



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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11-12 September, Twenty-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

All archdiocesan churches and parish offices are closed due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Messages can be left on 6281 3999 or wodennorth@cg.org.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Alexander Arnel, Leo Morrisey, Val Haynes, Yuong Van Thuy, Chamindra Pieris, Don Everly, Charlie Watts, victims of the Haiti earthquake, John Ryan, David Jordan, Sr Marie Graham rsj, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Ron McLennan, Elaine O'Brien, Cathryn Paton, Mitchel Bush, John McNamee, Michael Baker, Fr Francisco Algas Jr, Kathleen Masters, Stephan Evans, Marie Hickey, Therese Tuite, John Cusack and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin, Cecil McGaughan, Anne Perkins, Damien McMahon, Benjamin Jesus Ortile, Esperanza Gementera, Rosie Ortile, Peter Hackwill, Terry & June Freebody, T P Cheng, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Pauline McLennan, Kathy Hailey, Carmen Woods, Catherine Lloyd, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, those afflicted with COVID.

LOCKDOWN: During lockdown Holy Trinity Church will be closed and the regular weekday and Sunday Masses will not be celebrated. Further details are noted on the church doors. **OUR TWO PARISH SCHOOLS** will remain open for those unable to provide care for their children. Students at home and those presenting at school will be engaged with the remote learning model.

LIVE STREAM MASS: St. Christopher's Cathedral: Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am, <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>.

A LIVING FAITH

On leaving St Christopher's after a funeral, an old gentleman said that he could not believe it. "Believe what?" I asked. "Believe that I had worked with John for eighteen years and never once heard him mention that he had been a Lancaster pilot for over thirty missions with Bomber Command!" There is so much that we do not know about one another. After nearly three years with his followers, Jesus asks them, "Who do people say I am?" Then, very personally, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ [or the long-awaited Messiah]." However,

Peter is admonished for his misunderstanding of the fate of the Messiah who will suffer and die. For Peter to suggest otherwise (“to remonstrate with him”) is “to play Satan’s game, namely to frustrate God’s gift of life to the world through the cross of Jesus. It will be by taking the road to death that Jesus will become the instrument of life” (Brendan Byrne). **We answer who Jesus is for us by the lives we lead (Second Reading). We seek the assistance of the Holy Spirit in doing so. We call this ‘discernment’ (see attached dot points of Fr Richard Leonard SJ).** Communal discernment is just that, ‘communal’. Such discernment has occurred in the lead-up to the Plenary Council. It will underpin the recommendations arising from the meetings of the Plenary Council. Pope Francis refers to this ancient process as ‘synodality’ or ‘walking together’. Indeed, the 2023 Synod or gathering of representatives of the 1.2 billion Catholics is on ‘Synodality’. We are all in this as the attached recent talk of Archbishop Christopher on Synodality makes clear. **Communal discernment is to listen for the movement of the Spirit in community. It is not a numbers game (the parliamentary model) but a respectful dialogue in which the contributions of all lead to an outcome which all can live with gracefully, as Archbishop Francis Carroll insisted at our 1989 Archdiocesan Synod.**

Pope Francis has referred to our times not as a changing era but a change of era. What was off the table previously needs reconsideration for many. How do you address issues of governance and ordained ministry when the cultural norm is about the equality of men and women while the Church insists on their difference and complementarity? How do you speak into the current age with an act-centred morality when a relationship appropriate paradigm is normative? How can you listen to others if you insist on a ‘sacred-secular’ divide rather than a faith and reason perspective which affirms a consistent ethic of life founded in an ‘integral ecology’ of respect for oneself, others and creation in which God’s Spirit is present and active? Conversely, can you “live life to the full” (Jn 10:10) and not identify with and contribute to the common good? Do not our joys and sorrows call for a ritual engagement with the transcendent manifest in the immanent? **To see and act with awareness of the Word having become flesh, of the world being “charged with the grandeur of God” (Gerard Manly Hopkins), all is transformed. “You cannot help be but both happy and holy. . . all who look at the world with respect, even if they are not formally religious, are en Cristo, or in Christ. For them as Thomas Merton says, “the gate of heaven is everywhere” because of their freedom to respect what is right in front of them. . . When Jesus spoke the words “This is my Body,” I believe he was speaking not just about the bread right in front of him, but about the whole universe, about everything that is physical, material yet also spirit-filled” (Richard Rohr). Communal discernment in the name of Church is inclusive or it is not true to the purpose of religion, as ‘re-ligio’, literally means ‘to re-ligament’ or ‘to reconnect’. To take up our cross might well be to look a second time or to re-spect, and then, true to our living tradition and the call of the Spirit to step out in faith and courage. “Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living” (Jaorslav Pelikan)**

Fr John

World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sun 26 September. At 12.30pm this Wed. 15 Sep, Vinnies is holding a webinar, ‘Migrant Refugee Sunday and our response to the Afghan Crisis’. Webinar will explore how we can pray and act for Afghans. [To attend, please click here.](#)

Volunteer for 6 – 12 months from Jan 2022 to work with young people in Australian Salesian communities of Don Bosco. When safe to do so, the Salesians will also recommence sending volunteers to Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. **Applications close October 30th, 2021.** Enquire today: www.cagliero.org.au.

Haiti Emergency Aid: ‘Aid to the Church in Need’ (ACN) International has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and approved an emergency aid package of \$800,000 AUD. ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Donate at www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

‘Supporting Couples’ free online gathering, 10am, Sat., 18 September. Stimulating talks from a range of speakers. For more info go to www.teamsocania.com.au or contact Tim, 0437 013 328. Register at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=43655>

‘Parenting Children’ ten weeks Zoom course from Broken Bay Diocese, commencing 7.30 - 8:30pm, Tues 21 September. For parents seeking connection and support during lockdown. Fun and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent. Contact Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au or register at bit.ly/101_Parents

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meets weekly. Contact Vikki: mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 18-19 September 2021, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B); Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.