



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**14-15 December 2024, Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am Lit of Word and H Comm
Thursday	5.30pm
Friday	9.30am (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Louisa Strasser, Ivan Benkovic, Sr Paulinus Croker RSJ, John Vincent, Doreen Johns, Letitia Baz, Spanish flood victims, Carmel Bourke, Yvonne Barlow, Susie Menadue, Marcelino Gulane, Melissa McAuliffe, Mary-Ann Gormly, Michael Hermosilla, Paz Espina-Ruiz, Hugh Zockling, Maureen Grellis, Dr Frank Long, Ron Thornton, Bill Jordan, Margaret Burt, Fr John Usher, Vanessa O'Brien, Anna Vincent, Tess Caruana, Fr Brian Ebert, victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Brian Brown, Chris Perkins, Peter Clarke, Margaret Frawley, Sharon Woods, Peter Marlow, Vincent and Mary Huang, Peter Mayer, Michael Morrisroe, Oreste Trinca, Pushpa Dwaly, Fr Leandro Infante, Pacifico Infante, Joe Caruana, Josh McKinnon, Anne Taylor, Benjamin and Bill Rowe, Melanie Swan, Denis Rowe.

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

Margaret Bekema, Fr Andrew Yang, Richard Foote, Chris Feeny, Moira O'Brien, Olga Johnson, Margaret Williams, Pieter van Gent, Mark Lodder, Ted Lindsay, George Toth, Greg Nash, Romeo Cicolini, Francis Boyd, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, Karen Rankin, David Garratt, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott, Genevieve Ceccarelli, Bruno Sinuelli, John Woodward, Jack Kennelly, Iole and Romeo Cicolini.

### CONTINUITY AND SURPRISE

**John the Baptist was a doer. And he was clear. No "ifs or buts". I suspect he would have been very welcome on SKY News. He preached to 'get ready' or to face the dire consequences at the imminent coming of the Messiah.** Today, the Third Sunday of Advent we anticipate the Messiah's coming in lighting the pink candle on our Advent Wreath. Today is 'Gaudate' or 'Rejoice' Sunday. **We are halfway in our Advent journey and we rejoice in anticipation.** The note of joy is evident in our First Reading from Zephaniah where we read that the Lord God *"will dance with shouts of joy for you"*. Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, reflecting on his liturgical experience in Africa, comments that in Australia *"we have lost a great deal by reducing our liturgical celebrations to something so "spiritual" and so cerebral. . . perhaps we should not be so hesitant to bring our bodies and their capacity for movement back into our celebrations."* In our Second Reading, Paul goes so far as to suggest to the Philippians that they cultivate a sense of thanksgiving *"even for the difficult times that come our*

way, [as it] creates a mysterious sense of peace that is truly the gift of God” (ibid). **John the Baptist would resonate with this pervasive trust, “no ifs or buts” remember! He offered instructions to the crowds and more specifically to the tax collectors and soldiers. “Beneath the advice in each case is a central Lukan concern: nothing so hinders relationship to God, nothing so dehumanises human beings and ruins life in community, as attachment to wealth and possessions. In each case John urges justice and generosity” (ibid). Yet John distinguished himself from Jesus. His was a baptism of repentance with water, whereas the Messiah will baptise “with the Holy Spirit and fire”. One was a preparation and the other a transformation. And Jesus distinguished himself from John in proposing the mercy of God rather than judgement and condemnation (5:27-32; 15:1-2). “The divergence may explain why later, from prison, John sends messengers to ask whether Jesus truly is the One to come (7:20). As so often in Luke’s Gospel, we find both continuity and surprise in equal measure” (ibid). On the homeward leg of Advent, might we harken to John’s call to prepare the way. Let’ be honest in that regard. The Second Rite of Reconciliation this Friday evening (see below) is worthy considering. In that regards and in all areas of our lives we are preparing not to receive harsh judgement but rather the life-giving mercy and love of God. What’s there not to like? This is Good News!**

**Fr John**

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** for parishioners of Weston Creek, South Woden and North Woden will be held here at Holy Trinity, 6:00pm, Friday, 20 December. A number of visiting priests will be in attendance.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES: Vigil 6:00pm** (on grounds of Holy Trinity School), then **9:00pm** in Holy Trinity Church and likewise on Christmas Day at **8:00am and 10:00am**. **NB** There is no 5.30pm Christmas Day Mass. **In foyer, indicate your willingness to assist with ministry or 2pm set-up for the Vigil.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** seeks your support for their Christmas hampers which are very well received by local folk in need. Donated items should be placed under the right-side overhead screen. Cash donations can be made via the ‘Poor Box’ in the foyer wall.

**2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** available from the Parish Office, \$10 ea.

**TEAMS OF OUR LADY**, an international movement to support married couples in living out their sacrament, will be joining us for the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday, 15 December for a renewal of their leadership positions.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE, 31 DECEMBER PRAYER VIGIL SACRED HEART CHURCH, PEARCE** commencing at 8pm with Exposition and Rosary, and Rosary thereafter on the hour, and concluding with Benediction close to midnight.

**SYNTHESIS REPORT OF ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY, 19 OCTOBER:** Copies of the same are available at the exits.

**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:** Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C; Mica 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b> 21-22 December 2024			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sun. 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>	Marianne Crane	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
<b>Reader</b>	Hilary Honey	John Eyers	Kerry Lehoczky
<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer required	Denis Howden	NA
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler	Jane Hunt	Marianne Crane
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	Warr: Morna Falkland	FWG: Sr Frances and Sr Angela	Homes: Moya Kennelly
<b>Counters</b>	<i>23 Dec</i>   Rosemary Mally, Bryan Stevens		