



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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2-3 April 2022, Fifth 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 (NB: Sunday 3 April Mass at 8.30am and 5.30pm)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my case against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Yi Jing, Bob Shearer, Senator Kimberley Kitching, Joan Waldren, Stuart Cox, Victims of war in Ukraine, Flood victims in Qld and NSW, Shane Warne, Rod Marsh, Steve Nadjeki, 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: Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, John Frawley, 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

John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Mark Williams, Graham Anderson, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn 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.

ZEALOUS MOTIVES – LOVING RESPONSE

The Greek philosopher Plato was concerned that writing would see folk fail to memorise and properly hand on wisdom. In today's Gospel, we have the only account of Jesus writing, albeit on the ground. Was he in fact writing? One author suggests that he was more truly doodling. He claims that this was "a common custom amongst Mediterranean peasants when distraught" (John J Pilch). Jesus had good reason to be conflicted. The religious authorities seek his judgement on a woman caught in the act of adultery. He knows the question is an attempt to trap him; the issue is not with the nameless woman but with his response to her situation. Of course, it is noteworthy that the man who committed adultery with the woman is not brought to task though the law called for the killing of both (Deut 22:22). If Jesus says let her go, he is seen not to support the Law and cannot be considered a true prophet. On the other hand, if he says that she should be stoned he is in trouble with the occupying Romans who have taken away the right to capital punishment according to Mosaic Law. Besides, as the crime of adultery required two witnesses, has the husband set a trap for his wife or have his enemies set the trap to shame him? Little wonder Jesus doodled as he considered an appropriate response! After a time he turns the tables and challenges the zealous lynch mob – let the one among you without sin be the first to cast a stone at her. This gives all 'cause to pause'.

They back off, beginning with the oldest or those who have had the greater experience of life's challenges. *"Jesus the prophet, the one who speaks the will of God for the here-and- now, reminds them – and all zealots – to strive for purity of motive as they pursue their righteous goals"* (Pilch). When all have departed, Jesus is left with the woman. It is noteworthy that he looks up at her. Here is the beloved of God in literally an inferior position to the woman. Recall last week's Gospel how the father ran out to meet his son. **Our God comes to us in our need. Jesus looks lovingly at the woman, restoring her in community and in herself as he says, "Go and sin no more".** While not as dramatic a context, we pray that our parishioners and those from South Woden and Weston Creek Parishes who gather for this Tuesday's 7pm Second Rite of Reconciliation will have something of that experience. 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 April 5 and 12, 7-8pm. Online registration for Zoom presentation is essential: <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lent-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 13 April, 6 - 6.30pm.
- **CUPPA FOLLOWED BY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Following the Friday 9.30am Lenten Masses in the Parish Centre. All welcome.
- **HOLY WEEK-EASTER ROSTER SHEETS** are located in the back right of the foyer as you leave. Perhaps you can assist with one of the needed ministries, mindful that some will be away over those days. Thank you.

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 TRINITY SHOW 'N SHINE THIS SUNDAY, 3 APRIL, 10am-3pm in the carpark and in front of the church under the auspices of the 'ACT Street Machine Association'. Supporting the ongoing St Vincent de Paul South Coast Bushfire Relief effort.

'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, acknowledging the grief for some in moving away and looking forward. Afterwards there will be refreshments and a rolling photo display of memorabilia.

HOSPITALITY ROSTER: The post Sunday 9.30am Mass cuppa is an opportunity for parishioners to catch up on the events of the week and to strengthen friendships. Libby Cremen is preparing a roster of 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.

HOLY COMMUNION TO AGED CARE HOMES AND HOUSEBOUND has resumed. **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: Thank you for your generous support of last weekend's retiring collection for Bishop Greg Homeming's Appeal. Your solidarity forwarded **\$3,412.40** for assistance of those in need.

MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 9-10/4, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
2 nd Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 8.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	G Jaram	Bianca D'Rosario	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Juliana Maher	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan	Marie Docherty, Tania Fernandez	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Nedra Kelaart	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: J and B Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	11 Apr. J Eyers, Michael Duffy		
Wednesday Liturgy	6 Apr. Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan		Eucharistic Minister: Sr Francis Fitzpatrick