



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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21-22 May 2022, Sixth Sunday of Easter, 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 (NB: Sunday 22 May 9.30am Mass at Garran)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Andrew Symonds, June Slocum, Peter McLeod, Bill Hibberson, David Sandground, Elsie Lanzon, Mark Williams, Peter Cox, 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, and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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, Richard Pugh, Patrick Kelly, Nell Smith, Jack Perry, Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Sylvia Cronin, Khanh Nguyen, Bich Nguyen, Maria Italiano, Kevin Wilson, Noel Lane, Eileen Cooper, and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, Pauline Murphy, Paul Brown, Bill Byrne, 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 and those afflicted with COVID.

STATE AND CHURCH

The Australian people have voted. Soon our 47th Federal Parliament will meet. Since federation our nation has known wars, economic depression, boom times, natural disasters, pandemics, and an openness to engage with the challenges and possibilities of a multi-cultural populace holding diverse religious beliefs, or none increasingly. We are yet to commit to an agreed understanding of Reconciliation with First Nations people. We are situated in the Asia-Pacific region, a middle power with long-standing allies in Europe and North America. **As to what the Government should do, Father Andrew Hamilton SJ would have it that is a difficult question to answer because the major parties lack policies “to address the clear and pressing needs”. Hamilton calls this “a recipe for paralysis”. He proposes “a broad inquiry, free from lawyers and interest groups. It should enquire into what kind of Australia we shall leave to our children, say by the totemic year 2050. Its remit should be to show what we shall expect if we continue along the same path we now take, what needs to be done to shape a better future, and how to do it in an equitable way. That will give the Government a program for responsible rule” (Eureka Street).** Strong words. **As a nation evolves, so too does the Church’s understanding of its mission.** After all, faith is mediated through culture and the continuing challenge is the “separation of faith and culture” (Pope Paul VI). **The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council of Australia will take place in Sydney, 3 – 9 July. The hope is to engender a new heart and initiatives which will rekindle**

the mission of the Church as “a sign and instrument” of the reign of God. When leaving his followers, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells them that the Holy Spirit “will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you”. As a result, Jesus claims to offer “a peace that the world cannot give, this is my gift to you”. **Let us pray that the elected representatives of our 47th Parliament will enact legislation to further the dignity of every person. At the same time, we acknowledge that government is a means to an end, a vital enabler but not the end game. First and foremost, we take up the challenge to be who we ought to be.** To paraphrase, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop: “Never see a need without doing something about it”. Meanwhile, the vexed issue of contemporary church and state relations was played out in the rejection of religious discrimination legislation and when President Joe Biden, a Catholic personally opposed to abortion was attacked for the Democrats support of legalized abortion. The US Bishops considered but did not proceed with a ban on Biden receiving Holy Communion. In the foyer you will find a commentary on that and more so the relationship of church and state at law, ‘*The Politics of Communion. Bishops Must Not Bar Biden*’, *The Tablet Editorial*, 26 June 2021 (my underlined emphasis added).

Fr John

LAUDATO SI WEEK, 16 – 23 MAY is a time of prayerful and local commitment to ‘care for our common home’ in accordance with Pope Francis’ call for an ‘integral ecology’, or the understanding that all is connected and revealing of the movement of God’s Spirit. In the foyer, you will find a copy of the Archdiocesan response. This Sunday Archbishop Christopher will celebrate the 11am Cathedral Mass mindful of the Week’s intention. You can learn more of the Caring for Creation movement by contacting Alison Weeks at LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com and, or going to www.care4creation.org A copy of the Australian Bishops Statement is in the foyer and resources from them can be accessed at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/03/21/laudato-si-week-resources/>

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.

‘BEYOND THE PLENARY COUNCIL’ is a report available in the foyer of the 21 April launch in the Parish Centre of Paul Collins’ latest book, “*Recovering The ‘True Church’. Challenges for Australian Catholicism Beyond the Plenary Council*”, Coventry Press, Bayswater Vic, 2022. **Of related interest is the Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn, 9 June, 7.30pm–9pm Forum in the Chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton: ‘THE CHURCH AND THE SECOND PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY: WHERE ARE WE NOW?’** Sr Clare Condon sgs; Francis Sullivan; Andrea Dean and Paul Collins will address the Forum. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION 21 -22 JUNE: Please keep the candidates and their families in prayer.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: parishioners are invited to gather with other Christians of our area to pray ecumenically and to share good company, 7.30pm Tues., 31 May, Parish Centre.

ACT RIGHT TO LIFE ASSN INC 50 YEARS CELEBRATORY DINNER, WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022. ALL WELCOME.

Archbishop Prowse, Senator Eric Abetz and MLA(Ret) Vicki Dunne, guest speakers. Info, Bev 0418 718 713. Book at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897te-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897>

PARISH CENTRE KEYS: If you have a parish centre key please return it via the mail slot in the presbytery door.

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: 28-29/5, The Ascension of the Lord, Year C; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>5th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Anthony De Salis	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	H Gulan	Volunteer required	
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Lyn Bliss	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Marie O’Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Volunteer required
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	30 May T Frawley		
Wednesday Liturgy	25 May Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax		Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson