



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**12-13 February 2022, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 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:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. 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:** Fr Laurie Blake, Johnny Raper, John Levitski, Connie Poe, Peter Daroczy, Glenn Wheatley, Laurie Halloran, Sr Janet Mead RSM, John Verrell (father of Fr Luke, PP Bega), Luigi Lazzarato, Paddy Reardon, Kaungyun Lee, Chris Begley, Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Jean and Max Murray, Peter Bao-Huu Huynh, Heather Brewer, John Kibbey, Guiseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, flood victims of Indonesia and the Philippines, Adrian Roberts, Tony Spinks, James (Jim) McErlean, Ian Collis, Margaret Maher, Peter Mulholland, Victims of Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, Stan O'Donnell, Mitchell Power, Brian Brown, Martin Spillane, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Sylvia Cronin, Khanh Nguyen, Bich Nguyen, Maria Italiano, Kevin Wilson, Noel Lane, Eileen Cooper, Bill McKinnon, Peter Phillips, Barney Crowe, David and Annie Jones, Joanne Binutti, Dave Power, Trudy Dinn, Johan Holtzapffel, Christopher Perkins, Joe Caruanna and family members, Busuttill and Formosa family members, Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning, and victims of COVID.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Carol Wightman, Peter Cox, Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Emily Capper, John Barry, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, 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 and those afflicted with COVID.

### TO WALK IN TRUST LONG TERM

**Luke's account of the Beatitudes notes both blessings and woes.** Those who are now poor and trust in God will be vindicated. In that sense, they are called 'blessed' though their current circumstance is far from it. On the other hand, those who are rich and self-sufficient will be the ultimate losers. *"He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are relativised and indeed reversed in view of a particular vision of God"* (Brendan Byrne). **Pope Francis has insisted that we should not just reach out to the poor and vulnerable but have them as honoured guests at the table.** The vulnerable are those who know either material and, or spiritual destitution. In their need they provide scope *"for the generosity of God"* His disciples are to be *"instruments of hope and healing for this troubled wider group"* (Brendan Byrne). **I am reminded of three Beatitudes priests. Fr Laurie Blake died last Wednesday.** Laurie was a proud Goulburn boy who served as Parish Priest there and in South Woden and had been chaplain to Goulburn Goal and the Kenmore Psychiatric Hospital. He enjoyed his smokes, cryptic crosswords and a whisky. As Assistant Priest I spent nearly three memorable years with Laurie in Goulburn and was impressed by his down-to-earth approach and love for the

Church. **Bishop Pat Power turned 80 on Friday.** Born in Cooma and raised in Queanbeyan, Pat has a pastoral heart for all folk, especially those doing it tough. I met him while at St Edmund's where he was Chaplain. Pat is a self-effacing, sincere man of considerable talent but no guile. His major shortcoming and cause for shared banter is his support for South Sydney. **Archbishop Frank Carroll came off the land at Ganmain in the Wagga Wagga Diocese. For 23 years he was our Archbishop (1983 - 2006).** He had two terms as President of the Australian Bishops Conference and was to the fore in pushing for equity for Catholic schools. I spent 7 years with Frank working at the Archbishop's House as Director of the Marriage Tribunal. Frank follows the Aussie Rules and has family connections who played at the highest level. A reserved man of keen observation, deep spirituality and particular outreach to the down and out, he is perhaps most remembered for his push for '*communal discernment*' via our Archdiocesan Synods (1989 and 2004). Ahead of his time, Frank's wise counsel would be most helpful with respect to the Plenary Council and the coming Synod on 'Synodality'. **As we often hear nowadays, "You cannot be what you cannot see". I invite you to give thanks for those who have lived the Beatitudes for you. In turn, I also invite you to buy into the 2022 theme of our parish schools, "Be the Light"; that is, to be people of trust for the long haul.**

Fr John

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Abigail Wawn, Anna Scanlan and Lilia Wilson who this weekend celebrate their **First Holy Communion.**

**LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD:** Come to the Parish Centre after today's 9.30am Mass for a cuppa and consideration of the Liturgical Committee's proposal for a 9.30am Sunday Mass at Ss Peter and Paul and social gathering afterwards (date to be decided). The hope is to give thanks for blessings from the Mass at Garran, to acknowledge the grief for some in its transfer to Holy Trinity and to look to the future with renewed purpose. **If unable to attend the meeting, you are welcome to drop a written comment to the Parish Office.**

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** You have until 27 Feb to take up the invitation of Pope Francis to make a submission to the local consultation for the international Synod on 'Synodality'. Go to <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**HOLY TRINITY SHOW 'N SHINE:** On Sunday, 3 April from 10am-3pm the carpark and in front of the church will be given over to this event, conducted under the auspices of the 'Canberra Street Machine Association'. Over fifty vehicles of mainly Ford, GMH and Chrysler lineage (the 'Big Three') will be on display. **The 9.30am Mass that day will be rescheduled to an 8.30am start.** Come along to an enjoyable day and help support the ongoing St Vincent de Paul South Coast Bushfire Relief effort.

**PART-TIME POSITION SOUTH WODEN PARISH OFFICE, PEARCE:** 12 months contract for 2 days per week during school term involving office and sacramental programmes admin. Contact Melanie Kerr [wodensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:wodensouth@cg.org.au) for a duty statement. Applications close Fri 25 Feb.

**'CARING FOR CREATION'** is the name of an archdiocesan group initiated by Archbishop Christopher in 2021. Copies of the group's newsletter are in the foyer. To receive info about future initiatives, contact [LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com) The Caring for Creation website is <https://www.care4creation.org/archdiocese-caring-for-creation>

**ACCOMMODATION sought for post-grad ANU student.** Call Parish Office or 0407 873 890.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays via Zoom. 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:** 19-20/2, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; 1 Sam 26;2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</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>	Margaret Ryan	Thérèse Keily-Wynter	Dennis Granlund
<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: <i>No visits at this time</i>	Fred Ward: <i>No visits at this time</i>	Homes: <i>No visits at this time</i>
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<i>21 Feb.</i> M Higgins		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>16 Feb.</i> Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose		Eucharistic Minister: Deepthi Mathew