



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**29-30 January 2022, Fourth 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 Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will sing of your salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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

**Recently Deceased:** 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:** Sylvia Guerin, 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, Busuttill and Formosa family members, Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning, and victims of COVID.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Emily Capper, John Barry, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Kaungyun Lee, Carolyn Wightman, 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 and those afflicted with COVID.

### OPEN TO CHANGE, TO CONVERSION

COVID has seen the notion of 'new normal' enter our lexicon. We don't do change well. Even if we understand the need for it. Besides, how long will this go on and what might be next? Bearing in mind our circumstance affords us sympathy for the crowd reaction to what Jesus called for in last Sunday's Gospel. Recall that empowered by the Spirit, Jesus stood up in the synagogue of Nazareth and claimed that he was "sent to bring good news to the poor. . . to proclaim the Lord's year of favour" (4:18-19). **The tables were to be turned.** "The point is that God's vision for humanity will challenge the present situation of the world, especially its established structures of power and advantage. Implementing the program set out by Jesus will entail a reversal of the current way things are: those who are on top will find themselves at the bottom: those who are at the centre will find themselves at the bottom; those who are at the centre will find themselves on the margins - and vice versa (cf. Mary's Magnificat [1:46-55]; Beatitudes [6:20-26])" (Brendan Byrne). The locals saw Jesus as the upstart son of the carpenter Joseph, not God's anointed. His quoting the precedents of God's outreach through the prophets Elijah and Elisha does not cut it with them. **He is about genuine conversion and they will have nothing of it. In fact, they seek to do away with him.** He escapes, but

in time others will do away with him. **“Today’s gospel confronts the potential for violence that lies in every human heart when the boundaries of comfort and convention are challenged. It is a profound exploration of the conversion that full response to the gospel requires” (Byrne).** Perhaps like me, you too can dumb down or simply refuse to engage with where God’s Spirit sometimes calls. **I note it was Jesus’ neighbours who wanted to do away with him. The danger in ‘practicing’ our faith is – like the observant Jews in the synagogue of Nazareth - we presume to create God in our comfortable image and likeness.** On the other hand, what if like Jeremiah, that most reluctant prophet, we took to heart the opening words of our First Reading: *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you.”* To hear those words is to enter the dialogue of love (Second Reading). **In love, and only in love, is conversion possible.** Love calls out the best in us. Being a disciple or follower of Jesus is to be open to ongoing conversion. **Openness and engagement or rejection and withdrawal remain the only options.** Fr John

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Christopher Bolitho and Eleanor Heenan who this weekend celebrate the **Sacrament of Marriage** and Maggie Probyn and Maggie Webb who celebrate their **First Holy Communion**.

**SCHOOLS RETURN:** We welcome students and staff who return this week. In recent days our two parish school staffs have gathered for spiritual renewal, reflecting on Pope Francis’s **‘Gaudete et Exsultate’ (‘To Rejoice and To Praise’)** wherein he affirms that spirituality is developed in one’s everyday circumstances.

**SUNDAY CUPPA AFTER 9.30AM MASS:** You are most welcome. On **Sunday 6 Feb** we will be farewelling Bella Soares and children Veronico and Veronica who will be returning to Timor Leste. Samuel will remain as First Secretary of the T L Embassy and sons Florio and Giovanni will continue with uni.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT (PIN):** This obligatory online gathering will commence at **6pm, Monday 7 February**. Children in Year 3 or above who have been baptized are eligible. Enrolment for the PIN and other details regarding preparation and celebration of the sacrament are available on the **QKR app** which must be downloaded. Further inquiries to the Parish Office.

**CLAIM THE DATES 2022**

In anticipation of your diaries filling up with appointments for the coming year, please note the following dates for the Sacraments of Initiation in 2022:

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| Term 1 - First Reconciliation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Information Night - Monday, 7 February 2022, 6pm via Zoom</li> <li>• Sacramental Celebration - commencing Saturday 26 March from 4.30pm</li> </ul> |
| Term 2 – Confirmation         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 3 May 2022, 6pm via Zoom</li> <li>• Sacramental Celebration - Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 and 22 June, 6pm</li> </ul>   |
| Term 3 - First Eucharist      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 26 July 2022, 6pm via Zoom</li> <li>• Sacramental Celebration - Saturday-Sunday, 17-18 September 2021</li> </ul>      |

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

**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>.

**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:** 5-6/2, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; **Is** 6:1-8, **1 Cor** 15:1-11, **Luke** 5:1-11.

<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>	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Alex Eyers	Denis Howden	Greg Holland
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Volunteer required	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacque Mullen	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Kevin Lea	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>	<b>7 Feb.</b>	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>2 Feb.</b>	Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls

