

#### PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 26-27 June, Thirteenth 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**: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life

through his gospel. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: Fr Brian Maher, Mavis Crouch, Yvonne Cuscheri, Joy Finlayson, Isabel Olivia (Sally) Roberts, Joe Gellatly, Graham English, Michael O'Keefe, Maxine Wilson, Debbie Kensey, Joe Winner, Elizabeth O'Brien, Fr Paul O'Neil (East Maitland), Elizabeth Archer, Mary Quinton, Christine Collins, Eleanor Dorman, Patricia Brill, Maj. Gen. (ret'd) Peter Day, Patrick O'Flaherty, Ivi Ward, Peter Verbeek, Frank Boyle, George Salvestro and victims of COVID.

<u>Anniversaries of Death</u>: Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante, Patrick Keily, Ellen Woods, Gaetano Travia, Marilu Bottaro, Annie Jones, David jones, Barney Crowe, Cecil Wagstaff, John and Maria Nguyen, Angelina De Alemeida, Gerard Shiels, Bernie Carpenter.

# MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Fr Laurie Blake, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID.

## IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH

The COVID pandemic is a world-wide reminder of sickness and death. The latter are a part of the precious gift of life. Sickness sees us debilitated and withdrawn, and death is the ultimate withdrawal. However, as the Readings make clear it was not God's intention that we would suffer and die. Rather, death is seen to be the result of evil contrary to God's will (First Reading and the doctrine of 'Original Sin'). Jesus came to manifest the life-giving fullness of the Father's will. He is no less than the "the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), now and even in death. The woman in the Gospel who had suffered social exclusion for 12 years touches the garment of Jesus in faith and is healed. The daughter of Jairus is raised from the dead at age 12. The number 12 is not coincidental. "Jesus raises the girl so that, now arrived at marriageable age, she may take up her adult life, just as the woman returns to life in the community – including the possibility of marriage – after a 12-year exclusion . . . Of course, for parents who have themselves suffered the loss of a child the Gospel story will be very painful. Fine in the end for Jairus and his daughter. Where was Jesus when our son or daughter died? There is no easy answer. But one can at least point to the fact that God let Jairus's daughter die. Delayed by the woman, Jesus arrived too late on the scene. But his overcoming of physical death in this one case points, in a sacramental sense, to a deeper truth. In and beyond the physical death that he himself tasted to the full, he is the One through whom God remains for all believers the author and giver of eternal life" (Brendan Byrne SJ). On life's journey, the Church celebrates two sacraments of healing: Reconciliation (Confession) and Anointing of the Sick. The latter for when under God's grace we acknowledge our sin and the former for when we are sick, possibly to the point of death. These sacraments manifest the empathy of God, the dignity of the individual and communal support. **Meanwhile, under God's Spirit we gather to be nourished by the Word of God** and the Eucharist, word of life and food for the journey. So nurtured, we are to be a sign and instrument of life, of life lived to the full (Jn 10:10).

Fr John

**ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER,** 'Breathe In – Breathe Out' is available in the foyer and in the latest Catholic Voice which is also in the foyer.

PARISH ISSUES: Thank you to all parishioners who last weekend took copies of the papers addressing interrelated issues about the future of our parish. Thanks to all who have or will today attend a parish meeting to address the same. Copies of the forms are still available in the foyer. Thanks too to those who have returned their preferred option re St Peter and Paul Church, Garran (yellow form) to one of the foyer boxes. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Council (PFC) will be considering the matters further at a combined meeting this Thursday. Again, thanks also to all who have and those who will continue to support the parish financially, be it via preferred electronic means (see foyer form if you want to so contribute or to change your current contribution), envelopes ('21-'22 envelopes are in the foyer), tap 'n go or cash. In determining your contribution, please remember that as of COVID, all monies received are allocated 70% to Planned Giving and 30% to support of archdiocesan clergy. Does your current contribution reflect the combined total of what you previously contributed to the two collections? Please note that as of the new financial year Canberra parishes will no longer be contributing to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund. Therefore, the tax deductibility of approx. 6% on one's planned giving contribution will end after 30 June. Tax deductibility will continue with the annual Father's Day appeal for the support of sick and retired clergy. Your generosity helps to further the reign of God. The PFC will be preparing a 2020- 2021 financial year report for distribution in July.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for financial year 2021-2022 are available in the foyer. Please do <u>not</u> use old envelopes as some numbers have changed and donated amount may not be recorded correctly if old envelopes are used.

**SPEAKERS:** John Anderson AO, will address *Ethics & Political Life* at the Inaugural Tim Fischer Oration 6.30pm, 26 August, Great Hall, Parliament House. Tickets: www.tfo.org.au.

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** have two spots available for volunteers. Required only every second month after the 9.30am Mass. Training provided if needed. Come and join the fun!! Please text Michelle on 0423 692 543 if you can assist.

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**: During all Masses next weekend, 3-4 July, at the commencement of NAIDOC Week, 4 – 11 July, we will present and at the 9.30am Mass bless a plaque prepared by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (<u>www.natsicc.org.au</u>). The plaque will be later placed in the church foyer.

**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE** invite you to inaugural St Mary Magdalene Dinner, 6.30pm, Friday 16 July, Southern Cross Club, Phillip. Guest speaker Sr Margaret Beirne RSC, scripture scholar and lecturer. Cost \$65 per head. Enquiries: Beth 0432 608 310. Bookings at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mary-magdalene-dinner-16-july-2021-tickets-153913775245">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mary-magdalene-dinner-16-july-2021-tickets-153913775245</a>

**PARISH MEDITATION GROUP** meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, <u>mulvaney@netspeed.com.au</u> or 0437 876 487. **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday**: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 3-4 July, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)								
1st Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm		Curtin Sun. 9.30 am		Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm			
Acolyte	Long Nguyen		Stafferd Fernandez		Mark Murphy			
Servers					William and Samuel Cains			
Reader	Tony Butler		Claire Frazer		Greg Nash			
Commentator	Alex Eyers		Volunteer required					
Welcomer	Margaret Wilson		Maureen Jeffrey					
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan Mary Gellatly		Volunteer required		Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher			
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Helen Crain-Welsby		Fred Ward: Julia Carter		Homes: J & B Ryan			
Collectors	J David		Volunteer required		G Anderson, G Freebody, P			
					Hughes			
<b>Collection Counters</b>	5 July	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell						
Wednesday Liturgy	30 June	Leader of Prayer: John O'Connor Eucharistic		Eucharistic N	linister: Marianne O'Connor			