



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**15-16 January 2022, Second 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 Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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

**Recently Deceased:** 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, Dagmar Shepherd, Victims of Tasmanian school tragedy, Victims of US tornadoes, Victims of Haiti petrol tanker explosion, Sr. M Anne Guthrie RSJ, Valma Dowse, Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle), David Coffey, Kevin McKay, Maureen Daly, Maureen Maguire, Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** 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**

Emily Capper, John Barry, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, 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 and those afflicted with COVID.

### **THE SIGN OF NEW WINE**

**Weddings are happy times.** At the wedding in Cana, most of the guests would have been related. Were Jesus and Mary related to the bride or to the groom? The lofty, beautiful Prologue of John's Gospel - *"In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God . . ."* – contrasts with a wedding scene of food, drink and laughter. The truth revealed at the Cana wedding was a 'sign'. **The 'signs' of John's Gospel point to the glory of God, understood previously as all-powerful and removed, now being present amongst us in the person of Jesus.** Why did Mary prompt Jesus to act? To save the family from embarrassment? Probably. Why did Jesus initially



rebuff his mother? Perhaps he wished to assert his independence? Perhaps he did not want to presume to interfere? Did the compassion underpinning his ministry come to the fore? Whatever, we see here an interplay between cultural and personal sensibilities in which Jesus defers to his mother's request and the 'best wine' results! Culturally, one must bear in mind that it was the bridegroom's role to provide the wine. **With reference to our First Reading from Isaiah, we see Jesus fulfilling the role of bridegroom of Israel: "as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you." (62:5)** A happy wedding and great wine are but signs or a

**foretaste of new life in Christ.** Indeed, the deepest intimacies of sacramental marriage are but a foretaste of the fullness of relationship we all seek. As good as any relationship might be, it is but a sign calling to a deeper and lasting union in Christ. **If we could see all our blessings in the light of our relationship with Christ, we would keep perspective and know a peace the world cannot give. As with the new wine, all is gift. To be received in faith and gratitude. Cheers!** Fr John

**UPDATED ARCHDIOCESAN COVID PROTOCOLS:** Face masks must be worn by the congregation at all times; Reception of Holy Communion is only in the hand; Music is encouraged but singing is only permitted by a stand-alone choir, not the congregation.

**WE PRAY FOR** Jessica Gulan and Olivia Fenotti who gather with their family to celebrate their First Eucharist.

**ST JOSEPH VAZ**, the 'Apostle of Ceylon', was born in Doha India in 1651. Despite the opposition of Dutch colonial rule, he ministered to secret Catholic communities and worked tirelessly for all during a smallpox epidemic. He died in 1711 and was Canonised by Pope Francis as the first saint of Sri Lanka in 2015. His feast day is today, 16 January.

**TRANSFIGURATION NEWSLETTER:** Latest edition, now in a bigger and brighter A3 format, is available in the foyer.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 22-26 June 2022:** The next triennial World Meeting of Families will be celebrated in Rome and concurrently in every diocese at the invitation of Pope Francis. The theme is "*Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness*". For more info re planned gatherings in the Canberra, Eastern and Western Deaneries, contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) M: 0429 192 869.

**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>.

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

**GOLD BANGLE** found outside the Church. Contact the Parish Office.

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** 22-23/1, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; **Neh** 8:2-6, 8-10, **1 Cor** 12:12-30, **Luke** 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>4<sup>th</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>	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Volunteer required
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eyers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
<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	Volunteer required
<b>Collection Counters</b>	24 Jan. Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	19 Jan. Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan & Sr Francis Fitzpatrick	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin	