PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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31 Oct – 1 Nov 2026; All Saints Day

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

2 Nov Monday	9.30am and 6pm **Mass;** *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)*
3 Nov Tuesday	9.30am - **Mass**
4 Nov Wednesday	9.30am – *St Charles Borromeo;* **Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion**
5 Nov Thursday	5.30pm – **Eucharistic Adoration 5pm** *and* **Mass**
6 Nov Friday	9.30am – **Eucharistic Adoration 9am** and **Mass** including Anointing of the Sick
7 Nov Saturday	5.00pm - 5.30pm – **Reconciliation**; 6pm – **Mass**
8 Nov Sunday	9.30am – **Mass** 5.30pm – **Mass**

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Leila Jordan, Patricia Ann Gibbs, Jane Faulder, Marjorie Veronica Izzard, Brian Kelly, Margaret Ryan, Ross Willson

Anniversaries of Death: Oreste Trinca, Tiffen family, Denzil Gomez, Joe and Tess Caruana, Benjamin Rowe

May the sick be comforted by our Prayers

Lachlan Hutchesson, Nan Falson, Tim Smyth, Ted Lindsay, Joe Gormly, Patricia Doyle, Gerardo Servello, Zander Savery, Rajan Fernandez, Geraldine Ford, Emily Capper, David Swan, Mary Clark, Lex Govaars, Tom Gravanic, Carmel Coleman, Jeanette Ford, Richard Foote, Chris Feeny, Olga Johnson, Pieter van Gent, Mark Lodder, 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

The Human Face of the Gospel

Today on the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate in a way our own feast: namely, what we have been called to be and what we hope to become and what so many have been before u s- people who somehow embody Christ, who show a little of his face to others, men and women and children who make God visible and tangible and human. Not that we want to pull God down to our level, but that through our humanity we show a glimpse of God. It is so little we show of him, and we thank all the nameless people who have brought others a bit nearer to God . Let us celebrate that victory with Joy.

Marivoet, Fr. Camilo J. (1998). *Liturgy Alive Models of Celebration (Year A).* Quezon City, Claretian Publications

Name tags – thank you to people wearing name tags, it is a great way to strengthen community. If you would like a name tag, please write your name on the folder in front foyer of the Church

Development Application for the Presbytery has been opened again for comment –Development Application no. 202645654 - City and Environment Directorate - Planning Consulation ends Mon 9 Nov

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. 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.

Looking for joyful voices for the Parish Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass

The Holy Trinity Parish will be holding singing practice sessions for children and teens who are keen and available to sing at the Outdoor Christmas Eve Mass on **Thursday 24th December at 6pm**. If there are any musicians who wish to be a part of this, you are also most welcome. Rehearsals will begin on Fridays from 3.30 - 4.30pm, starting from 13 November. It is hoped that we can make this a celebration full of joyful voices. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. E: wodennorth@cg.org.au M: 0459 394 813

Fri 13 Nov 12pm |Proposal - Monthly women's luncheon 2nd Friday of the month

First Gathering: Southern Cross Club - Meal specials $14.50 with a drink is an option. If you are interested add your name to the sheet in the foyer OR contact Jackie Mullen 0414802465

Sat 14 Nov 10am – 12.00pm Church Working Bee: We would love to have help cleaning the windows of the church and adding polish to the pews. Bring your own equipment or we can supply. Any questions contact the Parish Office.

Sat 14 Nov 6pm- Holy Trinity Community Mass and BBQ | This special celebration welcomes all families in our school and parish community. We will celebrate the year together, and afterwards, we invite you to join in a family BBQ after Mass on the Parish Grounds.

22 Nov Ministry Sunday | The Parish Pastoral Council is inaugurating **MINISTRY SUNDAY** as a means of expressing thanks to all parishioners serving our parish family individually, or as team members, through their engagement as liturgical ministers and volunteers. Over the weekend Masses appreciation will be expressed, followed by a morning tea celebration at 10.30am in the Parish Centre on Sunday morning. All welcome. To assist with catering please RSVP on the clip board in the front foyer by Sun 15 Nov.

Fri 27 Nov – Sun 29 Nov| Pastoral visit by Archbishop Christopher Prowse During this time, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass and we will have the opportunity to meet the Archbishop in groups and individually. More details to come.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487 or mulvaney@netspeed.com.au

Readings for next Sunday; 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time year A: Wis 6:12-16, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13

Please sign on for your ministry on the form in the foyer

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 31 October – 1 November			First Sunday of the Month
	Saturday 6pm	**Sunday 9.30am**	**Sunday 5.30pm**
Acolyte	Melissa Bray	Anthony De Salis	Marianne Crane
Lector	Volunteer needed	Jane Hunt and volunteer	Rita Daniels and Martin Smith
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Therese Keily-Wynter	N/A
Welcomer	Jacqui Mullen and Robyn Rowe	Maureen Jeffrey	Kim Hofmeier
E.M. Communion	Volunteer required	Peter Wynter	Gael Nicholls
Comm to the Sick	Warr: Helen Craine-Welsby	FWG: Patricia Yapp	Homes: A: Patrick Cremen Homes B: Jane Brown
Counters	*2 Nov*	Bernadette Carmody	
Wednesday Liturgy	*28 Oct*	Alex Eyers	Emma Fairfax

All Saints Day

"The saints are friends with whom we can grow in friendship. We all need friends who can help us deal with life. This is the trust which enlivens us when we turn to the saints in the decisive moments of our lives". (*Pope Francis*)

November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints, which is also called All Saints Day. On this day we remember all men and women who were servants of the Lord while here on earth. We ask that they pray for us so that one day we might join them in heaven.

As Catholics we believe it is totally appropriate to ask others for prayers. We do this all the time with other Christians on Earth. Therefore, we pray to the saints. We are asking them to offer prayers to God for us. As members of the mystical body of Christ, it is right that we ask those who are already in heaven to pray for us also.

And it is important to understand that prayer is not the same as worship. Worship is for God alone. When we worship God, we recognize him as our creator and the ultimate mover in our lives.

Prayer is a spiritual conversation. When we pray to the saints, we are not worshiping them. We know that they have no power on their own. But in prayer, we ask them to repeat our requests to God and ask for his help for us. This is no different than asking a friend to pray for us.

All Souls Day

"For it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins". (*2 Maccabees 12:46)*

On November 2, Catholics observe the Feast of All Souls. This is a day to remember our beloved dead and pray for them. At our parish, there is an opportunity to pin a white cross on to the wooden cross which will be placed near the altar. The cross is there for most of the month of November. ***November Mass offering envelops are available in the foyer of the church***.

But why do Catholics pray for the dead? For many of us cradle Catholics, this is a very natural practice. But for non-Catholics this can seem strange and pointless. After all, our beloved dead are in God's hands.

But Catholics believe in Purgatory, which is a state of purification. Even though our sins are forgiven, the consequences of our sin may linger. If we throw a ball and break a window, we may be forgiven. But the window is still broken. This is a time of repairing the window.
So, our prayers for those in Purgatory are an expression of our trust in God's mercy. In Purgatory, God is repairing our broken parts so we can live with Him forever. We must cooperate with Him in this work of love.

'There is a mysterious solidarity in Christ between those who have already passed to the other life and we pilgrims in this one. Our deceased loved ones continue to take care of us from Heaven. They pray for us, and we pray for them and we pray with them'. (*Pope Francis)*

See over for for more notices

Holy Trinity's 60th Anniversary celebrations were a wonderful success, bringing together past and present members of our community for a truly special day. The festivities began with a beautiful Community Mass attended by former principals, alumni, parishioners, current families, and friends of the school. Led by Fr James, the Mass was both meaningful and reflective, with heartfelt recognition of the Sisters of Charity whose vision and dedication established Holy Trinity in 1966. Our choir added to the occasion with their uplifting singing of some of our favourite hymns.

Following Mass, visitors enjoyed exploring the Art Exhibition, taking guided school tours, and sharing in a range of delicious treats on what turned out to be a stunning Saturday afternoon. It was a joy to reconnect with so many people whose lives have been part of the Holy Trinity story, from students who attended the school in its very first year to staff members who dedicated more than two decades of service to our community.

What stood out most throughout the day was the deep sense of connection and belonging felt by everyone who attended. Holy Trinity holds a special place in the hearts of so many, and our 60th Anniversary was a wonderful reminder of the relationships, memories, and shared experiences that continue to make our school such a treasured community. We thank everyone who joined us in celebrating this important milestone and helping honour the rich history and bright future of Holy Trinity.
Warm regards,

Prue Sheargold, Principal

New to the Parish? You are very welcome! To help us connect with you, please use our pink registration forms available in the front foyer of the church to give us your details and to join our parish email list for the Bulletin and Reading each week. If you are a regular parishioner and not yet registered please give us your details too. Return your pink slip either in the box provided or in the collection baskets each weekend Mass. See our website for more information about the parish and how to connect with ministries.

See the flyer in foyer for;

World Youth Day (19 – 35yrs) in Seoul, Korea; 29 July – 14 August 2027
Catholic Voice Christmas Cover school student competition; entries close 16 November

Wed 18 November, 7.30pm Public Forum *Exploring the Horizons of a Pope Leo Church* |

Marist College Canberra, Marr St, Pearce, in partnership with Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn **Fr Tony Banks OSA** (Augustinian Provincial, Australasia, knows Pope Leo well) and **Dr Anne Benjamin** (Co-author of *Leadership after the Synod*) will explore directions of Leo's pontificate, that will build the church for the next generation. What skills, strategies and attributes will be needed by both ordained and non-ordained, in a church where leadership, decision-making and accountability are shared?

Found in the school carpark, small BMX bike with 7 gears, contact Parish Office

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 Wodennorth.safeguarding@cg.org.au**, or Maria Hicks ipss@cg.org.au the Manager for the Archdiocese's Professional Standards and Safeguarding.**