



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Cecil Pearson, Kieran O'Connor, Kay Pyket, Olivia Newton-John, Judith Durham, Paul Green, Marie Hargreaves, Clare Wilson, Grace Njoku, Felipe Nunag Sr and Lorna Nunag, Johnny Famechon, Jock Campbell, Shinzo Abe, Joseph Nagle, Judith Newton, Paul Mansfield, Dana Rimanic, Phil Adam, Jim Perkins, Graham Anderson, Grace Njoku, Kevin Gascoigne, Carmel Govaars, Regina Lewis, Robyn Murphy, Bruce Lotton, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Charlie Morella, Maurice Cronin, John Maher, Tony O'Donnell, Marie Pugh, Jim Woods, Mary Carmody, Vincent Huang, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Pam Dewhurst, Marjory Swan, June and Terry Freebody, Anne Perkins, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Gabriel Anne, Benjamin Jesus, Esperanza Gementera, Milena Ceccarelli and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Woods, Anne Taylor, Noel Egan, Trevor Forner, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, John O'Connor, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, Bill Byrne, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

GRACED ENCOUNTERS

Today's Gospel continues Luke's understanding of the reversal of the status quo at the end of time. Recall last week's Gospel where some who thought that they had an inside running were excluded (cf the Magnificat of Mary, 1:51-53 and the Beatitudes and Woes of 6:20-26). Today's Gospel is far more than an admonition to be humble, though in a society predicated on honour and shame it would have struck a chord. However, far greater than any possible shame and dishonour now would be having to 'step down' from one's presumed position at the end of time. **Thus, the Gospel is a parable about the need to adopt a counter-cultural stance now in anticipation of the great reversal at the end of time.** *"Better, when issuing invitations, not to invite your friends and relations; all that will get you is a similar invitation in return. Invite instead the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. In the present, they may have nothing to offer. But being hospitable to them now stores up for you the welcome that truly matters: the welcome they will give you into the hospitality of God that lasts forever"* (Brendan Byrne). **This is not about putting a lid on hospitality with those near and dear, but it is about ensuring that no one is excluded from the table.** Of course, 'the table' is not only that for the Eucharist and the dining table, it is also the table of the world's bounty and the respect to be afforded it for the sake of all, now and into the future. **No one is to be excluded; everyone belongs**

and those most in need have a particular claim on us. Of course, the Gospel is easier spoken about than lived. The saints were very much aware of this. “St Francis of Assisi had a fear and abhorrence of lepers. One day, however, he met a man afflicted with leprosy . . . Though the sight of the leper filled him with horror and disgust, Francis got off his horse and kissed the leper. Then the leper put out his hand, hoping to receive something. Out of compassion, Francis gave money to the leper. But when Francis mounted his horse again and looked all around, he could not see the leper anywhere. It dawned on him that it was Jesus whom he had just kissed” (Jack Wintz OFM, Franciscan Spirit Blog). **Lord, as we gather to be nourished at your table, grace us to be nurtured in our relationships, especially the more challenging wherein you await.** Fr John

PRESENTATION MASSES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES: May the families who gather be buoyed by our prayerful support in preparation for their child’s First Eucharist next month. In turn, may they continue to enrich the unity in diversity of the Eucharistic family of North Woden.

FATHER’S DAY APPEAL: This appeal to support the 26 retired priests of the Archdiocese will be taken up will be taken up at all Masses on 9 and 10 Sept. You can support the appeal by the envelopes provided; by going to www.cgatholic.org.au/donate; or by calling 6239 9801.

PALMS AUSTRALIA invites you to consider a Mission opportunity abroad in one of a number of Asia-Pacific countries. Live in and share your skills with Catholic communities. You will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. For more info pho 0422 742 567 and register for a Webinar, 11.30am, Sat, 24 Sept

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS addressing ‘Media For Good’ and other matters is available in the foyer.

INFORMAL LIFE CHAT NO. 3: “What am I to do about it?” building on the second gathering which considered “What does the Church have to offer?” will be from 6 – 7pm, Mon 26 September in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome. Preparatory reading material is in the foyer. **The new date is a consequence of unforeseen commitments.** Fr John .

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION: The Archbishop is seeking to appoint up to two new members from the beginning of 2023 and further members from mid-2023. Expressions of Interest, outlining the applicant’s interest and relevant experience together with a curriculum vitae, should be directed to the Commission Chair, Dr Patrick McCardle, patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au by Fri 14 Oct.

LAUDATO SI: ‘CARING FOR CREATION CONFERENCE’, Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin, is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of *Laudato Si’* – On Care for Our Common Home. A day to change ourselves, each other and the planet, 17 Sept., John Paul II College. Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com / see foyer A5 flyer.

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNION TO THE AGED AND HOUSEBOUND: If you could assist in this most valued ministry, please contact the parish office.

PARISH FINANCES: Thanks again for your ongoing support. Forms for new or amended electronic contributions are in the foyer. Also, in the foyer are two-sided summary sheets of parish finances and a new ‘Tap N Go’ machine with four amount options. You can tap or insert your card after selecting the amount.

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: 3-4/9, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Wis 9:13-18; Phil 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Bev Cains	Bob Perkins	Athena Cains
Commentator	Alex Evers	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteers required	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Volunteer required	Homes: Volunteer required
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	5 Sept. B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
Wednesday Liturgy	31 Aug	Prayer Leaders: John O’Connor	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane