



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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25-26 September, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), Migrant and Refugee Sunday

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 wodennorth@cg.org.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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: 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

Pauline McLennan, 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: During lockdown Holy Trinity Church will be closed and the regular weekday and Sunday Masses will not be celebrated. Further details 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/>.

THE NEED FOR 'OVERFLOW'

Today's First Reading and Gospel makes clear that Jesus is open to the movement of God's Spirit in anyone of good will. A presumption of the innate dignity of others underpinned this affirmation. However, for a variety of historical and theological reasons contrary to that understanding and to the detriment of ecumenical and inter-faith relations,

let alone engagement with wider society, the Church for years claimed to be **'the perfect society'** and that there was **'no salvation outside the Church'**. **The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) redressed that understanding. It spoke of the Church as 'a sign and instrument' of the reign of God.** The Council claimed that the fulness of revelation is in the communion of the faithful and manifest in a hierarchy of truths (our understanding of which is open to development) but not thereby exhausted. The Council also therefore insisted on the religious freedom of all. **The takeaway was to 'open the windows' and to seek dialogue with all of good will. Fast forward to today's celebration of Migrant and Refugee Sunday and next weekend's first meeting of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia and the thrust of the readings, along with the call of Pope Francis to 'synodality' ('walking together') are especially relevant.** The desire or the necessity of folk to seek a new start in another country and the different perspectives within the family of faith call for communal discernment and action.

In *'Let Us Dream'*, (available at the Catholic Bookshop), Pope Francis says that dialogue, *"a mutual exchange of gifts"* is key. *"The solution to an intractable problem comes in ways that are unexpected and unforeseen, the result of a new and greater creativity released, as it were, from the outside. This is what I mean by "overflow" because it breaks the banks that confined our thinking, and causes to pour forth, as if from an overflowing fountain, the answers that formerly the contraposition didn't let us see. We recognize that this process is a gift from God because it is the same action of the Spirit described in Scripture and evident in history"* (p. 80). In that spirit of 'overflow', I share an *'Acknowledgment of Country'* from Young Christian Students (YCS) for this Migrant and Refugee Sunday:

As we gather in this virtual space, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we each are located. Their footsteps were here long before our shoeprints. Their handprints were here, centuries before our buildings rose. Their hearts loved and broke in this country generations before our hearts loved and broke. Their cultural authority and traditions were established long before our communities of relationships and leadership came to be. We call upon their spirit ancestors and our own ancestors who have gone to God, to be with us as we share, learn and celebrate together. May we live gently on this land. We also welcome Christ who comes to us as the visitor, the stranger, the young worker, the refugee, the asylum seeker, the migrant, and those who still offshore awaiting our welcome onshore.

I draw your attention to the attached notice of an invitation to the 'Call To Lamentation'.

The Plenary Council will engage 278 members meeting online in State hubs. They will be assisted by the work of 20 Expert Advisers, A Canonical ('Church Law') Committee, A Drafting Committee, A Steering Committee, A Secretariat, 11 Facilitators, 7 Chairpersons, 5 Observers, 1 President and more than 150 volunteers. It's big! Members from our Archdiocese are Archbishop Christopher, Brigid Cooney, Father Tony Percy, Sally Fitzgerald, Francis Sullivan, John Warhurst, and me. Sr Clare Condon SGS who regularly gathers with us here for Mass is one of the expert advisers. Once more, I commend the Plenary Council Prayer to you:

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Fr John

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: Pope Francis calls us to include all people in a **'wider we'**. You may also wish to attend an online service on the Sunday evening for [refugees who don't feel part of our 'wider we'](#). (See attached notice).

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

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

POSITION VACANT: Manager, Clergy Retirement Foundation (CRF). The Manager provides the day to day administration of the CRF and the provision of care and support for the retired clergy of the Archdiocese. Preferred requirements include knowledge of the aged care sector; book keeping and budget preparation; working knowledge of the Microsoft suite; property management and maintenance. Applications should be forwarded to Archdiocesan Financial Administrator, GPO Box 3089 Canberra ACT 2601 helen.delahunty@cg.org.au by 20 September 2021.

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: 2-3 October 2021, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B); Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16.