



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**26-27 February 2022, Eighth 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 – 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; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

### MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

**Recently Deceased:** Geoff Hill, Ada Falez, Fr Henry Byrne, Damien Biddle, Thomas Crichton, Ian McDonald, Alex Fulop, Fr Laurie Blake, Johnny Raper, John Levitski, Connie Poe, Peter Daroczy, Glenn Wheatley, Laurie Halloran, Sr Janet Mead RSM, John Verrell (father of Fr Luke, PP Bega), Luigi Lazzarato, Paddy Reardon, Kaungyun Lee, Chris Begley, 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 Phillipines, Adrian Roberts, Tony Spinks, James (Jim) McErlean, Ian Collis, Margaret Maher, Peter Mulholland, Victims of Typhoon Rai in the Phillipines, Stan O'Donnell, Mitchell Power, Brian Brown, Martin Spillane and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Patrick Kelly, Lawrence Raymond Spargo, Nell Smith, Jack Perry, Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Sylvia Cronin, 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, Busutil and Formosa family members, Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning and victims of COVID.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

James Biddle, Carol 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, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Rosa Winstanley and those afflicted with COVID.

### TO LOOK WITHIN BEFORE LOOKING OUTWARD

**Russia invades Ukraine. International sanctions follow. Loss of life and ongoing concern. We pray for an end to hostilities and peace founded on justice.** The former is desired by all, though what the latter would look like is a disputed matter. Relationships, personal and national are complex and ever evolving. **Today's readings offer perennial food for thought, and not just for the faithful. In all relationships we need to look where we are coming from.** The Scriptures understand the heart as 'the life principle' not the symbol of romance we usually associate it with (cf. Valentine's Day). And so we read, *"For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also"* (Matt 6:21). **Where is your heart, or more colloquially, 'where am I coming from?'** Brendan Byrne comments: *"it is hard to know what is in one's own heart – to recognise the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting vision and right judgement. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that – not*

*judgement and condemnation – should surely be the model for human interaction.”* In matters of inter-personal, religious and political judgement we *“must proceed from conversion of heart, and a truly humble and accurate appraisal of oneself. Otherwise, it will be simply dangerous and destructive.”* Violence, which can take many forms, be it between nations or individuals or couples begets violence. And yet there is a right to self-defence. Better that the aggressor stops. The judgement of the international community is clear: a preemptive strike by Russia founded on alleged and unsubstantiated concerns – the plank in their eye – does not justify their aggression. They should withdraw. What response will bring about an end to hostilities and a negotiated peace which all can live with? **More immediately, we pray for an end to hostilities and the tragic loss of innocent life, heeding the call of Pope Francis to do so this Ash Wednesday especially. Only with the end of hostilities can all look within and without in seeking justice as the basis for peaceful co-existence. Naïve, some would say. An ideal worth pursuing in this instance and all others is my response. Besides, the alternative is the abyss of darkness. Did someone say Taiwan? And what about Afghanistan and Myanmar?**

Fr John

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the candidates who celebrate their **First Holy Communion** at a special 11.30am Mass.

**SEASON OF LENT** begins **Ash Wednesday, 2 March**. Masses with the distribution of ashes will be **9.30am and 5.30pm at Holy Trinity and 12 noon at Ss Peter and Paul’s**. Copies of the Wollongong Diocese’s ‘Remember’, for personal or group reflection will be available in the foyer from next weekend. Parishioners along with those from South Woden and Weston Creek will gather for a regional **Second Rite of Reconciliation, 7pm, Tues 5 April**. **Extra First Rite times during Lent will be Monday 7 and 28 March, and Friday 18 March, and Wednesday 13 April, 6-6.30pm**

**VIRTUAL LENT SERIES:** Garrett Publishing are presenting a series of free talks exploring the readings for the week by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union College of the University of Divinity. When: Tuesdays – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12; Time: 7-8pm; Details: <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lent-series/> . Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded after registration.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** You now have until mid-March to take up the invitation of Pope Francis to make a submission to the local consultation for the international Synod on ‘Synodality’. Go to <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**HOLY TRINITY SHOW ‘N SHINE:** On Sunday, 3 April from 10am-3pm the carpark and in front of the church will be given over to this event, conducted under the auspices of the ‘Canberra Street Machine Association’. Over fifty vehicles of mainly Ford, GMH and Chrysler lineage (the ‘Big Three’) will be on display. **The 9.30am Mass that day will be rescheduled to an 8.30am start.** Come along to an enjoyable day and help support the ongoing St Vincent de Paul South Coast Bushfire Relief effort. If you could assist with some tasks in preparation and/or on the day, please contact Fr John or the parish office.

**HOSPITALITY ROSTER:** The post Sunday 9.30 Mass cuppa is an opportunity for parishioners to catch up on the events of the week and to strengthen friendships. Libby Cremen is seeking parishioners to undertake simple set up and then serve coffee/tea and biscuits after Mass. If you would like to know more about this rewarding contribution to parish life, Libby would love to hear from you on 0459 853 552 or [libbycremen@hotmail.com](mailto:libbycremen@hotmail.com) by the end of March.

**RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION:** I commend to you Paul Collins’ article, ‘*The Fundamentalist Take-Over of ‘Christianity’ (in ‘Pearls and Irritations’ Feb 18 2022)*, copies of which are available in the foyer.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PAINTING:** Check out the watercolour recently painted by Girish Toraskar in the foyer.

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

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays via Zoom. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487 or [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au). **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** 5-6/3, First Sunday of Lent, Year C; Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Bev Cains	Volunteer required	Athena Cains
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Volunteer required	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteers required	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	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>
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<i>7 Mar.</i>	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>2 Mar.</i>	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Francis Fitzpatrick