mass request for the same via the envelopes in the foyer.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The summer edition with a focus on Church music is available in the foyer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Last year, from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, Vinnies volunteers were able to provide emergency assistance with food, petrol, clothes, medicine, rent and other essentials worth over \$600,000 to families and individuals in ACT and surrounds. Donations for the Vinnies Christmas Hampers will be accepted soon. Meanwhile, see their foyer envelopes to assist.

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 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: Sat., 25 Nov., 10am-2pm. If you have seedlings that you would happily donate, or plants that you are willing to part with; or a fabulous baker of cakes, pies, scones, jams, or preserves; or craft items that you can make and donate? Kindly drop off to the front office, contact the school 6281 4811 or htpspfete@gmail.com.

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 11-12 November			
<i>2nd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Marianne Crane	Darryl Kite
Reader	Mark Bonato	Jane Hunt	Will Unwin
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Bob Perkins	
Welcomer	Gerard Hogan	Ted and Margaret Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Alex Evers	Mary Henry	John Welsby
Communion to Sick	St A's: Morna Falkland	FWG: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny and Brendan Ryan
Counters	13 Nov. John Evers		
Wednesday Liturgy	8 Nov. Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls	