



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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16-17 April 2022, Easter Sunday, 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 (NB: Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm)
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Mark Williams, Peter Cox, Yi Jing, Bob Shearer, Senator Kimberley Kitching, Joan Waldren, Stuart Cox, Victims of war in Ukraine, Flood victims in Qld and NSW, Shane Warne, Rod Marsh, Steve Nadjecki, 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 and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, John Frawley, Keith McLaughlin, Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher, Richard Pugh, Patrick Kelly, 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

Pauline Murphy, Paul Brown, Bill Byrne, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Mark Williams, Graham Anderson, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn 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.

AN EVER WIDENING CIRCLE

Easter. The word is synonymous with life: new life, new possibilities. Today's Gospel would have it that the discovery of the empty tomb is the basis for that claim. Mary Magdalene's initial understanding was that someone had removed the body of Jesus. That presumption is trumped when Peter and the unnamed disciple run to the tomb. The latter notes that *"the neatly rolled-up face cloth functions for him as a "sign"; an indication that the absence of Jesus' body was not due to human agency – grave robbers do not bother to fold up neatly clothing they leave behind – but to a majestic, divine resumption of life"* (Brendan Byrne). **Like the unnamed disciple (traditionally identified with John son of Zebedee), we do not see or touch the risen Lord, but we believe too. In other words, being historically removed from seeing or touching the risen Jesus we come to faith from what we have heard and seen done in his name.** Jesus wants to share new life with us. But how? By imitating his love for everything and everyone. **"We love because God first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19).** It takes effort and surrender to love things and people not for what they do for us but in and for themselves. To so act is to move to the realization that *"we are not the central reference point*

anymore. *We love in greater and greater circles until we can finally do what Jesus did; love and forgive even our enemies. . . . Now the possibility of love is potentially right in front of us and always concrete; love is no longer a theory, a heroic ideal, or a mere textbook answer. Love is seeking the good of as many subjects as possible” (Richard Rohr).* On Monday I was present at the Cathedral Chrism Mass and on Tuesday at a Memorial Mass in Queanbeyan. During the former Archbishop Christopher referenced the prayers of Ukrainian and Russian Christians for an end to hostilities. In St Raphael’s Church I noted Ukrainian and Russian flags adorned the shrine to Our Lady. **The outlandish claim of this day is that the Risen Lord has conquered everything that divides us. Might that be our experience and might we be a sign and instrument of that life-giving message.** Fr John

THANK YOU to those who have stepped up to assist in the preparation and celebration of the beautiful Holy Week-Easter liturgies. Your generosity of spirit for the sake of the community is much appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION: thank you to those who supported this collection. Your donations will be forwarded to support parishes, schools, seminarians, aged care and sacred sites in the Holy Land.

LISMORE FLOOD RELIEF: Rod has forwarded a list from the co-op formed by folk at Woodburn, a small town between Lismore and Ballina. Copies of requested items to assist immediate and pressing needs are to be found in the foyer. Donations can be brought to any Mass or dropped at the Parish Office.

UKRAINE APPEAL: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is the only international Catholic Charity dedicated to the pastoral support of suffering and persecuted Christians. An initial \$2 million was sent in the days following the invasion. Now your assistance is sought for both Eastern and Western Catholic Churches, Religious Orders and social projects run by priests and religious all over Ukraine. See appeal forms in the foyer.

BOOK LAUNCH: “Recovering the ‘True Church’: Challenges for Australian Catholicism beyond the Plenary Council” Paul Collins will discuss his latest book in conversation with Beth Doherty and Joan Warhurst. Parish Centre, 7.30pm, Thurs 21 April. Refreshments will be provided and copies of the book will be on sale.

ST CLARE’S COLLEGE OPEN DAYS: Parents are asked to contact the college for details regarding ‘Try a Day’ (4 May) and ‘Open Evening’ (5 May). Phone: 6260 9400. Email: enrolments@stcc.act.edu.au

ACU Centre for Liturgy online lecture “**Ars Celebrandi: it’s everyone’s responsibility**”, 9 May, 10-11:30am, Fr Peter Williams will discuss a fresh approach to liturgical catechesis Details: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

‘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, acknowledging the grief for some in moving away and looking forward. Afterwards there will be refreshments and a rolling photo display of memorabilia. **If you have photos or personal recollections from the former Parish of Ss Peter & Paul which you’d like to share in the display, please contact John Eyers / 0408 497 899 / jeyers@webone.com.au.**

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

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: 23-24/4, Second Sunday of Easter, Year C; Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
4 th Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Gary Parker	Mark Murphy
Servers			
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 Eyers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Nedra Kelaart	Fred Ward: J & M O’Connor	Homes: J & B Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	26 Apr. Rosemary O’Mally, Alan Grinsell-Jones		
Wednesday Liturgy	20 Apr. Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose	Eucharistic Minister: Deepthi Mathew	