



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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15-16 August, the Twentieth 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: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Victims of Beirut port explosion, Victims of the Corona virus, Barbara Develin, Kathleen O'Shea, Pat Carter, Hilary Halpin, 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.

Anniversaries of Death: Sr John Keenan RSM, Marie Pugh, Marjory Swan, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Dewhurst, Arthur and Doreen Job, Peter Crane, Ron Beath, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Anne Perkins, Patrick Kiely, Tano Travia, Ellen Woods, Kathleen Majer, Molly Poole, Brian Lacey, Vonnie Beath, Margaret Joyce, Wendy Egan, Cecily Howden, Frank Williams, Kathleen Rowe.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Nicola Sheehan, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, 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 DIGNITY SHARED BY ALL

Jesus was a Jew. He would not have understood the term Christian, let alone Catholic. At best, Jesus and his followers understood that they were fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Israel. Today's readings provide some religious and cultural context to understand the transition from an exclusive understanding of the People of God to one that was inclusive of all. The transition begins in the Old Testament. On return from exile to their homeland, the people worshipped with foreigners. Ezra and Nehemiah called for those who had intermarried to put their foreign wives aside. The more enlightened Isaiah (First Reading) insisted that those who had adopted the faith and religious practices of Jerusalem were to be welcomed. ***"The privilege of worshipping God is so central to Israel's identity that it is hard to think of a stronger expression of inclusivity than this"* (Brendan Byrne SJ).** In today's Gospel Jesus encounters the Canaanite woman who pleads for the deliverance of her daughter. Prior to that incident Matthew has Jesus insist that ritual purity is not a matter of external actions but internal intentions. ***"Having thus broken through the ritual cleanliness barrier in his teaching, Jesus now enacts such boundary-crossing 'geographically', so to speak, by crossing over into a region (Tyre and Sidon) where 'unclean' Gentiles made up the majority. There the faith of a Gentile woman brings about a breaking of the barrier in a far more significant way"* (Byrne).** The woman honours Jesus as "Lord, Son of David". He ignores her. In response to the disciples' plea to send the persistent woman away, Jesus insists that his mission is *"to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"* (10:5-6). Even the plea "Lord, help me", sees Jesus speak of not throwing the children's food to the house dogs. But the Canaanite woman outwits Jesus in noting that even house dogs can eat the fallen scraps. ***"Many readers of the Gospel will doubtless be troubled by the apparent coldness that Jesus initially displays towards the desperate person. By depicting him acting in such a way, however, the narrative first intensifies the sense of barrier between Jews and Gentiles, only to highlight the significance of what is happening"***

when, as a result of the woman's faith, the barrier comes crashing down . . . The great mission charge to the nations at the end of the gospel (28:18-20) has its anticipation and impulse here" (Byrne). This inclusive understanding is reflected in Pope Francis this week noting that the pandemic has shed light on one of the more widespread social diseases, namely attacks on the "God-given dignity of every person". So too the 14 August celebration of the 1941 martyrdom of Franciscan priest St Maximilian Kolbe in Auschwitz. Maximilian offered his life in place of a married man in the face of Nazi barbarism. His trust in the offer of new life in Christ is remembered and celebrated; the Nazis are consigned to the dustbin of history. **That which denies shared dignity is an affront to our Catholic faith and societal well-being.**

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.**

National Fertility Awareness Week, 17-23 August: Learn how to track your fertility through Fertility Pinpoint, an online service that provides your own accredited Billings Ovulation Method tutor. Scientifically validated and simple to use, it is a healthy alternative, www.fertilitypinpoint.co. See also YouTube – Billings Ovulation Method® or www.billings.life or call 1800 335 860.

Social Justice Sunday, 30 August: 'TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL – MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY' is the title of the 2020-2021 Social Justice Statement. It encourages faith communities, governments and each one of us to make mental health a priority. It is timely message in the context of the pandemic. Rather than being distributed as in past years, the Statement can be downloaded free at https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738448?h=yDFNGzpz2ltnXhsLvv-n58Jzaeg06p1UNEyeh_R35A.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL, Sunday 6 September: We have close to thirty retired archdiocesan clergy. I commend to your support the annual Father's Day Appeal. Contributions assist those who have served and who in many cases continue to do so in a 'supply' capacity.

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA: We are in need of volunteers to serve a cuppa in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Call Michelle, 0423 692 543 for more info.

'CARE TAXI' generously covered the cost of our beautiful votive candle display adjacent to the statue of Our Lady. If you would like regular transport to and from Mass with other parishioners at a very reasonable rate, please call Danny M: 0451 734 334 or E: services@caretaxi.com.au

For Women: (1) Retreat based on St Catherine of Siena offered in-person at St Thomas the Apostle, Boddington St., Kambah, 9am until dinner, Sat 22 August, or online. Inquiries to mgl sisters@gamil.com. **(2) 'Women's Reflection Afternoon'**, hosted by Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce, 2-4pm, Sat 29 Aug. Inquiries, catholic.women@cg.org.au or Lara, 0429192869.

For the Young: 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/my voice or email youth@cg.org.au for more information.

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 22: 19-23; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 22-23 August, the Twenty-first 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	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Jeannette Clarke	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: No visits at this time	Fred Ward: No visits at this time	Homes: No visits at this time
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally, Maureen Jeffrey, Bryan Stevens		