



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**19-20 November 2022, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, 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:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Sharon Woods, Fr Peter Maher, Nessa Delaney, Scott Roberts, Leodegario Alimangohan, Veronica Sen, Adam Ryan, Laurence Patrick Bennett, Greg Cusack, victims of Korean 'crush', victims of Indian bridge collapse, Peggy Down, Maynell Lindsay, Mary Phillips, Karene McEachin, Janet Coombs, Claire Sankey, Susanna Kopysiewicz, Doug Fitzpatrick, David Smyth, Charles Rennie, Margaret McDonald, Pauline Kinnane, Anne Taylor, Mary Taylor, Patricia Jack, Felicissima Villafuerte, Erlinda Dulay, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** John Holtzapffel, Peter Malow, Vincent Huang, Ellen Stening, Peter Majer, William Joseph Madden, Tiffen family, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez, Josh McKinnon, Vincent Huang, Nicostrato Dulay, Melanie Swan, Frank and Gerry Smith, Pat and Jack Ryan, Paul Murphy, Alan Jones, Leo Morrissey, Barney Crowe, Winifred Mona Spargo, and victims of COVID.

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

Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, 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, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

### **TRUE STRENGTH, LASTING GOODNESS**

**The funeral of Queen Elizabeth 11 involved pageantry and tradition. The power and grandeur initially evoked by the title 'Christ the King' is toned down by some scriptural context in our First Reading, 2 Sam 5:1-3.** David, appointed king of the previously divided Judah and Israel, is told *"You shall be shepherd of my people Israel"*. You shall not lord it over them. On the contrary, David was called to serve; even to be willing to lay down his life for his people, as Queen Elizabeth understood she was called to do. David was gifted if inconsistent but under his shepherding the People of God knew unparalleled prosperity. Jesus, born of the line of David, beaten and dying on the cross was mocked in the understanding that if he was a king, as the inscription "King of the Jews" above him indicated, then he should be able to save himself and not die as a common criminal. **However, a common criminal, the so-called 'good thief' puts his trust in Jesus and is reassured, "Today, you will be with me in paradise"**. Brendan Byrne comments: *"The essence of salvation is not to be saved from physical death, as the mockery had suggested. It is to be "with Jesus", to accompany him on the "exodus" (Luke 9:31) to the Father now under way."* The reference to paradise evokes the restoration of paradise lost by the first Adam. **It is by this shepherd-king's act of ultimate surrender not the unfettered exercise of power that paradise, the fullness of life in God, is offered to all. St Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622) put it beautifully when he said, "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength"**. That awareness was brought

home to me as I reflected on the life of my sister Sharon who died peacefully on Tuesday morning. Sharon had cerebral palsy and her health had deteriorated over the past few months. A relative expressed it very well when she said, “Sharon was definitely an inspiration to us all, particularly in the way she kept such a positive outlook on life, though there were many challenges. She was always interested in other peoples’ lives . . . Sharon never dwelled on what she couldn’t do, but what she could do . . . all the while keeping a smile on her face.” To so live, and die, is to inspire. May Sharon hear the call into paradise.

Fr John

**2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are available from the Parish Office. Cost \$10.00.

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION:** With the easing of COVID, Archbishop Christopher has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation for those able to attend Mass. A copy of his statement is in the foyer.

**CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY ‘Living Responsibly In Our Society’,** Speakers Jo Clay MLA and Alison Weeks, 7pm, 23 November, Chambers Pavilion, ACCC, cnr Blackall Street and Kings Ave, Barton. See foyer flyer.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) RENEWAL:** You are invited to consider becoming a member of the PPC for the next two years. Give the matter prayerful consideration and without obligation come along to the **PPC Renewal 10.30am, Sunday, 27 November in the Parish Centre.** The PPC meets on the First Thursday of each month (except January). PPC members seek to discern and to enhance the pastoral good of the parish.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** If you or someone you know would be interested in possibly journeying to full communion with the Catholic Church, please come along to next Monday’s 7pm, 21 Nov., meeting in the Parish Centre. Inquiries to the Parish Office.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA** since 1961 has been placing folk in Africa, Asia or the Pacific to use their skills to assist the capacity of local workers for generations to come. Information at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or calling 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

**‘NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES’: Aid to the Church in Need Australia invites you to St Christopher’s Cathedral, 7pm, 23 November** for prayer, song and testimony to acknowledge and honour modern-day martyrs and the 220 million+ Christians suffering persecution for their faith. Guest speakers include Cardinal Joseph Coutts of Pakistan. For more info: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

**CARING FOR CREATION MOVEMENT:** A new southside group will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 37 Burnie Street, Lyons, 3pm, Tues 29 Nov to discuss Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘*Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home*’.

**PARISH DINNER IN SUPPORT OF ‘THE FARM’, GALONG was a very enjoyable night which raised \$1,422.60.** Thanks to all who supported the initiative by attending or by donation.

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GOULBURN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STRIKE:** Catholic Education is hosting a dinner at Goulburn Workers Club, Tues 29 Dec, Guest Speaker Ursula Stephens, tickets \$48 available at [gss60.eventbrite.com](http://gss60.eventbrite.com). The next day, **THE REFURBISHED OLD GOULBURN CATHEDRAL (1871-1889) WILL BE OPENED** with a Mass and blessing commencing at 11am. Inquiries: 6239 9863.

**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:** 26-27/11, First Sunday of Advent, Year A; Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6 pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gary Parker	Anthony De Salis	Darryl Kite
<b>Server</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Brendan Ryan, Volunteer required	Anne Hitchings
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: Volunteer required	Homes: Volunteer required
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>28 Nov.</b>	Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>23 Nov.</b>	Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson