



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**18-19 JULY 2020, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

### WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am Curtin
Wednesday	9.30am Curtin Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Thursday	5.30pm Curtin
Friday	9.30am Curtin (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30 pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Brendan Laurie, Peter Hackwill, Leo Langtry, Lidia Montagner, Eileen Schofield, 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:** Ron Beath, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Anne Perkins, Gerald Whittaker, 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.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jim and Maureen Daly, Nicola Sheehan, Leo Langtry, Fr Laurie Blake, 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.

### A SAVVY FARMER

Today's Gospel continues from Matthew 13. As with last week's reading (the sower and the seed), the parables today address the nature of the kingdom of God. **If, as Jesus maintains, the kingdom has dawned (Matt 4:17; 12:28), why is there evil present in the world, in the Church and in individuals? Darnel (a weed representative of the evil one) and wheat (representative of God's goodness) grow together but God, here portrayed as a savvy farmer, will have the last laugh.** *"He knows that the wheat is strong enough to tolerate the weeds' competition for nutrition and irrigation. After the harvest the landowner will not only have grain for his barns, but extra, unanticipated fuel for his needs. Instead of shaming this landowner, the weed strategy has backfired and shamed the enemy . . . In a society dedicated to revenge, the landowner's victory by seeming to do nothing is a powerful lesson" (John J. Pilch).* Perhaps we are still slow learners. As Brendan Byrne SJ notes: *"Christianity's long history of intolerance – the Inquisition, etc – shows the tragedy and folly of being more zealous to root out evil than to encourage good. Jesus seems to suggest that God can cope for quite some time with the continuing existence of evil in order to preserve or promote a wider good."*

On the other hand the Gospel speaks of **'hell-fire'** as the destination for those who persist in evil. As with the parables, this is to be understood allegorically rather than literally: to persist in evil is self-destructive and the final judgement of God will confirm that. Conversely, and again allegorically, the allusion to the **mustard seed** and to the **leaven** calls to mind the power of faith and virtue to manifest new life. As with the bountiful crop of last week – thirty, sixty, even a hundredfold – the potential is big time.

**Writing in the 'City News' recently, Bishop Pat Power was asked to address "Is there a Christian future?"** His response in part is pertinent to today's Gospel. *"REMEMBERING is a vital part of our faith-life: to recall those times when we have personally experienced God's love, often through the kindness and care of others; the times when we have been confronted by seemingly insurmountable problems, but eventually not only survive but even grow in the process. When the Second Vatican Council dealt with atheism in the mid-1960s it accused believers of causing people to turn away from God because of the inconsistencies in their own life. How alarmingly true is that today with the terrible scandals emerging around child sexual abuse and other forms of abuse. This is particularly pertinent to the Catholic Church which historically has placed so much emphasis on sexual morality only to fail dismally in recent times. Is there a Christian future? Jesus said of his followers "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full". In order to promote such life it is vital that those of us who are secure in our faith have a very real understanding of the struggles of those who are damaged or wounded. **This is not a time for preaching or lecturing but an opportunity to reach out to others in a spirit of welcome and acceptance. And finally to say sorry and to really mean it by making restitution in every way possible.**"* **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/> following the prompts. 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 11.00am Sunday Mass from St Christopher's Cathedral continues. Go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

**ENROLMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION:** Parents of children eligible for the **Sacrament of Confirmation (usually in Year 6 and above)** must attend the Parent Information Night (PIN) on Tues 28 July in the Holy Trinity School Hall followed by Home Group preparation before celebration of Confirmation on Tues 15 and Wed 16 Sept. **Please first enrol via the Qkr app** or contact the Parish Office on 6281 3999 or wodenorth@cg.org.au.

**SEAFARERS SUNDAY:** Our parish has contributed \$250 to the support of the Apostleship of the Sea that addresses the religious and material needs of seafarers in major ports across Australia.

**TAX RECEIPTS (2019-20)** are available on request from the Parish Office on 6281 3999 or wodenorth@cg.org.au.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL COVID-19 APPEAL**, in lieu of the 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](http://www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal) or by calling 13 18 12.

**Room to Rent:** A mother doing doctoral studies with two children seeks a room to rent in the parish. Inquiries to Mary, 0426 470 879.

**Canberra Catholic Students and Young Professionals** are planning a Spring Ball (Oct) at the Albert Hall. Register by end of July, <https://cgatholic.org.au/canberraspringball/> and you will be updated on any change of details. Visit Canberra Spring Ball page on Facebook or contact Bell, 0412 689 976.

**PARISH MEDITATION GROUP** continue to meet. Details from Vikki McDonough, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au) or 0437 876 487 / **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 25-26 July, the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gary Parker	Dan McKay	Mary Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Volunteer required
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eyers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: <b>No visits at this time</b>	Fred Ward: <b>No visits at this time</b>	Homes: <b>No visits at this time</b>
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Ted Fitzgerald	Alex Reynolds
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Rosemary O'Mally, Maureen Jeffrey, Bryan Stevens		

**NOTE:** We will continue to publish the rosters mindful not all are attending Mass at this time. You might need to step up in the absence of a rostered parishioner.