



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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22-23 August, the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

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| 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 ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church and the gates of the underworld will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of the work of your, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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, Sr Germaine 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.

PROCLAMATION AND CONSEQUENCE

Today's Gospel finds Jesus back in Galilee on familiar territory. Perhaps for that reason, he asks those who have shared his journey, *"Who do people say I am?"* It is Peter who goes beyond the usual allusions and states that Jesus is *"the Christ . . . the Son of the living God."* Peter sees and proclaims that in effect *"Jesus is related to God in a unique way. . . Everything the Church has to say begins and ends with its God-given knowledge of Jesus, the inexhaustible treasure which it holds in trust for the world"* (Brendan Byrne SJ). Peter is not honoured as leader of the early Church and 'rock' because of his personal qualities. On the contrary, he will falter and deny Jesus. **Rather his proclamation of faith is the 'rock' on which to build because of the insight of faith God has communicated to him.** *"The identity between 'Peter' and 'Rock' - masked in English, more evident in Greek (petros, petra) - is perfect in Aramaic, the language Jesus actually spoke: 'You are Kepha ("Rock") and on this kepha (rocky ground) I will build my church'."* (Byrne). Further, reference to keys and 'binding and loosening' (cf First Reading) is a reflection of the structure given to the Church as it seeks to discerns God's will with heavenly ratification in ever changing circumstance. **The Gospel is not about cause for triumphalism but rather "assurance that for all its human weakness and failings, the Church guards a supreme treasure and enjoys a divine guarantee"** (Byrne). Not unrelated issues calling for discernment and action are environmental care and affluence. *"Pope John Paul 11 named environmental care as integral to Catholic faith and named St Francis of Assisi as patron of ecological conversion"*, noted Columban Fr Charles Rue in introducing a unique week-long online retreat in preparation for the ecumenical celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1 September. Details at ACBC Media Blog. Rue also reminds us that Pope Benedict XVI affirmed this Catholic vocation and that Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si* urged us to *"hear the twin cry of the poor and of the*

earth". Back in 1997 the Canadian Bishops stated: "In Canada we know how to be Catholic when we are poor, under-educated and culturally marginalized, but we do not yet know how to be Catholic when we are affluent, educated and culturally mainstream. These things are new to us and we still have to find our way with them." And we are still doing so in Australia, I would suggest. Again, what is the will of God with respect to the place of women in the Church? Sr Joan Chittister has noted: "It is not possible to talk about ordination without also talking about power because the church is run only by the ordained. The validity of the argument is attested to by the fact as women have begun to seek ordination they have been criticized for seeking power, an interesting accusation when you realize that men who seek priesthood are not credited with the same motives." **Faith is always mediated through culture. We, the entire Body of Christ in synodal mode (ie 'walking together' as is being called for in our forthcoming Plenary Council), need sensitivity to the movement of God's Spirit in our culture and Church, confident, as today's Gospel proclaims, that we are graced with the guarantee of divine guidance. Discernment calls for wisdom and courage. At times we need to affirm, at other times to listen and to learn, and on occasion to say no more.** 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.

Archbishop Christopher is paying informal pastoral visits to parishes during the pandemic. He will celebrate 9.30am Mass on Wed, 23 Sept, followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre. All will be most welcome.

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 You might also want to discuss being a driver for the service.

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/myvoice 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: 29-30 August, the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) | | | |
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| <i>4th Sunday of the Month</i> | Curtin Sat. 6pm | Curtin Sun. 9.30 am | Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm |
| Acolyte | Gary Parker | Stafferd Fernandez | Darryl Kite |
| Servers | | | |
| Reader | H Gulan | M Wilcock | Annie Gordon-Crothers |
| Commentator | Nedra Kelaart | Volunteer required | |
| Welcomer | Robert & Moya Kennelly | Lynn Bliss | |
| Ministers of Comm. | Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eyers | 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 | | Volunteer required | Volunteer required |
| Collection Counters | Ted Fitzgerald and Ted Frawley | | |

