



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 1-2 August, the Eighteenth 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:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Gabriella Bufalo, Mary Flanagan, 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, Victims of the Corona virus.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Tony O'Donnell, Arthur and Doreen Job, Peter Crane, 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.

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

Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Nicola Sheehan, 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.

#### **CALLED TO SEE BEYOND**

**On Friday I was in a Zoom meeting. It was organised by our Catholic Education Office. Professor Dr Richard Hall, a Marist Brother lecturing at Australian Catholic University gave a compelling presentation on the 'why' of Catholic schools.** He observed that for many Australians with a secular worldview, religion is the 'fake news'. At best it is to be tolerated. He quoted the recent comment of a Scottish parliamentarian who said that education was about 'nurture' at a time when our Federal Government is more closely aligning education with employment opportunity. Of course, that is part of the picture but only a part of it. In calling for a more comprehensive understanding of the purpose of education, consistent with the Vatican's call for '*integral human development*', Hall quoted St John Henry Newman: "*Fear not that your life will come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning.*" **Hall made a claim that some might see as counter intuitive, namely, that Catholic Schools are not about promoting a religion but about fostering the integral growth of individuals in community.** The Second Vatican Council affirmed the same when it spoke of the Church not as an end itself but rather a sign and instrument of the reign of God. **Hall went on to articulate truth, mercy and compassion as foundational values of the educational apostolate.** Those values embrace all in recognition that all are made in the image and likeness of God. He noted the protest of some that saving the old during the COVID pandemic will be a cost to the young. The counter of course is at what cost do we forsake our common dignity? Moreover it is through encounter with the person of Jesus that I am sustained in holding fast to those values which serve the good of all. This encounter is especially manifest in the Eucharist where I am open to becoming what I receive. **Hall offered Mary, the one who sought to magnify God and who accepted being co-creator and 'theotokos' (or 'God bearer') as the one for us to emulate.** Finally, Hall quoted the bestselling novelist Ann Patchett, who claimed

that her Catholic upbringing opened her “to the possibility of something larger and deeper out there.” This understanding is in sharp contrast to the talented, avowed secular Australian comedian Tim Minchin’s offer to university graduates of the striving ‘little individual’ as the way to go. **A Catholic world view is a comprehensive world view; it is not just about me. This is Vocations Week (2 – 9 August). We are asked to consider where we are being called and to pray especially for young ones considering where God is calling them – to marriage, single life, priesthood or religious life.** If we see it from our viewpoint alone there will always be reason to protest that I can make little difference. In today’s Gospel the disciples are confronted with a large hungry crowd and only five loaves and two fish. You’re kidding if you think that can make a difference! It was only when they handed over what little they had that there was more than enough. Hall’s presentation began with the affirmation that how we see ourselves and others is different if we do not believe in God. **God believes in us. Don’t underestimate the difference you can make in union with him. God doesn’t.**

Fr John

**WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION:** Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/> and follow 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.**

**CONFIRMATION:** Preparation has commenced. Inquiries to the Parish Office, 6281 3999 or [wodennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:wodennorth@cg.org.au) .

**For Women:** (1) ‘Women Alive’ (local Indian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan Catholic women) warmly invites all Catholic women to their monthly rosary and reflection, 4.30pm, Sunday, 8 August. Contact Winniefred, 0451 015 527, [winrebello09@gmail.com](mailto:winrebello09@gmail.com) . (2) ‘Women’s Reflection Afternoon’, hosted by Archdiocesan Women’s Taskforce, 2-4pm, Sat 29 Aug. Inquiries, [catholic.women@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.women@cg.org.au) or Lara, 0429192869.

**For the Young:** (1) **Upper Primary Young Peoples Monthly Gathering** commences this Sun, 2 Aug, 4 - 5.30pm in the Parish Centre, Curtin. Our Parish Youth Workers Maddie and Grace will oversee games, drama, music, singing, food, prayer and much more. (2) **My Voice** is an archdiocesan initiative inviting students in Years 4 to 7 to articulate their rights and responsibilities within the Church. Go to [cgyouth.org.au/myvoice](http://cgyouth.org.au/myvoice) or email [youth@cg.org.au](mailto:youth@cg.org.au) for more information. (3) **Sunday morning Mass Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Perhaps you would be willing to assist on a rostered basis? Further info from the Parish Office.

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

**National Men’s Gathering, 15 August** is an online event of four pre-recorded sessions suitable for individuals or groups of men offering inspiration for discipleship in the family and beyond. Register from Mon 29 June at [bit.ly/cm2020event](http://bit.ly/cm2020event)

**Young Adults Spring Ball:** This is being organised by Canberra students and young professionals for 9 October (or later depending on COVID). They are seeking expressions of interest by end of July, <https://cgcatholic.org.au/canberraspringball/> More info on Canberra Spring Ball Facebook page or via Belle Joseph, 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:** 1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14: 22-33.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 8-9 August, the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>			
<i>2nd 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>	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>	Rose Jaram		
<b>Reader</b>	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	Z Seselja
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Volunteer required	Juliana Maher	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee	Marie Docherty, Tania Fernandez	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
<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	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		

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.