

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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8-9 April 2023, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: 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, Wendy Poole, Paul Bryant, Joyce Theodore, Janice Orr, Jim Molan, Renee Gayer, Lisa Marie Presley, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

<u>Anniversaries of Death</u>: 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

Mary Kane, George Toth, Margie Rose, Ben Arcus, Grayham Rundle, Kathleen Belfanti, John O'Connor, Hennie Timmerman, Jan Chesworth, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Shaun Clancy, 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.

NEW LIFE IN LOVE, TRUTH AND SERVICE

The Lord is Risen! On this day above all days, we rejoice in the gift of new life. Perhaps it is timely to review the journey of salvation. In the act of creation God gifted us with his presence, seeking to bring order (as opposed to chaos and evil) to all things, as in themselves they are 'good' and human beings are 'very good'. "Behind each gift we are invited to discover the Giver . . . [though] human beings constantly fall captive to forces hostile to growth, freedom and life" (Brendan Byrne). And so following the sin of Adam and Eve and their banishment, God called a people into a covenant relationship. As is proclaimed in the Exsultet of the Easter Vigil "O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!" God picked unlikely characters to further his designs: amongst them was the old Abraham, the stuttering Moses, the gifted but compromised David, and a headstrong people. The latter were enslaved in Egypt, liberated and settled in the Promised Land (the Exodus), went into exile under the Babylonians, returned home via the favour of the Persians, and yet the authorities (in contrast to the poor and needy) could not or would not recognize the hoped-for Messiah when he appeared. And so, Christmas is the proximate start of Easter. The outpouring of divine love begun in a manger is fully manifest on the cross and by the empty tomb. Indeed, the past two days of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, in union with today are in fact one; a Passover from death to

life. On Holy Thursday, in the meal context of the Jewish Passover commemorating the Chosen People's deliverance from slavery in Egypt, Jesus offered himself under the form of bread and wine and gave a telling example of service for us to follow. "The Word who was with God" (Jn 1:1-2) is now on the floor at the feet of human beings. This is the extraordinary revelation of God that this Gospel invites us to contemplate - a God, not in heaven above, but at God at our feet, gently, lovingly washing us clean" (ibid). The love of God is "the truth" that Jesus has manifested in his ministry and which is now fully revealed in his death and resurrection. There is irony in the freedom of the mocked Jesus standing bound before Pilate who is controlled by his fear of Caesar. "In this way the Gospel presents the superiority of simple humanity enlightened by God's truth over all the pretensions of human rule and domination" (ibid). And then the gobsmacking wonder and awe of Mary of Magdala and the disciples on Easter morn. "Their Lord lives; his resurrection from the dead is the beachhead of the new creation in the world" (ibid). We are to continue his message in love, truth and service. Sure, we are stressed in different ways, but we are so blessed. We are an Easter people proclaiming Alleluia! (="Let us rejoice!").

RENEWED LITURGICAL ROSTERS commence next weekend. Thanks to all who have volunteered and to the members of the Parish Liturgical Committee – Sr Angela, Emma Fairfax, Margaret Ryan and Helen Crain Welsby – for their work in this regard and all matters liturgical.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES can be placed in the bin below the right-side overhead screen.

ENTRY OF PARISH REGISTERS DATA: Thank you to those parishioners who moved data from our Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and Death Registers to our Archdiocesan computer programme. **Moving forward, Sue Phillips will assist Catherine, our Parish Secretary, in this regard and with other parish office tasks for 2 hours per week.**

MULTICULTURAL MASS: You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, 11am, Sunday, 16 April – one full of colour, song, and dance. Join member of our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities 'walking together'.

SUPPORT FOR MADDOX raised over \$1000 in our parish. Thank you. Rod was able to add to the same otherwise and has forwarded a total of \$1500 to the 'gofundme' appeal for Maddox's family.

CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE will perform selections from Bach Cantatas BMV 36, 38, 78, 119, 233. . . at St Christopher's Cathedral, Wed, 19 April, 7pm. Bookings: www.canberrabachensemble.com. **See foyer flyer with QR code.**

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS will be celebrated 8am, 25 April, St Christopher's Cathedral. All welcome but if attending you must be seated by 7.45am.

'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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please keep in prayer the children and families who are celebrating the sacrament this month. May they grow in awareness of the call of love and the mercy of God.

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: Second Sunday of Easter, Year A: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 15-16 April			**NEW ROSTERS COMMENCE**		
3 rd Sunday of the month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm		Curtin Sun. 9.30 am		Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Melissa Bray		Long Nguyen and Marianne Crane		Mary Murphy
Reader	Emma Fairfax		Therese Keily-Wynter		Patricia Moroney
Commentator	Emma Fairfax		Dennis Granlund		
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances		Max Grinsel	l-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin		Lyn Granlund		Alex Eyers
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Liz Anderson		Fred Ward:	Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Counters	17 Apr.	Michael Higgins			
Wednesday Liturgy	12 Apr.	Prayer Leader: Alex Eyers		Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane, John O'Connor	