



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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30-31 January, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am 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, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Jim Daly, Janet Swan, Denis Lenihan, 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 and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Patricia May Edwards, 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.

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, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID, Bella Davidson.

TO BE SET FREE

Mark's Gospel seeks to identify who Jesus is. After his baptism, temptation in the wilderness and calling of the first disciples, the curtain is drawn back on the public ministry of Jesus. In the Capernaum synagogue, the carpenter's son from Nazareth speaks with authority at odds with his family and origin. Yet his word is powerful and a possessed man is freed of an unclean spirit. The ancients believed *"that spirits were more powerful than human beings but less powerful than God"* (John J Pilch). The understanding was that in naming a spirit one could have power over it. Hence, in the hope of having control over him, the evil spirit identifies Jesus as *"the Holy One of God"*. **Jesus is not cowed. In fact, he shows himself to be more powerful by calling the evil spirit out of the man. The people are amazed!** *"The people now have an answer to why Jesus teaches "with authority, and not as the scribes."* *Clearly Jesus possesses powers stronger than those of ordinary human beings"* (Pilch). **It is still a moot point for them as to whether Jesus' power comes from God or otherwise. Meanwhile, "his reputation [honour] rapidly spread"**. Jesus is beginning to take on the appearance of the 'Moses-like' prophet promised in the First Reading (Deut 18:15-20). So too, the cured man enjoys a new honour by his restoration within the community. **The audience is also cured of their ignorance. For Jesus ignorance about God is as much a possession as captivities that they attributed to demonic possession. "Far beyond overt cases of possession, the demonic can refer to any condition that controls human lives, inhibiting freedom and choice, stunting**

personal growth, alienating persons from God and their true humanity, rendering relationships with others poisonous or destructive. . . Rather than being mere spectators of what is being described, the Gospel invites those who hear it to identify with Jesus' audience in the synagogue and to consider how their own lives need to be set free through the power and teaching of Jesus" (Brendan Byrne). In a society stressing the individual and technological advances, we have far more control over our lives than THE ancients believed they had. **Today's Gospel invites us to consider how wisely or imprudently we exercise the power we have and where in Jesus we need to be set free of that which binds us.** Fr John

SEASON OF LENT commences on Ash Wednesday, 17 Feb. Masses: 9.30am Holy Trinity, 12noon Ss Peter & Paul and 6pm Holy Trinity. Two options for Lenten renewal are offered: (1) **'WALK IN THE SPIRIT', Archdiocesan online Lenten renewal experience, 18 February – 25 March, 7.30pm to 9.00pm.** Led by Archbishop Prowse and open to all. Info and registration at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/> (2) **'COMFORT' from Wollongong Diocese is a 68 page daily reflection book after the style of that offered for Advent.** Copies will be subsidised by the parish and available for \$2.

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) MEMBERSHIP: 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 singing at weekend Masses? If so, please contact the parish office.

CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY (CES) will hold a forum 'Political Propaganda, Freedom of Communication and Truth on Social Media' on Wed. 10 Feb. at 7.30pm in the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Speaker: Prof. Seumas Mille. Register on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/political-propaganda-freedom-of-communication-and-truth-on-social-media-tickets-137558899371>

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: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 6-7 February, the Word of God Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Alex Eyers	Denis Howden	Greg Holland
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
Welcomer	Jacque Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Julia Carter	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
Wednesday Liturgy	Leader of Prayer: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls	