Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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23-24 January, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday 9.30am Curtin

Tuesday 9.00am Curtin – Note change of time for Australia Day 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, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and

splendour, strength and honour in his holy place. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: Archbishop Philip Wilson, Katerina Imsivovic, Fr Lino Zamperoni, Dave Barrow, Fr Tim Cahill, Maria Italiano, Maree Spillane, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Ellen Thompson, June Barrett, Audry Stilling, Tom Hayward, Eileen Cooper, Marisa Chupin, Mungo MacCallum, Jim Neill, Jack Stewart, Andrea Wheeler, Nicola Sheehan, Ida Feld (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, and victims of COVID.

<u>Anniversaries of Death</u>: Sylvia Cronin, George Pugh, Francesco Iacovetta, Kevin Wilson, Chris Perkins, Joanne Binutti, Peter Marlow, Margaret Frawley, Canico Gusmao Belo, John Holtzapffel, Lewis Mesaros, Peter Majer, Domenica D., Oreste Trinca, Friedrich Lueth, Helen Day, Nick Dulay, Jose Infante, Valerie Mills, Melanie Swan, Pat Ryan, Jack Ryan.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Betty Cole, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Fr Greg Beath, Fr Michael Mullen, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID, Bella Davidson, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo.

MARK AND JOSEPTH INVITE YOU TO JOURNEY

Our understanding of Jesus, and what it means to be his disciple or follower, is revealed in the New Testament and the teaching of the Church, mindful that the early Church wrote the New Testament. However, the latter is only understood in relation to the Old Testament, or first covenant with God's people. The Scriptures and teaching of the Church, developed under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, form the 'one deposit of faith'. The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) invite belief in Jesus as Lord and Saviour. The first three or 'the Synoptics' consider the life and ministry of Jesus whereas the later Gospel of John is more symbolic. Following the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), a three-year cycle of both Old and New Testament readings were drawn up to familiarise us with the story of salvation in the Scriptures and to elicit a response to that ongoing story in view of our circumstance and pertinent Church teaching. This is Year B or Year 2 of that cycle, the Year of Mark. Mark is the first and shortest of the canonical or authorative gospels, written some thirty years after Jesus walked the earth and about thirty years before the fourth Gospel of John. Mark influenced Matthew and Luke but they also drew on other material, all of which originated in oral traditions. However, Mark is not the first of the New Testament writings, that honour belongs to the First Letter to the Thessalonians (51AD). Mark accompanied and drew on Peter's ministry and he was very conscious of the pervasive power of the Roman Empire. His Gospel is in two sections. (1) The identity of Jesus, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answers on behalf of all believers, "You are the Christ" (Mrk 8:29). (2) Then the scandal of the cross sees the

centurion acknowledge a suffering Son of God (Mrk 15:39). Therein lies the rub. The miraculous works that attracted people to Jesus were but pointers to new life in death and resurrection. A disciple is also called to let go, to hand over, to be transformed, or, as we traditionally express it, to take up their cross and to follow him into new life. There is no other way. One who was transformed and who has inspired Pope Francis is St Joseph. In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde ('With A Father's Heart')*, Pope Francis has declared 8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021 to be the Year of St Joseph. We have no recorded words of Joseph but his openness to God's purpose is exemplary. I invite you to collect from the foyer copies of the engaging Apostolic Letter, the beautiful 'Year of St Joseph Prayer and Litany' and the contextual reflection from Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Might Joseph intercede for us in our journey through Mark's Gospel, seeking as he did to know and to do God's will.

Fr John

Australia Day Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am, not the usual Tuesday time of 9.30am. We will pray in thanksgiving for our nation and seek God's guidance in our collective challenges. We will also remember the 50th anniversary of the tragic deaths of seven young people as a result of a flash flood in the parish (three of the victims were parishioners and two more were cousins visiting from Wangaratta). A memorial service will commence at 7pm at the memorial off Service Street, Curtin.

Seven Week Marriage Enrichment Course via Zoom: The Archdiocese invites married couples to build stronger foundations, communicate more effectively and resolve differences all from the comfort of your own home. Subsequently, you might be willing to offer the course to others in the parish. The parish will cover the \$70 cost/couple. Inquiries to Steph, steph.ransom@cg.org.au or at https://mailchi.mp/b4c3fdd09d6a/tmc21.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEMEBERSHIP: Perhaps you might consider being a member of the PPC? Any parishioner or regular worshipper would be most welcome to attend the **7.30pm**, **Thursday**, **18 Feb**. **'Discernment Night'** when the rationale for the PPC and a discernment process will be offered to see if membership is for you. Further info is available from the Parish Office. Meanwhile, the copies of the PPC's 'Parish Pastoral Plan' and the initial 'Transfiguration Newsletter' are available in the foyer.

ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND RETREAT commencing the evening of Thursday 25 through to Sunday 28 March. Contact Geoff (chantel1997@hotmail.com, 0451 013 772).

'ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT: A weekend opportunity for engaged couples to gain deeper insights into each other and married life. Weekends on 20-21 Feb, 1-2 May, 7-8 August & 13-14 Nov. Info at www.engagedencounter.org.au

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING WILL RESUME AT WEEKEND MASSES IN FEBRUARY: Perhaps you sing and, or play an instrument and would like to enhance congregational singing at weekend Masses? If so, please contact the parish office.

TRANSPORT: Elderly woman living in Lyons requires transport to attend Mass. Contact parish office if you can assist.

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: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk1:21-28.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 30-31 January, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)			
5 th Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Anthony De Salis	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	H Gulan	M Wilcock	Annie Gordon-Crothers
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Margaret Ryan	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Lyn Bliss	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Helen Crain-	Fred Ward: Julia Carter	Homes: Therese and Peter
	Welsby		Wynter
Collectors	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	T Frawley, Volunteer required		
Wednesday Liturgy	Leader of Prayer: John O'Connor; Eucharistic Minister: Marianne O'Connor		

Parish office hours: Monday 9am-3.30pm, Wednesday 9am-4.30pm and Friday 9am-3.30pm (excluding public holidays).