



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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6-7 February, the Word of God 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: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Hogan, Felicity Bearder, John Mason, 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: Jack Perry, Desmond Lilley, Patsy 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

Margaret Jones, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Today is *'The Sunday of the Word of God'*. It is an initiative of Pope Francis aimed at furthering our appreciation of God's Word. *"A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and break bread in the community of believers"* (*Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, 17 Dec 2020*). Copies available in the foyer. The Bible is the most published and read book in history. Last month YouTube's *'The Bible in a Year'* topped the digital download chart. An English reviewer noted that the effervescent Fr Mick *"was a splendid advert for the modern US Catholic Church"* but Brits might find it all *"a shade too theatrical"* (DJ Taylor, *'The Tablet'*). The Bible is in fact a library of books of varied literary styles produced over a period of about 1100 years. It is the inspired Word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. **The Bible teaches religious truths as it speaks to and enlightens the human condition.** It calls for guidance to appreciate the related and unfolding story of salvation that continues in and through the Church and finds resonance in all peoples of good will. The Bible is our story proclaimed in our public worship or liturgy, especially the Sunday Eucharist or Mass. At the same time, meditation on a Bible passage can afford the individual deep personal awareness and engagement. **Today's Gospel sees Jesus continuing to cure in Capernaum. The setting is culturally determined but a perennial religious truth is manifest.** *"Undoubtedly, we find in the Gospels generally and in Mark, in particular, the attribution to demonic possession of many conditions that modern medicine would prefer to ascribe to various kinds of psycho-physical pathologies. There is no good reason to suppose that the Galilean towns and villages where Jesus laboured were any*

more prone to cases of true demonic possession than is the case today. The Gospel highlights the demonic, not only because its author attributed many more conditions to that cause than we would, but also out of the desire to portray all Jesus' activity – whether teaching, healing or exorcising – as a life-and-death struggle with the powers opposed to God for the freedom and enhancement of human life" (Brendan Byrne). **As Jesus confronted evil or all that binds, so must his followers.** Besides, compare and contrast the freedom that comes in doing so as opposed to a life of mere drudgery (First Reading). **Drawing on the graced insights of the human sciences and acknowledging that evil can at times be 'in your face' and at other times ever so subtle and insidious (think physical, verbal and psychological violence), where am I being called to freedom and new life in Jesus?** 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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: Enrolments are now open for children in Year 3 (and above) to enroll for First Reconciliation. To enroll your child, please access or download the QKR! App. Tap on 'North Woden Transfiguration' and tap 'Sacraments', fill in the form **by Friday 12 Feb. 2021.** Details available from the Parish Office.

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.

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

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

Seven Week Marriage Enrichment Course via Zoom: The Archdiocese invites married couples to enrich their relationship from the comfort of their own home. The parish will cover the \$70 cost/couple. Inquiries to Steph, steph.ransom@cg.org.au or at <https://mailchi.mp/b4c3fdd09d6a/tmc21>

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

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: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 13-14 February, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Gary Parker	Mark Murphy
Servers			Rose Jaram
Reader	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	Z Seselja
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Juliana Maher	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Nedra Kelaart	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Jenny Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		
Wednesday Liturgy	Leader of Prayer: Brendan Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne & John O'Connor	

