



*Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.*

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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22-23 January 2022, Third 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 – AUSTRALIA DAY MASS
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 Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Jean and Max Murray, Peter Bao-Huu Huynh, Heather Brewer, John Kibbey, Guiseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, flood victims of Indonesia and the Philippines, Adrian Roberts, Tony Spinks, James (Jim) McErlean, Ian Collis, Margaret Maher, Peter Mulholland, Victims of Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, Stan O'Donnell, Mitchell Power, Brian Brown, Martin Spillane, Dagmar Shepherd, Victims of Tasmanian school tragedy, Victims of US tornadoes, Victims of Haiti petrol tanker explosion, Sr. M Anne Guthrie RSJ, Valma Dowse, Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle), David Coffey, Kevin McKay, Maureen Daly, Maureen Maguire, Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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, Joe Caruanna and family members, Busuttil and Formosa family members, Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning, and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Emily Capper, John Barry, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Kaungyun Lee, Carolyn Wightman, Chris Begley, Greg Geering, Sonja, Oscar and Maggie Hammond, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell and those afflicted with COVID.

TO BE COMPASSION IN WORD AND ACTION

Public speaking is a challenge, especially for the uninitiated. My first homily or talk during a Mass was in St Mary's, Young. It was a hot and very dry Saturday evening. I was a deacon, nervous and sweating. Sitting down after two minutes, Fr Mick Burke remarked that they would love me if I could keep it to that in the future! I haven't, though I note that Jesus kept his opening address short too. Luke's arrangement of the (Greek rather than the Hebrew) text of Isaiah in today's Gospel reveals that liberation of **all** brings insight or enlightenment for **all**:

A – good news to the poor

B – release to the captives

C - SIGHT TO THE BLIND

B1 - freedom to the oppressed

A1 - proclaim year of the Lord's favour.

“This concentric arrangement of ideas leads a reader or listener to realize that the ideas of line A and A1 are similar, and the ideas of B and B1 are similar. Line C stands out as the focal point of the verses” (John J Pilch, p. 25). **Luke calls all to see anew in the light of Jesus. That is little wonder as Luke wrote for a Gentile or non-Jewish audience.** He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, the companion volume to his Gospel.



Behind a rostrum or not, our words and actions speak. Actions speak louder but words now have so many avenues to put down or to build up. Perhaps I am minding my p’s and q’s but not making any real difference? **The ministry of Jesus however began in compassion (‘com-passion’ is to ‘suffer with’), not indifference.** “Why did Jesus do this? What would make a middle-class man talk to beggars and mix socially with the poor? What would make a prophet associate with the rabble who knew nothing about the law? The answer comes across very clearly in the gospels: compassion” (Albert Nolan Op, ‘Jesus before Christianity’,

1992, p. 28). **Who am I called to identify with and bring solace, a sense of jubilee or release from moral or physical burden? I bet we don’t have to look far to find instances. We might well identify some causes of oppression within ourselves and our community. As we approach Australia Day, whether of ancient, Anglo-Celtic, European or more recent arrival still, we can all own aspects that undermine respect for ourselves and one another. Perhaps in a twist of perverse irony, we take heart that Jesus’ neighbours rejected him too. But they missed out. Pity to keep repeating the mistake. Advance Australia Fair!**

Fr John

WE PRAY FOR Tiana Chicco and Jeremy Daniel who gather with their family to celebrate their First Eucharist.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS will be celebrated 9.30am, this Wednesday, 26 January. Come and along and pray in thanksgiving and guidance for our nation Australia.

APOSTOLIC NUNCIO: Pope Francis has appointed American Archbishop Charles Balvo, a veteran of the Vatican’s diplomatic service for more than 30 years, to serve as the next Apostolic Nuncio. Having previously served in the Pacific and NZ, he comes to Australia enriched further by his experience as Nuncio in Africa and Europe.

ACCOMMODATION sought for post-grad ANU student. Call Parish Office or 0407 873 890.

UPDATED ARCHDIOCESAN COVID PROTOCOLS: Face masks must be worn by the congregation at all times; Reception of Holy Communion is only in the hand; Music is encouraged but singing is only permitted by a stand-alone choir, not the congregation.

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM offers concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of ‘integral ecology’ as described in Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical. See: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/> and <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>.

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

GOLD BANGLE found outside the Church. Contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 29-30/1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; **Jer 1:4-5,17-19, 1 Cor 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30.**

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>5th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Anthony De Salis	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	H Gulan	Volunteer required	Annie Gordon-Crothers
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Ryan	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Lyn Bliss	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteer required	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: <i>No visits at this time</i>	Fred Ward: <i>No visits at this time</i>	Homes: <i>No visits at this time</i>
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	31 Jan, Ted Frawley, Volunteer required		
Wednesday Liturgy	26 Jan, Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax		Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson

ⁱ <https://thumbs.dreamstime.com/b/rear-view-speaker-speaking-microphone-male-public-pointing-spotlights-symbol-leadership-international-36085463.jpg> . Accessed 21/1/22.