



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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20-21 JUNE 2020, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Cecilia Read, Fr Noel Connolly, Barney Crowe, John De Salis, Peter Tarantello, Fr Frank Morrissey OMI, Maria Phan Thi Nhung, Paul Rollings, Fr Michael O'Dea, Hannah Sowry, Ruth Dunn, Colleen Cotter, Sr Mary Agnes (Carmelite Convent, Red Hill), Alec Reynolds, Cecil Wagstaff, Denis Hogan, Victims of the Corona virus.

Anniversaries of Death: Patrick Kiely, Tano Travia, Ellen Woods, Kathleen Majer, Molly Poole, Brian Lacey, Vonnie Beath, Margaret Joyce, Wendy Egan, Cecily Howden, Frank Williams, Kathleen Rowe, John Frawley, Doris Falzon and Falzon family members, Hartung and Marlow family members, Richard Pugh, Rosario Suazo, Gary Woods, Jack Perry, George Pugh, Desmond Lilley, Sylvia Cronin, Policarpio Barawid.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Emma Lowe, Hilary Halpin, Margaret Wilson, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with Corona virus, Bella Davison, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, Dick Barry, Luke Ward, Eric Reiher, John Vincent, David Parker, Mark Shepherd, Violet Webster, Lucy Duncan, Rod Duncan, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Stephen Evans, Dermott Cummins.

PROPHETS SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Many no longer trust the Church. The sexual abuse of innocent children and the church governance that did not address the problem have seen many say enough is enough. So too those who despair of the hierarchical Church truly engaging with the aspirations of women and their giftedness, enough is enough. A perceived intransigence on issues of sexual identity and denial of Eucharistic hospitality to some have been bridges too far for others. **Of course the Church does not simply set its sails according to cultural imperatives. At the same time, some are not open to the subtle movement of the Spirit to enrich our living tradition.**

Scriptural prophets did not as such predict the future. Rather they pointed to the consequences of the people not respecting their covenant relationship as God's people. Jeremiah was a reluctant prophet. He did not want to be ostracised for telling his fellow-citizens of their fate. Nonetheless he trusted in God (First Reading) and would have identified with the understanding that *"those who stand firm in witness to the Gospel and the values it enshrines, even to the point of death, can be confident that their ultimate fate lies in the hand of God who will one day be vindicated"* (Brendan Byrne SJ).

To stand firm in the face of opposition from 'the world' is one thing. It is quite something else to face insidious opposition within the family of faith. Pope Francis has had to do so. He has not responded to his critics as such but rather fostered ongoing dialogue. He promotes a 'synodal' (or 'walking together') Church. A Church where we draw on the riches of our tradition as together, and sometimes in robust dialogue, we seek where the movement of the Holy Spirit is calling us 'in Christ'. Only those who exclude themselves do not have a place at the table. This approach seeks encounter and dialogue with other religious traditions and all people of good will. This approach does not undermine the hierarchy but rather enhances it consistent with the call of all the baptised to share in the mission of the Church and for the Church to discern the movement of the Spirit in the 'signs of the times'. True to the vision of the Second Vatican Council, it is this understanding that underpins the postponed Plenary Council which will now be held over 3-10 October 2021 and 4-9 July 2022.

The Church draws on the experience of Jeremiah in our First Reading to situate today's Gospel from Matthew. We read that the persecuted early church is called to fear not just him who can destroy the body but the soul as well. His audience were comforted and challenged by their relationship with Jesus who brings life in the face of persecution and even death. *"This is a Gospel which readily illustrates the adage that Christianity is comforting but not comfortable. . . [Matthew] presents Jesus as insisting that the Gospel is not something to be talked about and lived behind closed doors. It – and the values it enshrines – demands public witness and proclamation. . . The challenge for Christians not currently living in such situations will be to question a far too easy symbiosis between discipleship and surrounding cultural mores"* (Byrne). **And to be clear: those mores can be ecclesial as well as cultural. In union with Jesus, and after the example of Jeremiah and Pope Francis, we too are called to speak and live the truth in love.**

Fr John

ALL PARISH MASSES HAVE RECOMMENCED WITH A CEILING OF 100. To register for a Sunday Mass, that is, the Sat 6pm Vigil, the Sun 9.30am (at Curtin not Garran for now due to physical distancing regulations) or the Sun 5.30pm, you can do so online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKACO>. Claim the places(s) you want, if still available. Alternatively, you can notify the parish office (6281 3999) leaving your name, the number of places requested and your contact details. If the places are not available you will be notified and asked to consider an alternative Mass. There is no need to register for a weekday Mass. Please note that the Sunday Mass obligation still does not apply. Live streaming of daily Mass from the chapel of St Christopher's Cathedral at 12.15pm, Monday-Friday, 9.00am Saturday and 11.00am Sunday continues. NB: Being a live stream, you will need to access the Mass at the specific time by going to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL have noted that many parishioners are perhaps not across emails etc. If you know of someone who needs assistance in that regard and cannot assist directly, please let the parish office know. Again, if you know of a parishioner who has not signed up to receive the parish bulletin email, have them forward their email address to the parish office. If you could assist with Children's Liturgy when Sunday Mass resumes, please contact the parish office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COVID-19 APPEAL, in lieu of the usual Winter Appeal and in response to increasing need as a result of the pandemic, seeks your support. You can donate at www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling 13 18 12.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY MONTH: Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Archdiocese has been bringing quality, interactive, live-streamed Marriage Enrichment following the online Cathedral Mass this Sun, 21 and next Sun 28 June. Join them at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/> to listen to and ask questions of our international, interstate and local guest presenter couples. Information otherwise re the Marriage and Family Month is available at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/marriage-family-month-june-2020/>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: In lieu of the First (for the support of the clergy of the Archdiocese) and Second Collection (for the support of the parish plant and programmes), you can still contribute by going to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA> You can also contribute via the Qkr! App. **Thank you to those who have dropped off contributions to the Parish Office and, or who continue to do so via established electronic transactions.**

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP will continue to meet online. Details from Vikki McDonough, 0437 876 487 / mulvaney@netspeed.com.au . **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10: 37-42.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 27-28 June, the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Jeannette Clarke	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick - No visits at this time	St Andrew's:	Fred Ward:	Homes:
Collectors	J David	Ted Fitzgerald	G Nash
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally, Maureen Jeffrey, Bryan Stevens		

