



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 27-28 November 2021, First Sunday of Advent, 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 Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle), David Coffey, Kevin McKay, Maureen Daly, Maureen Maguire, Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, George Harris, Bert Newton, Catherine Lloyd, Clem Helmers, Agostino Luongo, Maureen Connelly, June Slater, Denzil Gomez, Wilfredo Riosa (father of Fr Anthony, Assistant Priest Gungahlin), Helen Douglass, Heinz Ritzberger, Maureen Sheehan, Joshua Dryden, David Vickers, Fred and Trish Jones, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning, Judith Whittaker, Teresa Couacaud, Lewis Mesaros, Margaret Frawley, Johan Holtzapffel, Joe Caruana, Fr Phil Buckley, John Nguyen, John Bowen Smith, Oreste Trinca, Theresa Clarke, Jerome Woods, Melanie Swan, Jack and Pat Ryan, Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin.

#### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

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, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle and those afflicted with COVID.

#### **A WAITING PEOPLE**

Today we begin the Season of Advent. Advent is about waiting. We wait for the Lord's coming in three ways: at the end of time, in a stable and in our lives and our world. Our First Reading has the prophet Jeremiah speak of restoration following the Babylonian exile. He references an ideal king of David's line. The early Church understood this to prefigure Jesus, born of the line of David. Fast forward past the earthly life, death and resurrection of Jesus and our Second Reading exhorts us to live the Gospel now. Again, our Gospel reading, with reference to apocalyptic imagery of Daniel, speaks of the future coming of Jesus with all those who have lived in union with him. We are exhorted to be attentive as we await the Lord's return. We do not await the literal arrival of Jesus on the clouds of heaven, but we are mindful of the need to be accountable for our response or lack of it. This sense of accountability is not just about us personally but our action for a more just and loving world. **This sense of an inclusive preparation for the Lord's return is the initial focus of Advent. We then move to our proximate preparation for Christmas, though it is all connected as Jesuit scholar Brendan Byrne explains: "Advent is the season that honours and celebrates this waiting aspect of Christian life. Because we live in the time following the first coming of the Saviour, the prime focus of our waiting and our expectation is upon the second coming of the Lord. But because salvation is not complete, because we are so conscious of a world still ravaged by suffering and violence, we can identify with the prophets and holy men and women who hung upon the promise of salvation before the first coming of the**

Lord. Their cries express our own longings and hopes for a liberated and just world.” **To wait in silence and action consistent with our founded hope is the essence of Advent.** “We must wait for God long, meekly, in the wind and wet, in the thunder and lightning in the cold and dark. Wait, and he will come. He never comes to those who do not wait” (Frederick Faber, 1814-1863). **The Advent wreath symbolises our waiting.** The wreath’s origin goes back to northern hemisphere celebrations of the ancients during the darkest and gloomiest days of the year when they burnt or festooned their wagon wheels with lights and greenery in anticipation of the return of their sun-god. **We light candles on the wreath as we await the Saviour’s return and look to celebrate the feast of light and life, the nativity of the Saviour.** So too our Jesse Tree tells the story of salvation with reference to biblical figures and symbols. Fr John

**ADVENT PROGRAMMES: (1) The Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocesan Programme, ‘Walking Together’.** This free, online programme takes up the papal encyclical ‘Laudato Si’ and seeks to enrich marriage and family life. Register at: [bit.ly/WalkingTogether\\_Advent](http://bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent). **(2) ‘Blessed’ is the Diocese of Wollongong programme, suitable for group or individual reflection.** Copies are available in the Church foyer.

**MISSION SUNDAY:** Thanks to all who supported last week’s appeal. Envelopes are still available in the pews which can be placed in a collection bowl.

**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>.

**PART-TIME ARCHDIOCESAN POSITIONS: (1) Ministry Support Officer** to assist with the preparation and running of faith-based relationship formation programs for students, parents, families, engaged and married couples. **Applications close Monday 29/11. Info:** <https://cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/> **(2) Parish Administration Support Assistant** to input financial data and to produce reports and quarterly BAS. **Applications close 13/12.** Contact [deborah.foote@cg.org.au](mailto:deborah.foote@cg.org.au). Info: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/>

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL** can be supported via cash in the ‘Poor Box’ in the foyer or via envelope to the Parish Office. Food suitable for hampers for the needy can be placed in the container under the right overhead screen. Thank you.

**2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** If you would like contribute to the consultation, please collect a guide and attached questions from the foyer, submitting your response online.

**FR PETER DAY,** Archdiocesan Priest resident in ‘HOME’ in Queanbeyan will share his journey as guest of the Jesuit Discussion Group, 7.30pm, Tues, 7 Dec., Parish Centre. Parishioners most welcome.

**Eucharistic Ministers at Calvary John James, Deakin, one hour per month.** WWVP card and COVID vax required. Police Check done on acceptance. Contact [samantha.thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au](mailto:samantha.thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au) or call 6281 8112.

**COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS:** are now available for sale from the Parish Office. Cost \$10.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays in the Parish Centre. 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:** 4-5/12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent Year C; **Baruch** 5:1-9, **Phil** 1:4-6, 8-11, **Lk** 3:1-6.

<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	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Bev Cains	Volunteer required	Athena Cains
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacque Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Kevin Lea	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: No visits at this time	Fred Ward: No visits at this time	Homes: Lyn Granlund ( <i>Ringin ahead to check.</i> )
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<i>6 Dec.</i>	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>1 Dec.</i>	Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls

