



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 18-19 September, Twenty-Fifth 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 [wodennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:wodennorth@cg.org.au)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord upholds my life.

**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 laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Maguire, Merv O'Brien, Charlie Lindsay, Alexander Arnel, Leo Morrissey, Val Haynes, Yuong Van Thuy, 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:** 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, T P Cheng, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante.

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

June Salter, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Pauline McLennan, Kathy Hailey, Carmen Woods, 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, those afflicted with COVID.

**LOCKDOWN:** During lockdown Holy Trinity Church will be closed and the regular weekday and Sunday Masses will not be celebrated. Further details are noted on the church doors. **OUR TWO PARISH SCHOOLS** will remain open for those unable to provide care for their children. Students at home and those presenting at school will be engaged with the remote learning model.

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

#### TO FOLLOW IS TO SERVE

I heard it said that many parents today seek to be friends with their children rather than parents. A moot point, no doubt. What is not in doubt is that the attitude towards children today is markedly different to that of Jesus' setting. Back then if a child survived birth (thirty percent did not), sixty percent were dead by age sixteen due to disease and

poor hygiene. *“Within the family and community, the child had next to no status. A minor child was considered equal to a slave. Only after reaching maturity did a child become a free person with rights to inherit the family estate. . . Children are loved because they provide “social security” for parents. Obviously if they survive to adulthood, they also assure family continuity” (John J Pilch).* It is in terms of that cultural context that Jesus welcomes a child to teach his still confused followers that his life and mission is not about being served, as the conventional understanding of the Messiah would have it, but of serving; culminating in the supreme service of the cross (10:45). **Jesus wants to flip the tables, he wants to usher in what would be the equivalent of a Copernican revolution for his followers: the truth of the matter is the very opposite of what you presume to be the case.** In effect, he puts this question to his disciples: *“Is God to be thought of as an extra-terrestrial supreme Ruler to whom nothing but fear and service is due? Or is the God revealed by [me] a God whose primary gesture towards human beings is that of One who serves, One who comes among us in the guise of a child? (Brendan Byrne).* **Moreover, in a highly stratified society they would immediately understand that to welcome Jesus with the status of a child requires them to put aside adult self-importance and accept the status of one who serves too.** In the same vein, earlier in the week Pope Francis said at the closing Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest, Hungary: *“Let us allow Jesus, the living bread, to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralysing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us.”* Communally, the church afforded a particular status by Roman Emperor Constantine (313AD) is being undermined by societal change and the sexual abuse crisis. *“The pain that goes along with stripping of status and honour is close to that experienced by the disciples of Jesus as they struggled both to hear and to resist what he was saying. Like them, we are all on the way to Jerusalem with Jesus” (Byrne).* **One hopes that the challenges arising will be canvassed and prayerfully discerned at next month’s initial meeting of the Plenary Council (3-10 Oct). Pray for those who gather. More immediately, pray for a deeper yet life-giving awareness of the need to serve after the model of Jesus.** Fr John

**Migrant and Refugee Sunday next weekend:** Pope Francis calls us to include all people in a *‘wider we’*. In particular, we pray fond [consider action for all Afghans](#). You may also wish to attend an online service on the Sunday evening for [refugees who don’t feel part of our ‘wider we’](#).

**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)

**‘Supporting Couples’ free online gathering, 10am, Sat., 18 September.** Stimulating talks from a range of speakers. For more info go to [www.teamsoceania.com.au](http://www.teamsoceania.com.au) or contact Tim, 0437 013 328. Register at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=43655>

**‘Parenting Children’ ten weeks Zoom course from Broken Bay Diocese, commencing 7.30 - 8:30pm, Tues 21 September.** For parents seeking connection and support during lockdown. Fun and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent. Contact [Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au) or register at [bit.ly/101\\_Parents](https://bit.ly/101_Parents)

**POSITION VACANT: Manager, Clergy Retirement Foundation (CRF).** The Manager provides the day to day administration of the CRF and the provision of care and support for the retired clergy of the Archdiocese. Preferred requirements include knowledge of the aged care sector; book keeping and budget preparation; working knowledge of the Microsoft suite; property management and maintenance. Applications should be forwarded to Archdiocesan Financial Administrator, GPO Box 3089 Canberra ACT 2601 [helen.delahunty@cg.org.au](mailto:helen.delahunty@cg.org.au) by 20 September 2021.

**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.

**Season of Creation, 1 September - 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology):** Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to take part: “to renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.” Information: <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home> and at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. See signage outside our Holy Trinity and St Peter and Paul churches.

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** 25-26 September 2021, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B); Migrant and Refugee Sunday; Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.