



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 16-17 October 2021, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

#### 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 Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

*All archdiocesan churches  
and parish offices are  
closed due to the COVID-19  
lockdown. Messages can  
be left on 6281 3999 or  
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you I call; for you 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:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. 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:** June Slater, Nigel Gomez, Wilfredo Riosa (father of Fr Anthony, Assistant Priest Gungahlin), Helen Douglass, Patricia Jones, Heinz Ritzberger, Maureen Sheehan, Joshua Dryden, David Vickers, Fred Jones, Patrick ('Woody') Field, Pauline McLennan, Max Tinkler, Margaret Maguire, Merv O'Brien, Charlie Lindsay, Alexander Arnel, Leo Morrissey, Val Haynes, Vuong Van Thui, Chamindra Pieris, Don Everly, Charlie Watts, victims of the Haiti earthquake, John Ryan, David Jordan, Sr Marie Graham rsj, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Ron McLennan, Elaine O'Brien, Cathryn Paton, Mitchel Bush, John McNamee, Michael Baker, Fr Francisco Algas Jr, Kathleen Masters, Stephan Evans, Marie Hickey, Therese Tuite, John Cusack and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Theresa Clarke, Jerome Woods, Melanie Swan, Jack and Pat Ryan, Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin, Cecil McGaughan, Anne Perkins, Damien McMahon, Benjamin Jesus Ortile, Esperanza Gementera, Rosie Ortile, Peter Hackwill, Terry & June Freebody, TP Cheng, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante.

#### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Greg Geering, Oscar and Maggie Hammond, Maureen Daly, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Catherine Lloyd, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle and those afflicted with COVID.

**LOCKDOWN: Weekday Masses will resume with the 9.30am Mass, Fri 15 Oct (with a limit of 25 seated in alternate pews with 4 sq metres separation) and Weekend Masses Sat-Sun 30-31 Oct (with a limit of 100 seated in alternate pews with 4 sq metres separation).**

- **Sign-in** using the CBR app / the form provided
- **Tick a box on the form provided** to ensure that no more than the legal limit is in the congregation. If the limit has been reached, you cannot enter.
- **Face masks** are compulsory

Otherwise Holy Trinity Church will be closed. Current lockdown restrictions are noted on the church doors.

**LIVE STREAM MASS: St. Christopher's Cathedral:** Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am,  
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/> .

## DISCERNING SO AS TO SERVE

**On many occasions over his journey to Jerusalem Jesus must have thought, “You blokes just don’t get it!” However, in fairness, his disciples were products of their time and place, as we are.** The conventional understanding was the Messiah would be a righteous and triumphant ruler. Suffering and death is not on their radar. So the ambitious request in today’s Gospel of brothers James and John for places of honour at the messianic banquet. In frustration, Jesus gets down to basics. He asks if they are willing like him to undergo a ‘baptism’ (a biblical metaphor for a time of trial not our experience of the sacrament) and to drink the same ‘cup’ (a biblical metaphor for willingness to accept whatever comes from the hand of God)? **They naively but enthusiastically say, “We’re up for it!” They would have had no thought of their eventual martyrdom.** But as to places in the kingdom, Jesus cannot grant them as they will be surrendering their future into the hands of God. **The outcome of surrender is not known.** *“Those who wish to be his associates must accompany him in this trust as well.” (Brendan Byrne SJ, ‘Australian Catholics’).* Jesus then responds to the upset of the other disciples at the ambitions of James and John. This is a ‘listen up’ encounter. He states that in his kingdom it is not about power over others but service of all. He is to give his life as a ransom for many; understanding that ‘many’ in Semitic idiom means ‘all’. **He will give all for all, trusting in God. Last week’s Gospel was about radical detachment. This week it is about service. Both still challenge us. “We worship Jesus as Lord. But are we so comfortable in venerating – and following – him in his role as Servant of all?” (Byrne).**

**To see how we might today better serve the reign of God, the Australia Church has begun a Plenary Council.** The First Assembly is over. The members will gather in Sydney in July for the Second Assembly. They will discern motions arising from their earlier deliberations. The approach is that of communal discernment or ‘synodality’, that is, walking together to discern where the Spirit is calling us (Rev. 2:7). **Australia is ahead of the curve. As our First Assembly ended last Sunday, Pope Francis was launching the 2023 Synod on ‘Synodality’.** The Synod journey is in three phases. In this **first phase** Pope Francis explains that it is *“not so much about organizing events or theorizing about problems, [but] time to devote to prayer and adoration . . . listening to what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries.”* **The second phase will see the bishops and faithful of Oceania prayerfully reflect. The third and final phase will be the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, dedicated to the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission,” at the Vatican in October 2023.** Of course, communal discernment should be constant and ongoing. At our Masses and parish meetings we will be taking short periods of silence to reflect on just what we have heard the Spirit saying, all the better to respond under inspiration and not just personal impetus. **The two are not mutually exclusive but neither are the same thing necessarily.**

Fr John

**PALMS AUSTRALIA** invites you to prayerfully consider being part of the Church’s mission by sharing your skills with overseas co-workers to improve their self-reliance and to transform your heart and mind. To be prepared for a possible 2022 placement, email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call Christine, 9560 5333.

**MISSION SUNDAY:** As we will not be resuming Sunday Masses until 30-31 Oct, Mission Sunday has been moved from the weekend of 23-24 Oct to 20-21 Nov. The Church’s world-wide missionary work is life-giving, especially for children <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/ways-to-donate>. Over that weekend, you will be asked to pray for and financially support the missionary outreach of the Church, and to consider doing so through your will <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/bequest-legacy> . For further info, contact our Diocesan Director, Karen McKerrow, 0411 924 288, [kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au)

**YOUTH MINISTER:** If you are a post-school person committed in faith and looking to share the same in a school and parish context, then being a part-time Youth Minister of the Archdiocese for a couple years might be for you. **For more info and to perhaps forward your expression of interest, go to <https://www.cgyouth.org.au/>.** For an informal chat with one of our current Youth Ministers, Maddie and Grace, contact the Parish Office.

**Volunteer for 6 – 12 months from Jan 2022 to work with young people in Australian Salesian communities of Don Bosco.** When safe to do so, the Salesians will also recommence sending volunteers to Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. **Applications close October 30, 2021.** Enquire today: [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au).

**Haiti Emergency Aid:** 'Aid to the Church in Need' (ACN) International has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and approved an emergency aid package of \$800,000 AUD. ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Donate at [www.aidtochurch.org/haiti](http://www.aidtochurch.org/haiti)

**Vocations to the Priesthood:** If you are considering a call to serve as priest, please contact Vocations Directors Fr Trenton Van Reesch, [Trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au](mailto:Trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au) or Fr Paul Nulley, [paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au), or speak with Fr John. When COVID restrictions permit, the first Thursday of the month gathering of men discerning a vocation will resume at the Archbishop's House. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

**Christian Meditation Group 6pm, Wednesdays is meeting via Zoom during lockdown.** All welcome. Contact Vikki, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au) or 0437 876 48 to register.

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** 23-24 October 2021, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B); **Jer** 31:7-9, I shall lead them back in mercy, the blind and the lame; **Heb** 5:1-6, You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek; **Mark** 10:46-52, Master, grant that I may see.