



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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9-10 December 2023, Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Sunday 24 December

- Vigil Mass, 6pm
- Night Mass, 9pm

Monday 25 December

- Dawn Mass, 8am
- Morning Mass, 10am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Kevin Wellspring, Adam Suckling, Wolfgang Hoeful, Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj, Hennie Timmerman, Kathleen Stewart, Seamus O’Kane, Josefa Pivar Sullivan, Patricia Belden, Michael 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, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Joanne Binutti, Dave Powers, Judith Whittaker, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Sharon Woods, Peter Majer, Peter Marlow, Mary Huang, Adam Ryan, Oreste Trinca, Gaetano & Diomina De Simone, Frank Smith, Josh McKinnon, Vincent Huang, Jerome Woods, Anne Taylor, Giovanni Mammoliti, Melanie Swan, Marc Kelaart, Pat & Jack Ryan, Gerard Smith, Paul Murphy, Charlie Morella, Marjory Swan, Brian Kain, victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Denise Gregory, Anthony Watt, Lorraine Davis, Greg Nash, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genoveffa and Anco Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, Richie Noonan, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, George Toth, Kathleen Belfanti, 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.

WALKING IN LOVE AND JUSTICE

‘Home’. The word evokes thoughts of comfort, belonging, safety. At this time of year many travel home to be with loved ones. If we cannot gather in person, we call, zoom or the like. **Coming home is common to our Readings today. The beautiful vision of the prophet Isaiah in our First Reading speaks of Israel’s return home from their exile in Babylon.** *“Because they are God’s liberated people and because God will be at their head, leading them home like a shepherd, nature will transform itself to ease their path. A ‘way’ is being prepared, not just for Israel, but for God, whose glory will be made manifest to all humankind” (Brendan Byrne).* **Moving to the Gospel, to which the First Reading is always connected, John the Baptist calls the people not to a journey through the desert but one in the depths of their souls. They are being called home by way of right relationship with God and each other.** John, and later Jesus, preached remission of debts (translated as “forgiveness of sins”). John’s peasant audience was receptive as they were deeply in debt paying up to 40 per cent of agricultural production in taxes. **“Each Advent invites us to revisit a longing for that ‘home-coming’ existing in the depths of our souls” (ibid).** Our ‘home-coming’ is both personal and communal. **The Gospel calls us to live in love and to therefore foster justice.** To emphasise that John’s baptism with water prepared ‘a way’, a receptivity if you will, Mark portrays John as akin to the Old Testament prophet Elijah in dress and hardy lifestyle, mindful that Elijah was expected to return and preach repentance before the Lord’s

coming (Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6). Again, to show that John was the support act, Mark draws on rabbinic tradition where “students carried their teachers sandals as a sign of respect, but John is not worthy even to untie the sandals of the One who is to come” (ibid). Jesus, the One to come, “will ‘baptise’ with the Holy Spirit. He will bind up the ‘strong man’ (Satan; see 3:22-27) [and] “reclaim human lives from all captivities (sin, ignorance, disease, etc) . . . and draw them into his own life-giving intimacy with God. This is the true meaning of ‘baptising with the Spirit’” (ibid). **The One to come, not John, will usher in the dawn of salvation for all. And so, the beginning of Mark’s Gospel does not, like that of Matthew and Luke, have the genealogy of Jesus but the startling claim that it is “about Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (1:1). God is with us and he leads us home. In him is our true freedom. Baptised in Christ and receptive to the Spirit’s promptings, we are truly ‘at home’ when we walk in love and justice.**
Fr John

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL seeks your support by **donation of non-perishable food items for their Christmas hampers.** Contributions may be left in the container below the right-side overhead projection screen.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES: Regional Second Rite this Wed 13 Dec, 7pm at St John Vianney’s, 87 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. **Extra Advent First Rite Reconciliation times at Holy Trinity:** Fri 15 10-10.30am, Sat 16, 4.30pm-5.30pm, Mon 18 10-10.30am and Sat 23, 4.30-5.30pm.

NORTH CANBERRA ECUMENICAL NATIVITY FESTIVAL: View 200 Nativity scenes from 50 countries, from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. Today, Sun 10 and Mon 11, 10:00am to 5:00pm, St Margaret’s Hall, Cnr. Antill St & Phillip Ave, Hackett. Contact: Keith at linard.keith@gmail.com

ST AUGUSTINES’ CROATIAN CATHOLIC, 262 Beasley St Farrer is holding a three-day charity event, St Anthony’s Bread, 6pm-11.00pm, 15 - 17 December, to raise funds for a family in need. Sponsor a Christmas tree with your name on a plaque for \$59 (E: sponsor@christmaspark.com.au). Food and entertainment each night in a picnic setting, with 7pm appearance of Santa.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: With Christmas Day falling on a Monday this year, there will be **NO 5.30pm Sunday Mass** on 24 December. **Christmas Eve Masses** will be **6pm** in Holy Trinity Church and **9pm**. **Christmas Day Masses** will be at **8am** and **10am**. NB There is no Christmas Day evening Mass. **Please indicate on the foyer sheets if you could assist with liturgical ministries over Christmas and, or the church set-up from 2pm, Sun 24 December.**

ARCHBISHOP’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL will support refugees in refugee camps adjacent to Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia and Myanmar through the ecumenical Christmas Bowl, as well as the Ukrainian Catholic Church, students at Bethlehem University, church outreach to the poor in India, church projects in the Diocese of Otukpo, Nigeria, and health provision in the Solomon Islands. **Thank you in anticipation of your support.**

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER: Men interested in discerning a call to the priesthood are invited to gather at Archbishop’s House with Fr Emil Milat, Vocations Director, 6pm, Tuesday, 12 December, for a meal, discussion and prayer. RSVP Fr Emil, 0415 523 036 or emil.milat@cg.org.au.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY REFLECTION by Vatican Correspondent Austen Ivereigh available at the exits.

EUTHANASIA: The Australian Bishops have released a document, **‘To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope’** to assist those journeying with folk considering voluntary assisted dying. Copies available at the exits.

THE CANBERRA OFFICE OF THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL invites any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process to make contact on **6239 9813** or tribunal@cg.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: Third Sunday Of Advent, Year B, Is 61:1-2, 10-11;1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 16-17 December			
<i>3rd Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Brendan Ryan	Greg Holland
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
Welcomer	Sr Angela and Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin	Lyn Granlund	Alex Evers
Communion to Sick	St A’s: John Evers	FWG: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Counters	18 Dec.	Michael Higgins	
Wednesday Liturgy	13 Dec.	Prayer Leader: Alex Evers	Eucharistic Minister: M Crane and J O’Connor