



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**26-27 March 2022, Fourth Sunday of Lent, 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 ( <b>NB: Next Sunday, 3 April Mass at 8.30am and 5.30pm</b> )

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Waldren, Stuart Cox, Victims of war in Ukraine, Flood victims in Qld and NSW, Shane Warne, Rod Marsh, Steve Nadjecki, Betty McArdle, 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, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Cecily Howden, John Frawley, Keith McLaughlin, Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher, Richard Pugh, Patrick Kelly, Richard 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 and victims of COVID.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

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

### COMMUNION WITH ALL

**FOMO ('fear of missing out')** is evident in today's Gospel. The older son resents the father's largesse after the return of his younger wayward or 'prodigal' son. This parable is "the final and largest of the three parables in Luke 15 (the first being the Lost Sheep, the second the Lost Coin). Jesus tells all three as a defence against criticisms of the welcome he gives to "tax collectors (social outcasts) and sinners" and his "eating with them" – his celebration with them of their discovery of the mercy and hospitality of God" (Brendan Byrne). In a spirit of generosity, the father had deferred to the younger son's request for his inheritance. He did so aware that the request was tantamount to wishing him dead. Nonetheless, he longs for his younger son's return and welcomes him with open arms. Having later assured the dutiful older son of his generosity, the father invites him into the party to celebrate his brother's return. **As if to ask us whether we too are willing to trust the promise of God's generosity to all, we are not told if the older son went in.** The younger son trusted in his father's mercy and returned home, will the older son do the same and join the celebration? Will he, will we accept the father's or God's love, "a God who displays love to an extravagant and, humanly speaking, foolish degree" (Byrne). **Of course, we are all at times the selfish younger son, the returned prodigal and the resentful but reassured and challenged older son. The love of our heavenly Father reaches out to**

all in all circumstances. Something of the Father's desire for the communion with all was manifest in Pope Francis' Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (25 March, Solemnity of the Annunciation). Addressing Mary, Mother of all, Pope Francis stated in part: "At this hour a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty. Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine." **We join Pope Francis and the Church universal in prayer and fasting for an end to hostilities in Ukraine.** We do so as a people of hope on this **Laetare / 'Rejoice' Sunday** when we anticipate the joy of Easter.  
Fr John

- **PROJECT COMPASSION:** This year's theme is '**For All Future Generations**'. Each household is invited to take home either a Project Compassion box or envelopes from the foyer.
- **VIRTUAL LENTEN OFFERING:** Garrett Publishing continues to offer exploration of the readings for the week by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union College. When: Tuesdays – March 29, April 5 and 12, 7-8pm. Online registration for Zoom presentation is essential: <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lent-series/>
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Besides the **Regional Second Rite** of Reconciliation, 7pm, Tues 5 April, **extra First Rite times** during Lent (besides the usual Sat 5-5.30pm) are Mon 28 March and Wed 13 April, 6 - 6.30pm.
- **CUPPA FOLLOWED BY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Following the Friday 9.30am Lenten Masses in the Parish Centre. All welcome.
- **HOLY WEEK-EASTER ROSTER SHEETS IN THE CHURCH FOYER.** If you could assist with a ministry, mindful that the usual rosters do not operate with many parishioners away, please so indicate. Thank you.

**CHRISM MASS:** Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 11 April at 5pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, for this most important Holy Week ceremony. Everyone is most welcome.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO AGED CARE HOMES AND HOUSEBOUND** resumed last weekend. **There is a particular need for assistance with Communion to the housebound.** If you could assist contact the Parish Office.

**LISMORE DIOCESE FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL:** Thank you for your generous support of last weekend's retiring collection for Bishop Greg Homeming's Appeal. Your solidarity will see **\$3,412.40** forwarded for assistance of those in need.

**HOLY TRINITY SHOW 'N SHINE NEXT SUNDAY, 3 APRIL, 10am-3pm in the carpark and in front of the church under the auspices of the 'ACT Street Machine Association'. N.B. THE 9.30AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO 8.30AM.** Check out the cars and help support the ongoing St Vincent de Paul South Coast Bushfire Relief effort. **If you could assist on the day, contact Fr John or the parish office.**

**ANZAC DAY MASS, 25 APRIL:** Invitation from the Military Ordinariate of Australia to St Christopher's Cathedral for the 8am National Anzac Day Mass. Guests to be seated by 7.45am. NOTE: Mass in Holy Trinity at 9.30am on Anzac Day.

**'LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD': The 9.30am Mass on Sunday 22 May will be celebrated at Ss Peter and Paul's, Garran.** We will be giving thanks to God, acknowledging the grief for some in moving away and looking forward. Afterwards there will be refreshments and a rolling photo display of memorabilia.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** 2-3/4, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C; Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 8.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Tony Butler	Volunteer required	Greg Nash
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
Welcomer	Jacque Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Kevin Lea	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Julia Carter	Homes: Volunteer required
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	4 Apr.	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	30 Mar.	Prayer Leader: John O'Connor	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne O'Connor

