



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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2-3 July 2022, Fourteenth 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 (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Robyn Murphy, Bruce Lotton, Frs Javier Campos SJ, Fr Joaquin Mora SJ, Afghanistan earthquake victims, Walter Schweiger, Margaret Perry, Paul Brown, John Barry, Norma Crosbie, Paolo Duangbuth, Vince Basilisco, Fr Eric Hodgins, Victims of US shootings, Valerie Gruzauskas, Andrew Symonds, June Slocum, Peter McLeod, Bill Hibberson, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Milena Ceccarelli, Ahern family members, Barney Crowe, Kathleen Majer, Brian Lacey, Sr Mary Agnes, Sr Tharsi, Rosie Ortile, Vincent Marim, Trudy Dinn, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, John Frawley, Keith McLaughlin, Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Karen Lloyd, David Swan, John O'Connor, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, Bill Byrne, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Graham Anderson, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

PESSIMIST OR OPTIMIST

Either '*glass half-full or glass half-empty*' might characterise one's response to the release of the 2021 census data regarding religious affiliation in Australia. 'Half-empty' because for the first time the Christian population is now less than half the total at 44 percent. Catholics make up the largest group of Christians but at 20 percent are down 2.6 percent from the 2016 census. **Those without religious affiliation make up 39 percent of the population. Australia is a more multicultural and less religious society, especially amongst Millennials (typically those born between 1981 and 1996).** 'Half-full' because as Archbishop Mark Coleridge noted, "*Almost half the population identify as Christian, which means that Jesus is very much part of the mix of the Australian soul . . . [and while it has] been clear for some time that the Church is no longer the power in the land we once were, [we are still] engaged far and wide in service of the community*". **This weekend the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council commences in Sydney (3 – 9 July).** In the foyer you can find a considered overview of the Council in the article from the English Catholic journal, 'The Tablet' "*Australia First and Foremost*" (July 2), by Vatican correspondent Christopher Lamb. I am privileged to be a member of the Plenary Council. However, as fate would have it, I am isolating with COVID. Therefore, along with 8 other members who for various reasons cannot be in Sydney, I will be attending online. **Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council. Please also prayerfully reflect during this NAIDOC Week (3-10 July) on the past injustices and present aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander folk in the hope that we all move forward together.** You

are invited to take a copy of the two-sided summary paper in the foyer prepared by the National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC), the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. **Fundamental to our consideration of these matters is where is God's Spirit calling you, me, us?** While faith is mediated through culture and the first unit of society is the family, a Christian must be marinated in and responsive to the lifegiving movement of the Holy Spirit. What is God's preference? Indeed, as Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne SJ comments: *"Today's scripture readings challenge any easy assumption on the part of followers of Jesus that they can be casual about living by the values prevailing in the world around them. If we simply drift in the strong current of those values and forces behind them, we shall surely drift away from the Gospel and the hope that it holds out; we shall not be part of the radical new creation that God is calling into being through the cross of Jesus. As the old slogan goes, Christianity is comforting but not comfortable."*

Fr John

PLENARY COUNCIL SECOND ASSEMBLY, 3-9 JULY, SYDNEY: We pray that the discernment of those gathered will be true to the movement of the Holy Spirit and therefore to the good of all Australians.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2022: Preparation will commence with the online Parent Information Night (PIN), 6pm, Tues, 26 July followed by group gatherings, retreat day, presentation Mass and celebration at either the 6pm, Sat 17 Sept Mass or the 9.30am Sun 18 Sept Mass. Inquiries to the Parish Office.

LISMORE FLOOD RELIEF: Rod and his son Willow drove their loaded truck to deliver needed items provided by parishioners (thank you) and others (including some from the Statesman Hotel) to assist the Woodburn Co-Op in addressing the recovery from devastating floods. Great effort all round.

EDEN PILGRIMAGE TO HONOUR ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST: Join Archbishop Christopher and other pilgrims at 11am to walk from the Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church for 12 noon Mass with lunch at 1.00pm. For catering purposes, contact Bernadette 0429774119 or mickbern1@bigpond.com

NAIDOC WEEK, 3-10 JULY, 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!' *"Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling our racism – we must do it together."*

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Br Barry Donaghue cfc, D. Min. is offering a short course in Spirituality for the 21st century, to be held at St Anthony of Padua parish meeting room, 8 sessions from 11:15am to 12:30pm every second Sunday from July 3. No charge. The course aims to update our understanding of spirituality, firmly basing everything on Scripture. All welcome. Register at wanniassa@cg.org.au or call or text 0404 313 743 Tuesday to Thursday, 1-4 pm.

THREE INFORMAL 'LIFE CHATS' 6PM – 7PM, PARISH CENTRE. Some pre-reading will prepare us for an informal and prayerful gathering to consider three questions, 'What do I hold dear and why?' (Mon 18 July), 'What does the Church offer?' (Mon 1 August), and 'How do my beliefs impact my engagement with others?' (Mon 12 September). All welcome. More details to follow.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: available for collection in the Church foyer. Thank you for your support of the parish.

CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS: Please return a.s.a.p.

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: 9-10/7, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Gary Parker	Mark Murphy
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	G Jaram	Bianca D'Rosario	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Margaret Ryan	Ted Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan	Sue Phillips, Mary Henry, A Doszpot	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Volunteer required
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	<i>11 Jul</i>	J Eyers, Michael Duffy	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>6 Jul</i>	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Francis Fitzpatrick