



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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13-14 August 2022, Twentieth 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 (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Paul Green, Marie Hargreaves, Clare Wilson, Grace Njoku, Felipe Nunag Sr and Lorna Nunag, Johnny Famechon, Jock Campbell, Shinzo Abe, Joseph Nagle, Judith Newton, Paul Mansfield, Dana Rimanic, Phil Adam, Jim Perkins, Graham Anderson, Grace Njoku, Kevin Gascoigne, Carmel Govaars, Regina Lewis, Victims of Chicago shooting, Robyn Murphy, Bruce Lotton, Frs Javier Campos SJ, Fr Joaquin Mora SJ, Afghanistan earthquake victims, Walter Schweiger, Margaret Perry, Paul Brown, John Barry, Norma Crosbie, Paolo Duangbuth, Vince Basilisco, Fr Eric Hodgens, victims of US shootings, Valerie Gruzauskas, Andrew Symonds, June Slocum, Peter McLeod, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Tony O'Donnell, Marie Pugh, Jim Woods, Mary Carmody, Vincent Huang, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Pam Dewhurst, Marjory Swan, June and Terry Freebody, Anne Perkins, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Gabriel Anne, Benjamin Jesus, Esperanza Gementera, Milena Ceccarelli, Ahern family members, Barney Crowe, Kathleen Majer, Brian Lacey, Sr Mary Agnes, Sr Tharsi, Rosie Ortile, Vincent Marim, Trudy Dinn, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, John Frawley, Keith McLaughlin, Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Kieran O'Connor, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Noel Egan, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, John O'Connor, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, Bill Byrne, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

NOT AN EASY PEACE

"Peace for our time" declared British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in 1938. A year later Nazi aggression shattered that claim with the outbreak of the Second World War. The background to our First Reading is that the prophet Jeremiah in around 588BC called for appeasement of the Babylonians. King Zedekiah's advisers urged aggression. Jeremiah was dismissed. Opposition saw the Babylonians destroy Jerusalem and take the people into exile (588BC). You might conclude, damned if you do and damned if you don't! **This brings us to a consideration of the Gospel where Jesus claims to have brought division, not peace. In fact, he was not about a compromised easy peace. Rather the peace he sought to bring was the fruit of a conversion of heart.** *"Jesus' message does not leave the depths of human beings untouched. Probing beneath a superficial pleasantness and acceptance, it brings deep-seated prejudice, narrowness, and selfishness to the surface, where such negative qualities can be confronted and healed. But many resist challenge and healing at this level"* (Brendan Byrne). **Increasing hostility to Jesus' words will**

culminate in Jerusalem. It is only after undergoing his “baptism”, that is, of being overwhelmed by his death, and then rising, that he can overcome the hostility to God’s love that lurks in the human heart. In that sense he saves us from ourselves and we rightly call him Saviour. He will send the Spirit (cf. “fire” at Pentecost) to continue to transform hearts and minds, the fruit of which is a peace the world cannot give (John 14:27). **His message of transformation in divine love still provokes hostility. Resistance is founded in the inflated claims of ego and pride.** The Gospel concludes with the sobering realisation that families, the best nurturing ground of religious beliefs and values, “*can often hold people in prejudices and captivities resistant to the gospel and the following of Jesus. “Peace” is the fruit of conversion” (ibid).* Fr John

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION (a holy day of obligation): There will be three parish Masses - 9.30am at Holy Trinity, 12 noon at Ss Peter & Paul School Hall and 5.30pm at Holy Trinity.

CONCERNED CATHOLICS CANBERRA AND GOULBURN POST PLENARY COUNCIL DISCUSSION: You would be most welcome to come along to the 7.30pm, Wed, 17 August gathering in the Parish Centre. Speakers will include Plenary Council members resident in the Archdiocese, Francis Sullivan, John Warhurst, Rev Gavin Keating, Sally Fitzgerald and Fr John, and expert adviser to the Council, Sr Clare Condon.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER: To raise money for an Afghan family in Pakistan awaiting a visa to Australia, 7pm, 24 August, Parish Centre. \$30 for a selection of Middle Eastern delights, plus juice and tea and coffee. RSVP by Monday 22 August to Robyn at onebigmother8@gmail.com, where bank account details will be provided.

INFORMAL LIFE CHAT NO. 3: “*What am I to do about it?*” building on the second gathering which considered “*What does the Church have to offer?*” will be from 6 – 7pm, Mon 29 August in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome. Preparatory reading material is in the foyer.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST EUCHARIST: students are currently preparing for celebration at either the 6pm, Sat 17 Sept Mass or the 9.30am Sun 18 Sept Mass. Inquiries to the Parish Office. Please keep them in your prayers.

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNION TO THE AGED AND HOUSEBOUND: If you could assist in this most valued ministry, please contact the parish office.

PARISH FINANCES: Thanks again for your ongoing support. Forms for new or amended electronic contributions are in the foyer. Also, in the foyer are two-sided summary sheets of parish finances and a new ‘Tap N Go’ machine with four amount options. You can tap or insert your card after selecting the amount.

MARYMEAD CARD AND GAMES DAY: Mon. 15 Aug., Royal Canberra Golf Club. \$50pp, lunch with a glass of wine, tea and coffee and petit fours. Tables of 4 and start time 10am. RSVP <https://www.marymead.org.au/card-games-day/>

TIM FISCHER ORATION: The delayed presentation (due to the pandemic) by John Anderson AO, “*Ethics in Public and Political Life*”, will be 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday, 18 August, Great Hall, Parliament House. Cost \$30. Purchase tickets at www.tfo.org.au. Info: Jeanine.alberto@cg.org.au

MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 20-21/8, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Margaret Ryan	Therese Keily-Wynter	Dennis Granlund
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Anne Perera, 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	22 Aug. Michael Higgins		
Wednesday Liturgy	17 Aug. Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose	Eucharistic Minister: Deepthi Mathew	