



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 12-13 March 2022, Second Sunday of Lent, 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:** Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Victims of war in Ukraine, Flood victims in Qld and NSW, Shane Warne, Rod Marsh, Steve Nadjicki, Betty McArdle, Geoff Hill, Ada Falez, Fr Henry Byrne, Damien Biddle, Thomas Crichton, Ian McDonald, Alex Fulop, 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, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher, Richard Pugh, Patrick Kelly, Richard Raymond Spargo, Nell Smith, Jack Perry, 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 and victims of COVID.

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

Mark Williams, Graham Anderson, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, 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 and those afflicted with COVID.

#### **TO CHERISH AND TO REMEMBER**

Today's Gospel is Luke's account of the Transfiguration. However, today is not the Feast of the Transfiguration nor our parish feast. We will celebrate that on 6 August. Scholars are agreed as to the intent of the Transfiguration but differ as to just what happened. It has been suggested that our Western deference to science and its many benefits has undermined our "capacity for mystical experiences and other experiences of alternate reality that hold an honoured place in Christian tradition and piety" (John J Pilch). Just as we all have had such experiences with a favourite piece of music, a painting, a family celebration, a sporting event, a time of deep intimacy with a friend or in nature, so too the Transfiguration was an intense experience beyond what those present could control. Sensing the company of Moses and Elijah and reflective of the contemporary understanding that their return ushers in the liberation of Israel, Peter concludes that Jesus will usher in the Messianic age and so exclaims, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here" (9:33). But wait, there is more! "The whole experience moves to a new degree of intensity as a cloud signals divine presence and the voice of God pronounces the true status of Jesus. He is not merely Messiah. He is "my Son, the Beloved", a rank far outstripping that of Moses or Elijah. The divine voice goes on to add, "Listen to him". Listen, that is, to what he has been saying about the direction his ministry will now take and the suffering it will involve" (Brendan

Byrne). Yet the disciples, like us, have short memories. They get caught up in the present and lack perspective. They will abandon Jesus, and in Peter's case deny ever knowing him. With images and news of war and the impact of floods, whatever about our personal circumstances, we too can forget that God is with us; all of us and always. Lent is a graced time to renew our awareness "that divinity is disclosed in humanity; we live the truth that it is the ordinary pregnant with the extraordinary; . . . that it is to the earthen vessels of our own limitations that is given a treasure more precious than gold" (David Ranson). Or as Pope Francis would have it: "We are called to be contemplatives in action".

Fr John

- **PROJECT COMPASSION:** This year's theme is '*For All Future Generations*'. Each household is invited to take home either a Project Compassion box or envelopes from the foyer.
- **VIRTUAL LENTEN OFFERINGS:** (1) Garrett Publishing continues to offer exploration of the readings for the week by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union College. When: Tuesdays – March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12; Time: 7-8pm. Details: Online registration for Zoom presentation is essential: <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lenten-series/> (2) Fr Michael Elligate, author of *Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent*, Wed March 16, 5pm-5.30pm, Via Zoom meeting. Free. Register at: <https://garrattpublishing.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1f40de2f365c592f61392a808&id=67cc4319f8&e=e18ed5da01>
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Besides the **Regional Second Rite** of Reconciliation, 7pm, Tues 5 April, **extra First Rite times** during Lent (besides the usual Sat 5-5.30pm) are Mon 7, Fri 18, Wed 28 March and Wed 13 April, 6 - 6.30pm.
- **CUPPA FOLLOWED BY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Following the Friday 9.30am Lenten Masses in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**LISMORE DIOCESE FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL:** In response Lismore Bishop Greg Homeming's Appeal, next weekend you can contribute cash to a retiring collection. Thank you in anticipation.

**CHRISM MASS:** Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 11 April at 5pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is at this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO AGED CARE HOMES AND HOUSEBOUND** resumed last weekend. **There is a particular need for assistance with Communion to the housebound.** If you could assist contact the Parish Office.

**'LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD':** The 9.30am Mass on Sunday 22 May will be celebrated at Ss Peter and Paul's, Garran. We will be giving thanks to God for the blessings arising from when the Mass was regularly celebrated there, acknowledging the grief for some in moving away and looking forward as the Transfiguration Parish, North Woden. Afterwards in the school hall there will be refreshments and a rolling photo display of memorabilia. Claim the date and come along to this parish gathering.

**WORKSHOP TO INTRODUCE TO THE 'DIVINE MERCY' DEVOTION:** Saturday, 26 March, 9:50am - 3:30pm at the Parish Centre. Coffee/Tea provided - please bring lunch. Register on the foyer table. For more info, contact Nancy 0404881811

**HOLY TRINITY SHOW 'N SHINE** Sunday, 3 April, 10am-3pm in the carpark and in front of the church under the auspices of the 'Canberra Street Machine Association'. **The 9.30am Mass that day will be rescheduled to an 8.30am start.** Check out the cars and help support the ongoing St Vincent de Paul South Coast Bushfire Relief effort. **If you could assist on the day, contact Fr John or the parish office.**

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** 19-20/3, Third Sunday of Lent, Year C; Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Marie Docherty	Anne Maher
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Marie O'Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
Collection Counters	21 Mar. Michael Higgins		
Wednesday Liturgy	16 Mar. Prayer Leaders: Sr Angela Jordan and Sr Francis Fitzpatrick		Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin