



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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2-3 October, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

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 Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

*All archdiocesan churches
and parish offices are
closed due to the COVID-19
lockdown. Messages can
be left on 6281 3999 or
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Heinz Ritzberger, Joshua Dryden, Maureen Sheehan, David Vickers, Fred Jones, Patrick ('Woody') Field, Pauline McLennan, Max Tinkler, Margaret Maguire, Merv O'Brien, Charlie Lindsay, Alexander Arnel, Leo Morrissey, Val Haynes, Vuong Van Thui, Chamindra Pieris, Don Everly, Charlie Watts, victims of the Haiti earthquake, John Ryan, David Jordan, Sr Marie Graham rsj, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Ron McLennan, Elaine O'Brien, Cathryn Paton, Mitchel Bush, John McNamee, Michael Baker, Fr Francisco Algas Jr, Kathleen Masters, Stephan Evans, Marie Hickey, Therese Tuite, John Cusack and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Jerome Woods, Melanie Swan, Jack and Pat Ryan, Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin, Cecil McGaughan, Anne Perkins, Damien McMahon, Benjamin Jesus Ortile, Esperanza Gementera, Rosie Ortile, Peter Hackwill, Terry & June Freebody, T P Cheng, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Maureen Daly, June Slater, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Carmen Woods, Catherine Lloyd, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, those afflicted with COVID.

LOCKDOWN: Weekday Masses will resume with the 9.30am Mass, Fri 15 Oct (with a limit of 25 seated in alternate pews with 4 sq metres separation) and Weekend Masses Sat-Sun 30-31 Oct (with a limit of 100 seated in alternate pews with 4 sq metres separation). Otherwise Holy Trinity Church will be closed. Current lockdown restrictions are noted on the church doors. **OUR TWO PARISH SCHOOLS** will remain open for those unable to provide care for their children. Students at home and those presenting at school will be engaged with the remote learning model.

LIVE STREAM MASS: St. Christopher's Cathedral: Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am,
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>.

CONTEXTUALISING THE IDEAL

The breakdown of a marriage is usually traumatic. Sadly, it is not uncommon. To read today's Gospel without context can add to the pain. We need to note that life expectancy in the time of Jesus was half what it is today. Further, the Christian community believed that the world would soon end, perhaps in their generation (Mk 9:1).

Compare and contrast this with our longer lifespan and understanding that the world will continue indefinitely, as well as our focus on individual freedom and the realisation that folk make mistakes and seek to move on. **Nonetheless, Jesus harkens back to God's original design for marriage as a lifelong union (Genesis 2-3).** Our First Reading is not history as we would understand it but rather *"an 'aetiological narrative': a story cast back in the time of origins to account for what is or what ought to be in the present – here the social institution of marriage. Making no mention of procreation, the text displays a remarkable sense of the companionship, friendship and mutual recognition in love that should surround sexual union. The love expressed in the union of two in one flesh should simply be the most intimate physical expression of a commitment in companionship and intimacy, embracing the totality of life"* (Brendan Byrne). **The Mosaic law did not permit divorce but it recognized the reality and sought to minimize the harmful effects insofar as the bill of divorce freed the wife of suspicion that she abandoned her husband. Jesus insisted that this provision was contrary to God's original design and must yield before it.** *"The Kingdom of God, the onset of which is the background to all this teaching, seeks to reclaim this original design of the Creator or, better, to bring it to realization for the first time. The community of disciples, as the 'beachhead' of the Kingdom in the world, are called to live out and bear witness to this original ideal"* (Byrne). At the same time, *"the 'exceptive clause' in the version of Jesus' rulings on divorce in Matthew's [later] Gospel (5:32;19:9) show some accommodation to new situations in which believers find themselves"* (Byrne). **The original ideal upheld by Jesus is Church teaching. The application of that teaching is however mindful of societal context and theological and canonical developments assisted by the insights of the human sciences.** This is manifest in the Church's commitment to the preparation of those entering marriage. Then there is the call to married couples to live the sacrament of marriage through maturing love and witness, supported by groupings such as Teams of Our Lady, which recently hosted an online Oceania conference, Family Groups and Marriage Encounter to name but some. The work of CatholicCare and Marymead assists individuals, couples and families. Again, the work of the Marriage Tribunal to assist those who seek to clarify whether there was a substantive lack of understanding or capacity in one or both parties at the time of marriage such that the presumed union did not come into being and nullity can be declared, freeing both parties to enter another union. **In all things, we acknowledge our interdependence as we seek the guidance and support of God's Spirit. For our individual and common good, we pray for couples preparing for marriage, for those married and for those starting over.**

Fr John

Plenary Council Tracker: during Plenary Council, starting Sunday 3 October, Concerned Catholics will host daily conversations at 7.30pm, via Zoom, anchored by Genevieve Jacobs AM with a panel of Plenary members and insiders summarising, highlighting, and discussing each day's events. Registering for Plenary Tracker is FREE. [Simply fill in your details here](#) to receive the web link to join each night. You will also receive daily emails with a video recording of the previous night's session, and a link to Prof. John Warhurst AO's daily blog. John is a Plenary Council member. When: Daily, October 3-10, 2021; Time: 7.30pm; Where: Via Zoom; Cost: Free.

PALMS AUSTRALIA invites you to prayerfully consider being part of the Church's mission by sharing your skills with overseas co-workers to improve their self-reliance and to transform your heart and mind. To be prepared for a possible 2022 placement, email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine, 9560 5333.

Season of Creation, 1 September - 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology): Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to take part: "to renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home." Information: <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home> and at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. See signage outside our Holy Trinity and St Peter and Paul churches.

October is World Mission Month: The Church's world-wide missionary work is life-giving, especially for children (click [here](#)). Over the weekend of 23-24 October, you will be asked to pray for and financially support the missionary outreach of the Church, and to consider doing so through your will (click [here](#)). For further info, contact our Diocesan Director, Karen McKerrow, 0411 924 288, kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

YOUTH MINISTER: If you are a post-school person committed in faith and looking to share the same in a school and parish context, then being a part-time Youth Minister of the Archdiocese for a couple years might be for you. **For more info and to perhaps forward your expression of interest, go to cg youth.org.au.** For an informal chat with one of our current Youth Ministers, Maddie and Grace, contact the Parish Office.

Volunteer for 6 – 12 months from Jan 2022 to work with young people in Australian Salesian communities of Don Bosco. When safe to do so, the Salesians will also recommence sending volunteers to Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. **Applications close October 30, 2021.** Enquire today: www.cagliero.org.au.

Haiti Emergency Aid: 'Aid to the Church in Need' (ACN) International has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and approved an emergency aid package of \$800,000 AUD. ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Donate at www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

Vocations to the Priesthood: If you are considering a call to serve as priest, please contact Vocations Directors Fr Trenton Van Reesch, Trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au or Fr Paul Nulley, paul.nulley@cg.org.au, or speak with Fr John. When COVID restrictions permit, the first Thursday of the month gathering of men discerning a vocation will resume at the Archbishop's House. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

Christian Meditation Group 6pm, Wednesdays is meeting via Zoom during lockdown. All welcome. Contact Vikki, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 48 to register.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 9-10 October 2021, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B); Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30.