



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 13-14 February, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

#### **WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:**

Monday	9.30am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am Curtin
Wednesday	<b>9.30am Holy Trinity, 12noon Ss Peter &amp; Paul and 6pm Holy Trinity</b>
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:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Jim McMahon, 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

Frank Boyle, Sheila Langtry, 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.

#### **EXCLUSION CAN BE DEADLY**

**Exclusion hurts. In fact, to be put outside the community can be a living death.** The understanding of our ancestors in faith was that 'holiness' included bodily wholeness (First Reading, cf. Lev 21:16-20). Disease and deformity could have devastating consequences for the unfortunate individual. For Mediterranean cultures, more gregarious and tactile people than ourselves, the pain of separation was intense. In our Gospel a leper approaches Jesus in the belief that he can cure him and restore him to community. Jesus is moved with deep compassion and reaches out to him. **Both have broken taboos; the leper for approaching Jesus in faith and Jesus for touching him and thereby risking the pollution of the community.** However, Jesus, in what is known as the divine or theological passive voice, "*Be cured!*" acknowledges God as the one who effects the cure he wills (John J Pilch). Contrary to the cultural understanding "*uncleanness does not flow from the man to Jesus; 'cleanness' flows from Jesus to the man. 'Uncleanness', for Jesus, is not something human beings 'catch' like a contagious disease [but] . . . a moral condition [that] has to do with dispositions - good or evil - of the human heart (cf Mark 7:14-23). True 'cleanness' or holiness is something human beings 'catch' by coming close to God, which is precisely what this man has achieved by having the faith, in his condition, to approach Jesus*" (Brendan Byrne). While scholars think that the man's skin complaint was more likely psoriasis than leprosy, the fact is that it excluded him. **Whatever about that, we still use the designation 'leper' to refer to one ostracised from community.** Racial discrimination creates 'lepers'. Last week Eddie McGuire resigned as

President of the Collingwood Football Club after 22 years service for comments that were seen to be racially insensitive. During the week, the 2020 Mapping Social Cohesion Report found majority support by Australians for multiculturalism was offset by discriminatory attitudes towards people of Iraqi, Sudanese and Chinese-Australian background. Again last week, the Vatican's Academy for Life released a short document entitled "*Old Age: Our Future. The Elderly After the Pandemic*", noting that by 2050 one in every five people in the world will be over the age of 60. The academy "*appealed to every facet of society, including families, health care providers, city administrators and local parishes to be more attentive to and inclusive of older people, reviewing and rebuilding the way they welcome and care for people in their frailty*" (Carol Glatz CNS). **Today's Gospel calls us to draw close to Jesus, acknowledging our divisive attitudes or experience of prejudice (pre-judgement). In him that which divides is reconciled. In him attitudes and actions bespeaking human respect and inclusion for all are nurtured.** Fr John

**SEASON OF LENT commences on Ash Wednesday, 17 Feb. Masses: 9.30am Holy Trinity, 12noon Ss Peter & Paul and 6pm Holy Trinity.** Four 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) Wollongong **'Comfort'** booklet available in the foyer, \$2 donation requested.
- (3) **'Lent'**, copies of the (mauve) pamphlet overview of the Season of Lent prepared by the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission are available in the foyer.
- (4) **Intro to Christian Meditation** St Peter Chanel's Yarralumla meeting room, 7.15pm for 5 successive Tuesdays, commencing 23 Feb. Enquiries Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918 (wccmaustralia.org.au).

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Enrolments are now open for children in Year 3 (and above) for First Reconciliation. To enroll, please access or download the QKR! App. Tap on 'North Woden Transfiguration' and tap 'Sacraments'. **Parent Introductory Night on Tues 16 Feb at 6pm via Zoom.** 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au) or at <https://mailchi.mp/b4c3fdd09d6a/tmc21>

**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:** Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 20-21 February, the First Sunday of Lent (Year B)</b>			
<i>3<sup>rd</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>	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			Ava & Ella Morris
<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer required	Therese Keily-Wynter	Dennis Granlund
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Fairfax	Michael Wilcock	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Kim Hofmeier	Margaret Ryan	
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Volunteer required
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Michael Higgins		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	Leader of Prayer: Lijoy Lukose		Eucharistic Minister: Sarin Sebastian