



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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20 - 21 December, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES FOR THIS WEEK:

Dec 22 Monday 9.30am – Mass
Dec 23 Tuesday 9.30am – Mass
Dec 24 Wednesday 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (outdoors) 9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Dec 25 Thursday 8.00am Christmas Day Mass 10.00am Christmas Day Mass
Dec 26 Friday No Mass - Office will be CLOSED
Dec 27 Saturday 5.00 - 5.30pm - Reconciliation; 6.00pm - Mass
Dec 28 Sunday 9.30am and 5.30pm - Mass

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal peoples, Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who are traditional custodians and first peoples of this land. We pay respect to their elders past and present and to the memory of their ancestors. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our city and region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Dennis Dempsey, Mona Smith, Iris Lacey, Joey Henry, George Toth

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Clarke, Molly Le Nevez, Chris Perkins, Judith Whittaker, Margaret Frawley

May the sick be comforted by our Prayers

Leila Jordan, Michael Higgins, Geraldine Ford, Gary Watkins, Rosemary Phillips, Emily Capper, Mary Hayes, David Swan, Mary Clark, Antonio Zarco Navarro, Lex Govaars, Tom Gravanic, Carmel Coleman, Jeanette Ford, Richard Foote, Chris Feeny, Olga Johnson, Margaret Williams, Pieter van Gent, Mark Lodder, Ted Lindsay, Greg Nash, Francis Boyd, Jeannette Clarke, Jarrod Clarkson, David Garratt, Marjorie O'Connor, Matthew Dwyer, Genevieve Crane, Maureen Sewell, John Warren, Lily Lim, Donald Stott

Emmanuel: God with Us

God is with us. God is among us. God is one of us in Jesus. God in human form is alive among us and he comes to make us really and fully human the way God intended and wants us to be fully and perfectly human. Here is Jesus, our model of deep humanity. We have only to look at him and to let him shape and form us by his Spirit. Then we will also be fully and thoroughly the sons and daughters of our loving God. This is the beautiful message of today. Look at Jesus here among us. Let his word and his eucharist transform you, that we may become blood of his blood.

Marivoet, Fr. Camilo J. (2000). *Liturgy Alive Models of Celebration (Year C)*. Quezon City, Claretian Publications

Christmas Vigil outdoor Mass, Please bring your picnic chairs, rugs and water!

Christmas rosters – volunteers are urgently needed for various ministries and setting up for the outdoor Mass. The roster sign-up sheet is on the foyer table.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Vigil	6pm Outdoor Mass HT School Grounds	9pm Church
Christmas Day	8am Church	10am Church

Help life saving assistance to displaced people due to war or climate change, female access to education in Pakistan as well as student assistance in the Middle East. Communities in India, Africa and Timor Leste along with local works by The Farm in Galong and The Home in Queanbeyan will also be assisted. Collections will be made at all Christmas Masses and donations can be made through Qkr and by mail (see details in the foyer)

Look Around... Jesus Is Here... God Is with Us — Emmanuel

The year 2025 marked a new beginning and a new journey for me and for each one of you. It has truly been an amazing year for our parish and our community. Yet I also know that for some, the year did not unfold as hoped. Still, through all that has happened, we have grown together in our love for God.

Christmas proclaims a powerful message: that chaos can be transformed into salvation. We have witnessed this not only in our own lives, but also in the life of our world. Are we completely free from chaos? No. We continue to struggle with war, violence, and many ongoing challenges. Yet Jesus invites us to look around—to recognize His presence in love, care, and compassion. If we fail to see these signs, then something is wrong not only with the world, but within us. Let us make the love of God real in our families, our communities, and our nation.

May this celebration remind us that we are called to carry Jesus and His love to everyone—especially to those who feel excluded, the lonely, the least, the homebound, and those who struggle to find meaning or fulfillment in this world. We keep in our prayers all those affected by war, violence, and natural disasters. We also remember those walking through a “desert experience”: grieving the loss of a loved one, facing serious illness, or carrying heavy family burdens. For some, this may be the first Christmas without someone dear; for others, it may be marked by illness or hardship. May Emmanuel, through His self-sacrificing love, lead each one of you from chaos to salvation.

May you and your family be richly blessed this Christmas. May the joy of Christ’s birth reign in your hearts and inspire others through the love of Jesus. Let us look around... Emmanuel is with us.

On behalf of the parish team, I thank each of you for your love of God and your love for the Church. With renewed spirit and hope, let us enter the year 2026 confident that God loves us—and that we are called to love one another.

God Bless,

Fr. James T Antony, CMI

Readings for next Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Please sign on for your ministry in the folder in the foyer of the church

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 27-28 December		Fourth Sunday of the Month	
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5.30pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Melissa Bray	Mark Murphy
Lector	Hilary Honey	John Evers	Kerry Lehoczky
Commentator	Volunteer needed	Jane Hunt	NA
Welcomer	Robert Kennelly	Max Grinsell-Jones	John Seymour
Special Minister Communion	Volunteer required	Brendan Ryan	Marianne Crane
Comm to the Sick	Warr: Morna Falkland	FWG: Jerome Hitchings (swap)	Homes: Patrick Cremen
Counters	29 Dec	John Evers	
Wednesday Liturgy	24 Dec	No liturgy	No liturgy

Parish Safeguarding commitment: our parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. If you have concerns about these matters please contact Fr James, or our safeguarding volunteer Anne Hitchings through the parish office, or Maria Hicks jpss@cg.org.au the Manager for the Archdiocese’s Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding.