



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 14-15 Nov., the Thirty-Third 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:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Steve James, Gordon Channell, Nell Stenning, 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:** John Holtzapffel, 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 Pazcoguin, 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.

#### **STEPPING OUT IN FAITH**

Last year in Australia there were 1.18 million millionaires in US dollars terms and 36 billionaires. Today's Gospel, about the rich man giving his servants money to invest and then praising the two who doubled his money and demeaning the servant who just kept it safe, might seem to encourage financial cunning and greed. *"This parable is a favourite of American capitalists (interested in profit) and fundamentalist guidance counsellors (focusing on the unintended and textually unsupported meaning of the word 'talent'). Jesus' listeners, of course, were neither capitalists nor committed to self-improvement, they were peasants. Would these interpretations bring good news to a peasant?" (John J Pilch).* As always, we need to situate the reading within the Gospel. **Matthew 25 addresses how the followers of Jesus should be ready for the Lord's return.** Recall last week's parable of the ten bridesmaids (cousins or friends more likely) awaiting the groom; the sensible ones were ready with oil in their lamps. So too with today's parable. **The followers of Jesus are being cautioned "not to be lazy and worthless but**

*rather . . . imitate the cleverness but not the greed of their masters. In other words, when it comes to the kingdom, the risk of cleverness is preferable to the numbing security of doing the proper and honourable thing, or “playing it safe”. Jesus’ own life manifested similar risky choices” (Pilch).* The parable calls me personally, and the Australia Catholic community through the discernment proper to the Plenary Council, to step out in faith. With respect to the mission of the Australian Church, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has noted, “*It cannot be business as usual.*” Last Thursday a good number of the priests of the Southern Deanery of the Archdiocese gathered to reflect on issues in their ministry and to enjoy a meal in our Parish Centre (see below). Mention was made of four young men discerning the possibility of going to the seminary next year. As you consider where you are being called, please remember to pray for them and for others to consider ‘stepping out in faith’ in this way. Again, perhaps you or some friend with trade or professional skills might consider volunteering for the cross-cultural work of PALMS (see below). Fr John

**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](http://www.aidtochurch.org). **Names of deceased for remembrance in November Masses can be entered in the file on the right of the sanctuary.**

**PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS** to Madison T, Sofia L, Nathan B, Lucas V (6pm Vigil); Elizabeth F, Jessica W, Owen F, Gwendolyn O (9.30am Sun); Cameron D, Owen A, Alexander C and Helifano C (5.30pm Sun) who gather with their families to celebrate First Holy Communion this weekend.

**THANK YOU** to Christine, Gael, Maggie, Margaret and Margo for providing a beautiful morning tea and lunch in our Parish Centre for last Thursday’s meeting of the clergy of the Southern Deanery. Your hospitality was very much appreciated.

**CONCERNED CATHOLICS CANBERRA AND GOUBURN** invite you to the Zoom Public Forum ‘*The Pope’s Revolution: The Implications of Laudato Si’*, Dr Paul Collins (historian, broadcaster and writer) and Dr Patricia Hindmarsh (former Tasmanian Cath Ed Director, justice, peace and ecology advocate), 5-6.30pm, Thurs, 26 Nov. Register at [www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events). See foyer flyer for more information.

‘**ADORE**’ is the Diocese of Wollongong’s booklet of Advent reflections. The First Sunday of Advent is 29 November. As the parish has purchased a limited number of copies, please take one if it will assist your personal or perhaps group reflection.

**PALMS:** For nearly 60 years they have prepared and placed Catholics from across Aust & NZ in 40 countries assisting the development of 408 communities. An Orientation Course in Jan 2021 will prepare skilled and committed applicants for cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities (COVID permitting). See [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or contact Roger, 0431 995 058.

‘**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](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au) or 0437 876 487.

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Prov Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 21-22 Nov., Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Last Sunday in Ordinary Time (Y 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>	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert and Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
<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	Volunteer required
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Rosemary O’Mally, Maureen Jeffrey		

