



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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15-16 October 2022, Twenty-Ninth 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: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Claire Sankey, Susanna Kopysiewicz, Doug Fitzpatrick, David Smyth, Charles Rennie, Margaret McDonald, Pauline Kinnane, Anne Taylor, Mary Taylor, Patricia Jack, Felicisima Villafuerte, Erlinda Dulay, Gary Lee, Sr Roberta Robinson RSM, Colleen McPhillips, Moira Sheehan, Buxton teenagers, Queen Elizabeth II, Marc Kelaart, Imelda Gildea, Allan Hawke, David Campbell, Mikhal Gorbachev, Robert Tiffen, Pakistan flood victims, Cecil Pearson, Kieran O'Connor, Kay Pyket, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez, Josh McKinnon, Vincent Huang, Nicostrato Dulay, Melanie Swan, Frank and Gerry Smith, Pat and Jack Ryan, Paul Murphy, Alan Jones, Leo Morrissey, Barney Crowe, Winifred Mona Spargo, Charlie Morella, Maurice Cronin, John Maher, Tony O'Donnell, Marie Pugh, Jim Woods, Mary Carmody, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Pam Dewhurst, Marjory Swan, June and Terry Freebody, and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Sharon Woods, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, 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.

BEING PRESENT IN ABSENCE

Prayer has been spoken of raising one's heart and mind to God. We are encouraged to pray as we can, not as we think we must. Whatever our style of prayer, today's readings speak of the need for persistence. *"Faith in God, displayed in prayer that is both trusting and calm as well as constant and persistent, is the right attitude for the present time – at a time of waiting and hope, rather than possession of the Kingdom"* (Brendan Byrne). Karl Rahner, arguably the greatest theologian of the twentieth century, said *"In the days ahead, you will either be a mystic (one who has experienced God for real) or nothing at all"*. He also said, *"When a man or woman is with God in awe and love, then they are praying"*. St Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582) lived during the flowering of the Protestant Reformation. She brought life to Christianity not through argument and debate, but rather emphasises on *"quiet, contemplation and teaching based on a personal relationship with the God: 'I shall speak of nothing of which I have no experience . . . or which the Lord has not taught me in prayer.'* Teresa had a homely sense of humour: she wrote the *'Way of Perfection'* knowing that none of us is perfect. We can only be the best friends of God we can" (Michael McGirr). Teresa's close friend St John of the Cross (1542 – 1591) experienced 'a

dark night of the soul'. He claimed that we experience God in nothingness. *"It was a bleak experience of the absence of God in which God is somehow painfully present"* (McGirr). **Perhaps a certain absence of God both within ourselves and our community is bespeaking the presence of God in ways that we are yet to articulate and to embody?** Perhaps the Spirit is calling us to reorientate in our deserts? A dark night will always reveal a new day. *O Christ, our Morning Star, Splendour of Light Eternal, shining with the glory of the rainbow, come and waken us from the greyness of our apathy, and renew in us the gift of hope. Amen (St Bede the Venerable).*

Fr John

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): If you or someone you know would be interested in possibly journeying to full communion with the Catholic Church, please come along to the initial gathering, 7pm, Monday 31 Oct, Parish Centre. Inquiries to the Parish Office.

'EVANGELISE' GATHERING will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and sacraments, 20-22 Oct. Gather in parish hubs or online. Details at <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au/>

'YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER' MARIAN PROCESSION: Sunday 23 Oct. Join a unique multicultural family day of prayer and festivities at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong, incl Mass, BYO lunch, sausage sizzle or plate to share. If you would be willing to offer transport to another(s), please notify the Parish Office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) RENEWAL: You are invited to consider becoming a member of the PPC for the next two years. Give the matter prayerful consideration and if inclined to volunteer, please come along to the PPC Renewal, 7pm, Thurs, 27 October, Parish Centre. The PPC meets on the First Thursday of each month (except January). PPC members seek to discern and to enhance the pastoral good of the parish.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE ANNUAL DINNER, 6.30pm, 28 Oct, Woden Southern Cross Club. Guest Speaker Dr Ursula Stephens, Former Senator and CEO Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited. Funds raised go to MacKillop House, a place of safety for women and children in need. Earlybird tickets \$65. Call 0487 388 873.

ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (APC) Archbishop Christopher seeks your response to a working paper on the formation of an APC. Copies available at the Parish Office. The Parish Pastoral Council will be responding.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: New members are sought from 2023 and mid-2023. Relevant experience and curriculum vitae should be directed to the Chair of the Commission, Dr Patrick McArdle, patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au by Fri, 14 October.

PARISH DINNER: Sat., 5 Nov., 6.30pm for 7.00pm, Parish Centre, to support the work of Kate Cleary at 'The Farm', Galong for women in need. Tickets \$40 each; cash to parish office or via Qkr! app. Dessert, tea/coffee provided, BYO. Bookings limited so book early. Initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council.

MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 22-23 October. The appeal brings hope to the people of the Diocese of Emdibir, Ethiopia. Envelopes will be provided.

21ST ANNIVERSARY OF SIEV X when 353 asylum seekers were lost at sea trying to reach Australia, 12 noon – 2pm, next Sun 23 Oct, Weston Park.

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: 22-23/10, Thirtieth Sunday in Ord. Time, Year C; Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
Server			
Reader	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Volunteer required
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Evers	Fred Ward: J O'Connor, M Crane	Homes: J and B Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	24 Oct.	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	19 Oct.	Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose	Eucharistic Minister: Deepthi Mathew