



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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21-22 Nov., the Solemnity of Christ the King (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: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Ida Field (housekeeper to former PP of Garran, Msgr John Kelly), 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: Canico Gusmao Belo, 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

Mark Williams, 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.

TO BE SERVED AND TO SERVE

Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan got it right: "You're gonna have to serve somebody/Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord/But you're gonna have to serve somebody." Today we conclude the Church's liturgical year honouring the king who serves. In church-speak we say he served us in our need, true to the Father's will. **Jesus is the revelation of the outreach, the hospitality of God.** Instituted in 1925, sixteen hundred years after the Council of Nicea's proclamation of Jesus as one person with a human and a divine nature, this feast affirms a servant-king (think of King David) or one who serves like a good shepherd (cf today's Responsorial Psalm), in contrast to those rulers who failed to serve (First Reading). **To follow Jesus is to do as he did; serve or extend the hospitality of God.** Today's Gospel is the third parable of Matthew 25 addressing how the faithful should act as they await the Lord's return and judgement. **To be clear, "the final outcome of one's existence is irreversibly determined by the attitude one takes towards fellow human beings here and now. Nothing is said about correctness of faith, or the need to be free from or have obtained forgiveness for all kinds of sin. The sole determinant is whether one has acted with active care**

and compassion for other people in various situations of need . . . There is no need to wait for the Son of Man to come in judgement; every time one encounters a fellow human being in need one already stands before the Judge and King” (Brendan Byrne). Some Scripture scholars now question that interpretation (cf. Daniel Harrington). They insist that judgement will be on how one responded to the messengers of the Good News of Jesus. To reject them is to reject the one they proclaim, Jesus the Christ. **Perhaps one can, indeed must, reconcile the two interpretations through the notion of hospitality: our acceptance of God’s hospitality and nurture of us in the Sunday Eucharist and in turn our outreach or offer of hospitality to the broken Christ in the needy?** For a whole variety of reasons we will respond to God’s hospitality and, or offer hospitality, or we simply withdraw and wither. *“You’re gonna have to serve somebody.”* Life calls for a response. *“Who you gonna serve?”*
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. **Names of deceased for remembrance in November Masses can be entered in the file on the right of the sanctuary.**

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS to Edward H, Zac T, Tom B, Will Hannan (6pm Vigil); Victoria H, Robert N, Patrick S, Paige S (9.30am Sun); Evie C, Millie G, Elke S, Amelia S (5.30pm Sun) who gather with their families to celebrate First Holy Communion this weekend.

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. See foyer flyer for more information.

‘ADORE’ is the Diocese of Wollongong’s booklet of Advent reflections. Next Sunday is 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 or contact Roger, 0431 995 058.

HOME SOLAR POWER: South Belconnen Parish are offering a free information session on the ‘how to’ of connecting solar power, 5.30-6.30pm, Tues., 8 Dec., St Brigid’s Parish Hall, 2 Bancroft St, Dickson. RSVP by 6 Dec., Vikki, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au / 0437 876 487.

‘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.

2021 Columban Art Calendars final opportunity this week to order via 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: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9, 28; Mark 13:33-37.

| LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 28-29 Nov., the First Sunday of Advent (Year B) | | | |
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| <i>5th Sunday of the Month</i> | Curtin Sat. 6pm | Curtin Sun. 9.30 am | Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm |
| Acolyte | Gary Parker | Anthony De Salis | Long Nyugen |
| Servers | | | |
| Reader | H Gulan | M Wilcock | Annie Gordon-Crothers |
| Commentator | Alex Evers | Margaret Ryan | |
| Welcomer | Volunteer required | Lyn Bliss | |
| 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 | Ted Frawley, volunteer required | | |