



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 11-12 December 2021, Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

#### **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:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Valma Dowse, Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle), David Coffey, Kevin McKay, Maureen Daly, Maureen Maguire, Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, George Harris, Bert Newton, Catherine Lloyd, Clem Helmers, Agostino Luongo, Maureen Connelly, June Slater, Denzil Gomez, Wilfredo Riosa (father of Fr Anthony, Assistant Priest Gungahlin), Helen Douglass, Heinz Ritzberger, Maureen Sheehan, Joshua Dryden, David Vickers, Fred and Trish Jones, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Bill McKinnon, Trudy Dinn, Johan Holtzapffel, Christopher Perkins, Joe Caruanna and family members, Busuttil and Formosa family members, Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning, Judith Whittaker, Teresa Couacaud, Lewis Mesaros, Margaret Frawley, Fr Phil Buckley, John Nguyen, John Bowen Smith, Oreste Trinca, Theresa Clarke, Jerome Woods, Melanie Swan, Jack and Pat Ryan, Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin.

#### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

Kaungyun Lee, Carolyn Wightman, Chris Begley, Greg Geering, Sonja, Oscar and Maggie Hammond, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jim Molan, Ely Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle and those afflicted with COVID.

#### **ONE GRAIN – ONE OCEAN**

**Australians pride themselves on being 'doers'. Get on with it! John the Baptist was a doer.** He called folk to renewal as he baptised them in the Jordan. He was a 'straight shooter'. **In today's Gospel John tells different groups what to do if they were fair dinkum about renewal. He called them to 'walk the talk'. But why? Because the self-sufficient will not be open to the imminent coming of the Messiah.** The religious authorities dismissed John and the political authorities did away with him. In time, the same groups conspired to do away with Jesus. **The self-absorbed continue to undermine human flourishing. Others speak and act for it.** On Thursday I attended a talk by former ABC and now Nine political commentator **Chris Uhlmann, "Australia's Identity Crisis"**, part of the ACU's **'Ethos'** initiative addressing public ethics. Uhlmann drew on his professional, personal and seminary experience to affirm the Judeo-Christian basis of our liberal democracy and cautioned about increasing threats to it. He acknowledged the failures of the Church and of our political system to live up to ideals founded in religious aspiration. Nonetheless, he argued cogently for a resolute defence of that which ensures our common good in a robust yet respectful diversity. In a consistent vein, **Fr Peter Day** on Tuesday night in our Parish Centre called us to share **the loving gaze of Jesus**. He spoke of how we have

outsourced so much of what is foundational to the Gospel, thereby removing the interpersonal engagement. Peter lives in the 'HOME' in Queanbeyan with marginalized folk who, like all of us, seek a place to lay their head with dignity and respect. **Mutual respect founded in our being created in the image of the divine is foundational to our personal and communal well-being.** The alternative is a bleak march to nothingness. We cannot change the world but we can impact our part of it. On Monday, Fr Peter's article, '**Simplicity, Contemplation, Service**' was published in the online Catholic news service, "**La Croix International**". Copies are available in the foyer. In part Peter said, "*In the pondering the life of that "holy fool astride the donkey", I continue to be intrigued by his itinerant nature, by the fact that he spent the vast bulk of his time in small, unassuming locales amongst 'small', unassuming peoples. To walk in emptiness with blind trust is the way of contemplation, the Way of Christ. But do I have the faith and the courage to be "unseen" . . . to dissolve into the Divine marinade as if a tiny grain of sand . . .? This being "unseen", . . . should not be mistaken for timid diffidence, or a sweet humility. After all, while each grain of sand is seemingly insignificant and dispensable, it is – in communion with all the other grains of sand – also the beach; also the ocean floor!*" Fr John

**WE PRAY FOR Thomas Irvine and Phoebe Sheehan** who will gather with their families to celebrate their First Eucharist.

**PARISH GATHERING:** will be held this Sat 11 Dec. after 6pm Vigil Mass and after Sunday 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre. All who identify with the Parish and in particular those who have assisted with any ministry over the past year are invited. Come along for a chat, a drink and some Christmas cake.

**COMMUNION TO ST ANDREWS AND FRED WARD** will resume this weekend. Ministers must sign in on arrival and produce proof of being double vaxed and having had a flu vaccination.

**GLOBAL GIFTS:** Caritas Australia is inviting you to consider the purchase of a gift card for the furthering of education, health or water needs of the poor and marginalized. See the foyer material or order online at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au).

**LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM** offers concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of 'integral ecology' as described in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical. See: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/> and <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>.

<i>Christmas Mass Times:</i>	
<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>
6pm Holy Trinity School Grounds, Curtin	8am Holy Trinity Church, Curtin
9pm Holy Trinity Church, Curtin	10am Holy Trinity Church, Curtin

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Cash donations can be made through the poor box or by envelope available in the Church foyer. Food suitable for hampers also welcome (please place under the right-side overhead screen).

**2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** If you would like contribute to the consultation, please collect a guide and attached questions from the foyer, submitting your response online.

**PLANNED GIVING:** Credit card planned givers please note that December deductions will be made on Tues., 21 Dec.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL,** St Brigid's Church, Dickson, 8pm Fri. 31 Dec., commencing with Rosary and concluding with Benediction and Midnight Mass. Info. 6254 6202

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487 or [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** 18-19/12, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Year C; **Micah** 5:1-4, **Heb** 10:5-10, **Lk** 1:39-44.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dan McKay	Anthony De Salis	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			Ava & Ella Morris
<b>Reader</b>	Emma Fairfax	Marie Docherty	Anne Maher
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Anne Perera, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: John Evers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: J and B Ryan ( <i>Ringin ahead to check.</i> )
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
<b>Collection Counters</b>	20 Dec. Michael Higgins		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	15 Dec. Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose	Eucharistic Ministers: Deepthi Mathew	