



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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16-17 July 2022, Sixteenth 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: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Bill Hibberson, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: June and Terry Freebody, Gerald Whittaker, 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

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, Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

TO RECEIVE FAR MORE

Hospitality. It takes time and effort to offer it. It allows folk to enjoy each other's company. All who gather are enriched in different ways. Today's Readings reflect on the hospitality of God, noting that it far outweighs anything we presume to offer. In our First Reading Abraham offers hospitality to three mysterious strangers. The 15th century Russian iconographer Andrey Rublev has depicted the scene with angelic/Trinitarian overtones. Of course, the burden falls on Abraham's wife Sarah to organise the hospitality! **Their welcome is reciprocated many times over by the strangers' assurance that Abraham and Sarah will have a child.** Again, the Gospel reveals God's generosity. Visiting sisters Martha and Mary, Jesus would have it that while Martha has fussed about preparing many dishes, "Mary has 'chosen the better part' - literally, 'the better portion' (or 'dish')" (Brendan Byrne). Nonetheless, one feels for Martha. She has got on with it while 'dreamy' Mary seems to just be. **"But this is where the provocation of the Gospel has its bite. As Luke's Gospel so often makes clear, frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what the Lord really wants. Good people are always prone to measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord. They forget that nothing they can ever do could match all they need to receive, and that the Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow upon us life, love and salvation, rather than to make use of our service" (ibid).** Further,

one needs to appreciate the cultural setting of the Gospel. *“In the Mediterranean cultural perspective on human activity men are expected to be spontaneous . . . Women are expected to work, to achieve, to be involved in purposeful activity.”* John J Pilch would have it that Jesus is counter-cultural in calling men not to spontaneity but rather to *“methodical and thoughtful ‘doing’ of the will of God, keeping the commandments, and so on”*, and in conversely calling women to spontaneous behaviour rather than the cultural paradigm of doing and achieving. Whatever about that discussion, Richard Byrne is insistent that the intent of the Gospel is the generosity of God and *“the barriers that human beings put up against receiving it”*. **Hence the call of the Plenary Council and for each of us to be open in prayer as to where the Spirit is calling before presuming to act in God’s name. St Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, “God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful”.** Fr John

THREE INFORMAL ‘LIFE CHATS’ 6PM – 7PM, PARISH CENTRE. Some pre-reading will prepare us for an informal and prayerful gathering to consider three questions, ‘What do I hold dear and why?’ (Mon 18 July), ‘What does the Church offer?’ (Mon 1 August), and ‘How do my beliefs impact my engagement with others?’ (Mon 12 Sept.). **In preparation for the first chat, 6-7pm, this Monday, 18 July, you will find some background reading in the foyer. The latter is to engender personal reflection in preparation for our discussion of what we personally value and why. All welcome.**

FAITH DEVELOPMENT: Catholic Theological College Melbourne invites to consider opportunities to deepen the understanding of your faith in Semester 2 and beyond. A virtual open tour video can be accessed via their <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/ctc-videos/> or search [Facebook](#) page, and [YouTube](#).

EDEN PILGRIMAGE TO HONOUR ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST: Join Archbishop Christopher and other pilgrims at 11am to walk from the Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church for 12 noon Mass with lunch at 1.00pm. For catering purposes, contact Bernadette 0429774119 or mickbern1@bigpond.com

FIRST EUCHARIST 2022: Preparation will commence with the online Parent Information Night (PIN), 6pm, Tues, 26 July followed by group gatherings, retreat day, presentation Mass and celebration at either the 6pm, Sat 17 Sept Mass or the 9.30am Sun 18 Sept Mass. Inquiries to the Parish Office.

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

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Br Barry Donaghue cfc, D. Min. is offering a short course in Spirituality for the 21st century, to be held at St Anthony of Padua parish meeting room, 8 sessions from 11:15am to 12:30pm every second Sunday from July 3. No charge. The course aims to update our understanding of spirituality, firmly basing everything on Scripture. All welcome. Register at wanniassa@cg.org.au or call or text 0404 313 743 Tuesday to Thursday, 1-4 pm.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION: applications are invited for the position at St Benedict’s Narrabundah. Part-time (12 hours per week, Tues-Fri, 9-12noon). For information contact the Parish Office 6295 7879 or narrabundah@cg.org.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: available for collection in the Church foyer. Thank you for your support of the parish.

CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS: To be signed by all volunteers. Copies in foyer. Please return to parish office a.s.a.p.

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: 23-24/7, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13.

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
Servers			
Reader	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Volunteer required
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert and Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: J O’Connor, M Crane	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	25 Jul	Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	20 Jul	Prayer Leader: Sr Angela, Sr Francis	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin