



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 19-20 March 2022, Third Sunday of Lent, 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:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** A sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

**Recently Deceased:** 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:** Keith McLaughlin, Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher, Richard Pugh, Patrick Kelly, Richard Raymond Spargo, 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

Iole Cicolini, Mark Williams, Graham Anderson, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, 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 and those afflicted with COVID.

#### **PRIORITISE PERSONAL RENEWAL**

**We worry about all manner of things:** the war in Ukraine, the plight of flood victims, the cost of petrol, possible new strains of COVID, rising inflation, house prices, reconciliation, the plight of displaced persons, church renewal, etc, etc. It is only proper that we do so. These are communal concerns, to say nothing of our personal circumstance. Life happens and it is often not fair. **How are we to respond? As he heads towards Jerusalem, Jesus insists that we get our priorities in order.** Jesus would have it that the reports of those allegedly killed by Pilate and those who died when a tower fell on them are a timely reminder that we need to look to our personal readiness to face God. **Lent is about that, about 'turning around' to renew our focus. If we encounter the mercy and therefore the love of God a sense of justice or 'right living' follows.** In the parable of the fig tree (the Chosen People) Jesus insists that it was because the religious leaders were not true to their call and did not prioritise the needs of the people, there is an absence of fruit. Their negligence and the tree's inability to renew itself means that external intervention is necessary. *"Throughout the Gospels Jesus, the authentic Mediterranean native, resorts to insults on a regular basis, and they are always gems. The gardener might have proposed new soil for the tree or increased watering. Instead he proposed spreading manure on it. Jesus' original peasant audience undoubtedly roared with laughter. This is just what those*

#)!@ leaders needed!" (John J Pilch). Little wonder the religious authorities saw Jesus as a threat. **All of us need to be addressing personal renewal.** On St Patrick's Day Archbishop Peter Comensoli of Melbourne delivered the annual Patrick Oration. He claimed that "There is virtually no evidence throughout the New Testament of the Church engaging in the politics of the day or seeking to plant works of the Church in public structures. The focus was personal and familial and communal . . . The early Church was a Church that assembled and passed on the faith in family homes." **Of course, times change but not the Gospel priority of personal conversion.** During Lent it is timely to remind ourselves that: "Dedicated reformers are so often focused on the evils to be exterminated that they neglect the need for personal reform as well. This is true of all of us as it is of leaders" (John J Pilch). Recall the 'plank and splinter' Gospel of a few weeks back. **And so again, what personal matters is God's Spirit calling me to sift in his love?**

Fr John

- **PROJECT COMPASSION:** This year's theme is '**For All Future Generations**'. Each household is invited to take home either a Project Compassion box or envelopes from the foyer.
- **VIRTUAL LENTEN OFFERING:** Garrett Publishing continues to offer exploration of the readings for the week by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union College. When: Tuesdays – March 22, 29, April 5, 12; Time: 7-8pm. Details: Online registration for Zoom presentation is essential: <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lenten-series/>
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Besides the **Regional Second Rite** of Reconciliation, 7pm, Tues 5 April, **extra First Rite times** during Lent (besides the usual Sat 5-5.30pm) are Wed 28 March and Wed 13 April, 6 - 6.30pm.
- **CUPPA FOLLOWED BY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Following the Friday 9.30am Lenten Masses in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**CHRISM MASS:** Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 11 April at 5pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, for this most important Holy Week ceremony. Everyone is most welcome.

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

**LISMORE DIOCESE FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL:** In response Lismore Bishop Greg Homeming's Appeal, this weekend you can contribute cash to a retiring collection. Thank you in anticipation.

**'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 for the blessings arising from when the Mass was regularly celebrated there, acknowledging the grief for some in moving away and looking forward as the Transfiguration Parish, North Woden. Afterwards in the school hall there will be refreshments and a rolling photo display of memorabilia. Claim the date and come along to this parish gathering.

**WORKSHOP TO INTRODUCE TO THE 'DIVINE MERCY' DEVOTION:** Saturday, 26 March, 9:50am - 3:30pm at the Parish Centre. Coffee/Tea provided - please bring lunch. Register on the foyer table. For more info, contact Nancy 0404881811

**HOLY TRINITY SHOW 'N SHINE** Sunday, 3 April, 10am-3pm in the carpark and in front of the church under the auspices of the 'Canberra Street Machine Association'. **The 9.30am Mass that day will be rescheduled to an 8.30am start.** Check out the cars and help support the ongoing St Vincent de Paul South Coast Bushfire Relief effort. **If you could assist on the day, contact Fr John or the parish office.**

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

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** 26-27/3, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C; Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert and Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eysers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: H Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: J O'Connor, M Crane	Homes: J and B Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	28 Mar.	Rosemary O'Mally and Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	23 Mar.	Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson