



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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7-8 October 2023, Twenty Seventh 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: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Tim Eaton, Victor Marillanca, Peggy Denny, 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, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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, Winifred Mona Spargo, Jim Woods, Marie Pugh, Daniel Joyce, Pam Dewhurst, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Angela and Maria Pezzimenti 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.

SPACIOUS NOT NARROW

Jesus again challenges the religious leaders. Last week he claimed that tax collectors and prostitutes were making their way into the kingdom ahead of them, like the son in the parable who initially said 'No' but thought about it and later went to work in his father's vineyard. Today's Gospel draws on Isaiah's reflections on his friend's vineyard (First Reading). Towards the end of today's Gospel, the vineyard image is replaced with an architectural one; Jesus, 'the stone rejected' by the religious authorities, is seen to be the keystone. The early Church understood their experience of the Risen Lord and the presence of the Spirit was such *"that they can and ought produce the 'fruits' that God desires from the 'vineyard'"* (Brendan Byrne). So too for us and so too for those gathered with Pope Francis for the Synod on Synodality (cf. 'walking together'). By way of background, it is noteworthy that Matthew portrays Jesus as the 'New Moses', the one who came to reveal the true meaning of the law and the prophets. He 'cut to the chase', insisting on what was reflective of true love of God and neighbour. He attacked many accretions to the law which undermined the message of God's mercy. Pope Francis in his ministry and more especially the composition and methodology of the current Synod is trying to revive an openness to the call of the Holy Spirit in order to produce the fruits of the vineyard. His ministry has not been without opposition. Some months back five Cardinals

sought answers from Pope Francis about particular questions on women’s ordination and the blessing of same-sex couples. They were not satisfied with the answers and called for a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ response. However, as Fr Timothy Ratcliffe, former Master of the Dominicans and one of two retreat leaders for the Synod participants reflected with them, *“For some this is the fear of change, and for others, the fear that nothing will change.”* He went on to insist that *“orthodoxy is spacious and heresy is narrow”*. Indeed, the Pope’s response to the Cardinal’s questions reflected an inclusive understanding. *“The Pope’s response includes an openness to the blessing of same-sex couples, provided this is not confused with a marriage liturgy. . . The Pope also suggested that the ban on women’s ordination, while definitive, could be open to further study. His remarks reveal what has taken place under his pontificate. Francis has not changed doctrine, he’s shifted the tone and opened the conversation. The Synod is now taking it forward. Buckle up for the ride”* (Christopher Lamb, ‘The Tablet’, 7 October). Fr John

WEEKDAY LITURGIES THIS WEEK: Fr John is away this week. With supply clergy at a minimum and stretched, he has arranged for Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion for 9.30am Monday, 9.30am Tuesday and 9.30am Friday. The scheduled 9.30am liturgy will occur on Wednesday. The 5.30pm Thursday Mass, with members of the Serra Club present, will be celebrated by their chaplain, Fr Michael Mullen.

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: Celebrating 40 years of the Sunday night Charismatic Mass, 3pm Sun., 22 Oct. at St Benedict’s, Narrabundah, with Mass at 6pm. \$20 donation. RSVP / info: Julie 0434 583 946 / jbufalo@uniting.org

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN’S TASKFORCE FUNDRAISING DINNER, Friday, 27 October will support of MacKillop House, for homeless women and single mothers. Tickets at www.cgwomen.org.au. Info 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/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL TWINNED CONFERENCES APPEAL for conferences in India and Indonesia last weekend raised **\$1252**. Our parish Vinnies conference thanks you for your generous support.

MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL for the support of mission work in Australia and overseas will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of 22-23 October.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: 7.30pm, Tuesday, 10 October, STM School Hall, 30 White Cres. Campbell, ‘*Mental Health – A Reflection*’ with former Australian of the Year, Professor Patrick Mc Gorry AO. Cost \$15. Register on eventbrite <https://bit.ly/stmf-231010>

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MOTHERS PRAYERS: Commencing with 10.30AM Mass, Saturday, 21 October, St Benedict’s, Narrabundah, followed by light lunch and prayers. Enq to Anne – australia@mothersprayers.org.

AGM OF ACT RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION 1.45-3.00PM, Sun, 29 Oct, Parish Centre, followed by Fr Warrick Tonkin, ‘*The Human Person –from Jesus to Pope Francis*’ and afternoon tea. RSVP actrtlassoc@gmail.com, Bev 0418 718 713.

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 14-15 October			
<i>3rd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Melissa Bray	Anthony De Salis	Darryl Kite
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Therese Keily-Wynter	Patricia Moroney
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Lyn Granlund	Alex Eyers
Communion to Sick	St A’s: Morna Falkland	FWG: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Counters	16 Oct.	Michael Higgins	
Wednesday Liturgy	11 Oct.	Prayer Leader: Alex Eyers	Eucharistic Ministers: M Crane and J O’Connor