



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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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: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Kieran O'Connor, Kay Pyket, Olivia Newton-John, Judith Durham, Paul Green, Marie Hargreaves, Clare Wilson, Grace Njoku, Felipe Nunag Sr and Lorna Nunag, Johnny Famechon, Jock Campbell, Shinzo Abe, Joseph Nagle, Judith Newton, Paul Mansfield, Dana Rimanic, Phil Adam, Jim Perkins, Graham Anderson, Grace Njoku, Kevin Gascoigne, Carmel Govaars, Regina Lewis, 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 Hodgens, victims of US shootings, Valerie Gruzauskas, Andrew Symonds, June Slocum, Peter McLeod, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Maurice Cronin, John Maher, Tony O'Donnell, Marie Pugh, Jim Woods, Mary Carmody, Vincent Huang, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Pam Dewhurst, Marjory Swan, June and Terry Freebody, Anne Perkins, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Gabriel Anne, Benjamin Jesus, Esperanza Gementera, Milena Ceccarelli and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Anne Taylor, Noel Egan, Trevor Forner, Kieran O'Connor, 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, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

TO PRESUME COULD BE DEADLY

Some years ago my brother gave me a figurine in the form of a muscle-bound, bald bouncer in black suit, bow tie and sunglasses. If you pushed the 'on' button you heard in a guttural Cockney accent: "You're not coming anywhere near here looking like that", then "You're not welcome here", then "Your name's not down, you're not coming in", then "Not today mate", then "Come over here if you think you're hard enough", and finally "You're cruising for a bruise". **No one likes rejection. However, today's Readings make clear that some might miss out. The gift of life in Christ seeks a response. Presumption does not cut it. Presumption is evident or not in the response of our lives. At times our response might be inconsistent, hypocritical even, and yet we are aware of this precisely because of our desire for life to the full in Christ (Jn. 10:10).** The call to life in Christ for all is prefigured in the universalist vision of our First Reading. Our Gospel would

have it that some will not be invited into the banquet, while others presumed to be set apart from the chosen are in fact inside. **The best humour is often about the most serious matters. Rowan Atkinson in his “Devil Sketch” takes the part of the devil in addressing arrivals to hell.** *“Atheists! Atheists? Over here please. You must fell a right bunch of charlies.”* He continues, *“Okay, and Christians! Christians? Ah yes, I’m sorry, I’m afraid the Jews were right.”* He continues in the same vein, *“Okay, Moonies, maniacs, Marmite eaters, male models, masochists, mass murderers and masseurs, if you could take a pew at the back – with the Methodists that is. Now, you’re the lot who used to kill whales, is that right? Ah yes, I must remember - I’ve got some strips to tear off you bastards later.”* (<http://www.inf.fu-berlin.de/lehre/WS06/pmo/eng/audio/Devil.pdf>). **Back to the serious matter of our response to the offer of God’s hospitality, Brendan Byrne SJ comments:** *“Daily the Gospel challenges the narrowness of our thoughts and the limits of our generosity. To allow this to happen is, in effect, to go in by the “narrow gate”, the gate that strips us of the “baggage” our selfishness makes us acquire. For those prepared to live in this way, the question of salvation barely arises. It can be safely left in the hands of the all-generous God whose only desire in our regard is to call us the banquet of life”.* Fr John

CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS: To be signed by all volunteers. Copies in foyer. Please return to parish office a.s.a.p.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER: To raise money for an Afghan family in Pakistan awaiting a visa to Australia, 7pm, 24 August, Parish Centre. \$30 for a selection of Middle Eastern delights, plus juice and tea and coffee. RSVP by Monday 22 August to Robyn at onebigmother8@gmail.com, where bank account details will be provided.

INFORMAL LIFE CHAT NO. 3: *“What am I to do about it?”* building on the second gathering which considered *“What does the Church have to offer?”* will be from 6 – 7pm, Mon 29 August in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome. Preparatory reading material is in the foyer.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST EUCHARIST: students are currently preparing for celebration at either the 6pm, Sat 17 Sept Mass or the 9.30am Sun 18 Sept Mass. Inquiries to the Parish Office. Please keep them in your prayers.

LAUDATO SI: ‘CARING FOR CREATION CONFERENCE’, Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin, is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of *Laudato Si’* – On Care for Our Common Home. A day to change ourselves, each other and the planet, 17 Sept., John Paul II College. Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNION TO THE AGED AND HOUSEBOUND: If you could assist in this most valued ministry, please contact the parish office.

PARISH FINANCES: Thanks again for your ongoing support. Forms for new or amended electronic contributions are in the foyer. Also, in the foyer are two-sided summary sheets of parish finances and a new ‘Tap N Go’ machine with four amount options. You can tap or insert your card after selecting the amount.

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: 27-28/8, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Sir 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eyers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Liz Anderson	Fred Ward: J O’Connor, M Crane	Homes: J and B Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	29 Aug Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens		
Wednesday Liturgy	24 Aug Prayer Leaders: John and Alex Eyers		Eucharistic Minister: Emma Fairfax