



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

7-8 Nov., the Thirty-Second 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: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; this is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Billy Jo Shaver, Alexis Saaghy, Andy Quaine, Patricia Barass, Louise Tarlinton, Fred Deananeas, Tess Clarke, Kevin Robinson, Florian Falez, Susan Ryan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Helen Reddy, Joan Allan, Sebastian Webb, John Fahey, Tony Patterson, Maria Pullin (sister of Bishop Pat), Kevin Fitzpatrick, Barbara Koren, Janette Edwards, Joan Maher, Toni Clark, Mary Grech, Sr Mary Paul OLHC, 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.

Anniversaries of Death: Lewis Mesaros, Peter Majer, Domenica D., Oreste Trinca, Friedrich Lueth, Helen Day, Nick Dulay, Jose Infante, Valerie Mills, Pat Ryan and Jack Ryan, Melanie Swan, Jeanette Webster, Nicanor Pazcoguín, Paul Murphy, 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.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Nell Stenning, John O'Connor, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Nicola Sheehan, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, 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.

PREPARING THE FUTURE

Back in the 1960s I was a member of the Boy Scouts (now inclusive of boys and girls). The Scout motto was, and still is, 'Be Prepared'. The understanding is that Scouts are to be ready to respond to whatever life puts before them. Today's Gospel parable is about being prepared, being ready to respond to God's call. The point is made with a parable drawing on the wedding custom of the time. The usual practice was for first cousins to marry. The purpose of marriage was to unite two families, the arrangements being made by the parents. "The highpoint of the ceremony occurred when the groom, accompanied by his relatives, went to the family house of the bride to transfer her to his home. It was here that the rest of the wedding ceremony and celebration took place" (John J Pilch). The parable begins with ten teenagers, probably the groom's sisters and cousins ('bridesmaids' is a poor translation), awaiting his return. Five are sensible; they have oil for their lamps, the other five do not. Those waiting represent the Church, "who, so often in Matthew, are of mixed quality. The oil represents the kind of good deeds that Jesus commends – "justice, mercy and faith" (23:23) – and which will be so graphically illustrated in the concluding parable of the Great Judgement (25:31-46). The five foolish bridesmaids represent the kind of believers towards the close of the Sermon on the Mount: those who cry out, "Lord, Lord" but have no good works to accompany this confession of faith (7:21-27). The wise may "sleep" (in death) before the coming of the Lord but when he does come they will go out to meet him with the "lamps" of their

good works shining (cf. 5:16). Thus the final warning about “staying awake” because neither “the day or the hour” is known really means, in the light of the parable, “Be prepared”, rather than “stay awake” (Brendan Byrne). **We live in challenging times.** Then again, we always have. However the combination of a pandemic, the effects of climate change, racism, violent fanaticism, ‘fake news’ and distrust of so many institutions and authority figures have taken a toll directly or indirectly. **What has not changed is the Gospel call to “justice, mercy and faith”.** Attentive to the latter in Christ, we prepare a way for the Lord’s coming. To be just is to give another their due; to be merciful to be willing to forgive; to walk in faith is to seek right relationship with God, others and all creation. **Therefore, the wise person does not selfishly prepare for the future – so long as I am ok - but rather they prepare the future honouring God’s will and fostering the dignity of all. This is precisely the point of Fratelli Tutti, Brothers and Sisters All, the latest encyclical of Pope Francis. Lord, that I might have a graced inclusive outlook finding expression in particular engagements.**

Fr John

Optional sign-in using Check In CBR app: Holy Trinity Church is now registered with the ACT Government “Check In CBR app”. This is a contactless, secure and convenient way for parishioners to have their data stored securely with ACT Health in the event contact tracking is needed. Sign-in via the app is optional. The 5 step process to download and use the app: (Internet connection and phone or tablet device required)

1. Download the Check In CBR App from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
2. Register your details (required for the first time only).
3. On arrival at Church, open the app, select ‘Check In Now’, hover your smartphone over the displayed QR code.
4. Add in any additional people – those who are with you without their own device or app.
5. When the check-in is complete, the app will display a successful check in screen.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: These can be placed in a Collection Bowl or dropped into the parish office. Alternatively, you can support priests overseas through the *Aid to the Church in Need* flyer in the foyer, cf. www.aidtochurch.org. **Names of deceased for remembrance in November Masses can be entered in the file on the right of the sanctuary.**

CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY GARDENS: Thanks to Peter and George, along with their Tuesday co-workers Michael, Shane and ‘Macca’ for seeing to the upkeep of our gardens and grounds. Peter has prepared an explanation of the same (with map on the reverse), noting the Biblical significance of some of the plantings. Copies are available in the foyer. George is in the process of adding wooden benches to the church water drainage pits, following Dominic’s work on the brickwork of some.

7.30PM, 10 November, Parish Centre: Hear Anne Kirwan (Director) address the work of CatholicCare, the social welfare agency of the Archdiocese, followed by a Q&A and supper.

6.30PM, 13 November ‘Summer Soiree and Wine-Tasting’: Join Catholic young adults for a tutored wine-tasting and three-course dinner at the prestigious Clonakilla winery in Murrumbateman. Tickets at <https://catholicsummersoiree.eventbrite.com.au>. Info on 0412 689 976.

MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL: Thank you to all who contributed. Over \$1,700.00 was received and will be forwarded to assist with the Arrupe Centre in Cambodia.

‘AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS’: The Spring edition featuring ‘Pilgrimage’ is available in the foyer.

ASSISTANCE: If you could commit to a roster to take Holy Communion to the aged and housebound and, or visiting those in need of support, or you know of someone in such need, please contact the Parish Office.

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: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 14-15 Nov., the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Volunteer required	Therese Keily-Wynter	Dennis Granlund
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Claire Frazer	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Lesley Kettle	
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	G Nash
Collection Counters	Michael Higgins		

