



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**9-10 September 2023, Twenty Third 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:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### **MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY**

**Recently Deceased:** 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, Sinead O'Connor, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Fr Brian Sparksman, Tony Bennett, Michael Duffy, Mario Brancella, Sisifo Gisa, Mato Babic, Roland Brannelly, Patricia Crofts, Yook Lin Tan, Fr Anton Bulla SVD, Keith Berks, Charlie Lustri, Lena Meli, Grayham Rundle, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** 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 Rapmund, Anne Perkins, Terry and June Freebody, Ron Beath, Joe Gellatly, Milena Ceccarelli, Margaret Perry, Tano Travia, David Jones, Molly Crowe, Barney Crowe, Colleen McCann, Annie Jones, Kathleen Majer, Vincent Huang, Veronica Beath, Raco Vincenzo and victims of COVID.

### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

Richie Noonan, Jason Mathie, John Woodward, Maria Gallo, Fr Mick Burke, Tom Story, Maryann Gregson, Libby Roberts, Troy Anderson, Maureen Adam, Bill Grant, Tom Brewer, Jacob Iosefa, Fr Bill Kennedy, George Toth, Ben Arcus, Kathleen Belfanti, Hennie Timmerman, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Iole Cicolini, Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering and those afflicted with COVID.

### **SEND AWAY OR WALK WITH?**

**Regulating life in a community is not without its challenges.** The Church is no different. Today's Gospel proposes a progression of procedures to engage with the errant, beginning with the private and moving to the increasingly public. However, if the person persists in behaviour at odds with that which is foundational to the community, the community has no alternative but to treat them as an outsider (cf. pagan or tax collector), and the faith community understands that decision as being divinely ratified. **Clear enough, especially for the small persecuted early Church. Problem is that such a detached reading has caused not a few issues down the years. Besides, the force of excommunication has little impact on individuals today who insist on 'doing it my way'.** Our Second Reading cautions that the debt of love owed to God as a result of his redemptive self-sacrifice compels *"us to consider it owed to our fellow human beings, deserving or undeserving as they may be"* (Brendan Byrne). When Jesus encountered the cowering woman caught in adultery, he did not look down on her as her jeering accusers did. To stand over her would be to take a

position of power. Instead, he stoops down and writes on the ground (we know not what). *“He takes a lower position than hers. He does not threaten or intimidate. He does not relate to the woman as a sexual object but as a person with a capacity for freedom. This is how Jesus exercises authority and leadership: from a position of humility and respect”* (Michael McGirr). Recently we celebrated the feasts of St Monica (27 August) and St Augustine (28 August). Monica was the mother of Augustine. She prayed that he would turn from his life of carnal and other indulgences. He did, and later reflected on his relationship with the Lord thus: *“Too late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. . . . I have tasted you and now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me and I burned for your peace”* (St Augustine of Hippo, ‘Confessions’). **To witness, to pray for and to ‘walk with’ would seem the way to go.** Fr John

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING** will be held at 6pm, Wednesday, 27 September in the Parish Centre. If interested and yet to put your name forward, please contact the Parish Office.

**OZNAM APPEAL:** St Vincent de Paul will hold its’ retiring collection for the support of twinned conferences in India and Indonesia over Sat 30 Sept – Sun 1 Oct.

**LITURGICAL ROSTERS:** If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty – the following week’s roster is at the end of each bulletin – please ensure that you arrange a replacement.

**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY FR JOHN MORNING TEA:** to be celebrated on Sunday 17 Sept in the Parish Centre, after 9.30am Mass. Finger food, birthday cake, tea and coffee will be provided.

**HOLY WATER** has been returned to the entrances of the church. To bless oneself on entering and leaving the church is to acknowledge one’s dignity and to identify with the family of faith gathered to be nourished on mission.

**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/>

**TRANSFIGURATION PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Latest edition is available at the church exits.

**YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER CARD (August 2023 – August 2024)** is available at the exits.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS (Spring 2023)** is available at the exits.

**2023-2024 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT, ‘Listen, Learn, Love’** is available at the exits.

**EXCESS CHAIRS** in the meeting room off the foyer. Gold coin donation. Take one or as many as you choose. All going!

**THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS CONFERENCE HAVE RELEASED THE 2023-2024 STATEMENT “LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples”:** Prior to the call for a Voice referendum, the decision was made to address how the Church might further engagement with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Bishop Vincent Long, Parramatta Diocese, notes *“Whatever the outcome of this year’s referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians. Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love, and humility. ‘Doing justice, loving kindness and walking in humility’ as the prophet long ago urges us.”*

**MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 16-17 September</b>			
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6 pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Melissa Bray	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Reader</b>	Emma Fairfax	Brendan Ryan	Greg Holland
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Fairfax	Dennis Granlund	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Sr Angela & Sr Frances	Max Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Christine McLaughlin	Lyn Granlund	Alex Evers
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St A’s: Liz Anderson	FWG: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
<b>Counters</b>	<b>18 Sept.</b> Michael Higgins		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>13 Sept.</b> Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls	