



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**19-20 February 2022, Seventh 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 (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Henry Byrne, Damien Biddle, Thomas Crichton, Ian McDonald, Alex Fulop, Fr Laurie Blake, Johnny Raper, John Levitski, Connie Poe, Peter Daroczy, Glenn Wheatley, Laurie Halloran, Sr Janet Mead RSM, John Verrell (father of Fr Luke, PP Bega), Luigi Lazzarato, Paddy Reardon, Kaungyun Lee, Chris Begley, Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Jean and Max Murray, Peter Bao-Huu Huynh, Heather Brewer, John Kibbey, Guiseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, flood victims of Indonesia and the Phillipines, Adrian Roberts, Tony Spinks, James (Jim) McErlean, Ian Collis, Margaret Maher, Peter Mulholland, Victims of Typhoon Rai in the Phillipines, Stan O'Donnell, Mitchell Power, Brian Brown, Martin Spillane and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** 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, Joe Caruanna and family members, Busuttill and Formosa family members, Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning and victims of COVID.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Geoff Hill, Carol 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, John Verrell and those afflicted with COVID.

### TO LOVE ENEMIES

In 'The Godfather Part 11' Michael Corleone (played by Al Pacino) says, "*Keep your fiends close, but your enemies closer.*" True, many would say. Jesus would disagree. In fact, in contrast to the 'dog eat dog' world of the mafia, he insists on the opposite: "*love your enemies*" (v.35). Speaking when Palestine was occupied by the Romans, "*he is not laying down maxims to be followed literally. Rather, he is seeking to inculcate a fundamental attitude according to which one would be prepared to be vulnerable to a degree that would be thought foolish by the standards of the world*" (Brendan Byrne). His position arises from an awareness of God's generosity. **The generosity of God has been made present in God becoming one with us in Jesus the Christ. And God will not be outdone in generosity if we act as "children of the Most High" (v.35).** In our First Reading David sets a biblical precedent to act with the radical attitude called for in today's

Gospel. Further, in writing to people of Corinth, Paul in our Second Reading claims that as we are moved by the Spirit we are to rise above merely human standards. **Fr Camilo Marivoet reflects; “If we are capable of doing it by the grace of God, there is perhaps nothing that brings us closer to God and makes us most like him than the readiness to forgive and the attitude to love even enemies. These are so contrary to our feelings of not wanting to be anyone’s fool or doormat. And yet, the gospel insists: You who were God’s enemies, you have been forgiven, forgive and be reconciled, be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.”**

Fr John

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eva Spear and Mary Bayada who this weekend celebrate their **First Holy Communion**.

**SEASON OF LENT commences Ash Wednesday, 2 March.** Masses with the distribution of ashes will be 9.30am and 5.30pm at Holy Trinity and 12 noon at Ss Peter and Paul’s. Copies of the Wollongong Diocese’s ‘Remember’, for personal or group reflection will be available in the foyer from next weekend. Parishioners along with those from South Woden and Weston Creek will gather for a regional Second Rite of Reconciliation, 7pm, Tues 5 April. Extra First Rite times for Lent will be published next week.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** You now have until mid-March to take up the invitation of Pope Francis to make a submission to the local consultation for the international Synod on ‘Synodality’. Go to <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**HOLY TRINITY SHOW ‘N SHINE:** On Sunday, 3 April from 10am-3pm the carpark and in front of the church will be given over to this event, conducted under the auspices of the ‘Canberra Street Machine Association’. Over fifty vehicles of mainly Ford, GMH and Chrysler lineage (the ‘Big Three’) will be on display. **The 9.30am Mass that day will be rescheduled to an 8.30am start.** Come along to an enjoyable day and help support the ongoing St Vincent de Paul South Coast Bushfire Relief effort. If you could assist with some tasks in preparation and/or on the day, please contact Fr John or the parish office.

**HOSPITALITY ROSTER:** The post Sunday 9.30 Mass cuppa is an opportunity for parishioners to catch up on the events of the week and to strengthen friendships. Libby Cremen is seeking parishioners to undertake simple set up and then serve coffee/tea and biscuits after Mass. If you would like to know more about this rewarding contribution to parish life, Libby would love to hear from you on 0459 853 552 or [libbycremen@hotmail.com](mailto:libbycremen@hotmail.com) by the end of March.

**PART-TIME POSITION SOUTH WODEN PARISH OFFICE, PEARCE:** 12 months contract for 2 days per week during school term involving office and sacramental programmes admin. Contact Melanie Kerr [wodensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:wodensouth@cg.org.au) for a duty statement. Applications close Fri 25 Feb.

**‘CARING FOR CREATION’** is the name of an archdiocesan group initiated by Archbishop Christopher in 2021. Copies of the group’s newsletter are in the foyer. To receive info about future initiatives, contact [LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com) The Caring for Creation website is <https://www.care4creation.org/archdiocese-caring-for-creation>

**ACCOMMODATION sought for post-grad ANU student.** Call Parish Office or 0407 873 890.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays via Zoom. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487 or [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** 26-27/2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Anthony De Salis	Dan McKay	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Margaret Williams	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Kitchings
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: <i>No visits at this time</i>	Fred Ward: <i>No visits at this time</i>	Homes: <i>No visits at this time</i>
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>1 Mar.</b>	Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>23 Feb.</b>	Prayer Leaders: John Evers and Alex Evers	Eucharistic Minister: Emma Fairfax