



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: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Mark Kelaart, Imelda Gildea, Allan Hawke, David Campbell, Mikhail Gorbachev, Robert Tiffen, Pakistan flood victims, 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: Paul Murphy, Alan Jones, Leo Morrissey, Barney Crowe, Winifred Mona Spargo, 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

Olga Johnson, 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.

HONOURABLE MEN

Happy Father's Day! Since the Middle Ages many European countries have used the Feast of St Joseph (19 March) to honour fathers and paternal bonds. We know that Joseph was an honourable or righteous man, saving the pregnant Mary from dishonour. However, we have not one recorded utterance from Joseph in the Gospels. Joseph was a man of action, attentive to the guidance of God in his dreams. He cared for Mary and Jesus. **The care of Joseph was a manifestation of our heavenly Father's care for us.** However, our appreciation of Father's Day has more resonance with the 1910 beginnings of Father's Day in the US, replete with commercial overtones. **Today's Gospel is not about cloying sentiment. On the contrary, the followers of Jesus are told to 'hate' their father and mother. What? That's crazy!** To situate this comment of Jesus, we need to appreciate that *"Semitic Languages, by and large, do not have a word for "prefer". When a person prefers one thing over another, he or she is said to "love" one (the thing preferred) and "hate" the other. "Hate", then, is simply an expression of rejecting something (possibly something good in itself) in favour of something considered more desirable. While it would be wrong to water down the strength of Jesus' prophetic utterance, what he is saying, then, is that family allegiances - so strong in the Palestinian culture of Jesus - have to take second place as far as following him is concerned"* (Brendan Byrne). In other words, the challenge

to discipleship “has to be heard in the context of the invitation to the Kingdom central to Jesus message. In comparison with this supreme good the losses entailed in the present conditions of discipleship find some proportion . . . It was consciousness of such divine generosity that led saints such as Francis of Assisi to embrace radical poverty so wholeheartedly” (ibid). Dads, living as disciples and seeking to do the will of our heavenly Father after the example of Jesus, love, care and protect those nearest and dearest. They are honourable but not perfect men. May we both forgive them as needs be and express our gratitude and pride in calling them ‘dad’. To do so is to celebrate the love of God which binds us together. In that sense, we truly proclaim, Happy Father’s Day! Fr John

FATHER’S DAY APPEAL: Your support today for our 26 retired priests will assist those who have walked in faith with so many across our vast archdiocese. Thank you in anticipation.

PARISH SCHOOLS: (1) OFFICIAL OPENING DAWSON ST GARDENS on Theodore Street across from Holy Trinity Church. Children from Holy Trinity School have been involved as volunteers. Fri, 9 Sept., 1-2pm. Smoking ceremony, planting and afternoon tea. All Welcome. **(2) SS PETER & PAUL’S SCHOOL SURVEY:** School Principal Cameron Johns invites parishioners to be part of a survey to improve the quality of education offered. The survey can be found at: <https://forms.gle/97ETTncZbdq5LKf57>

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 0422 742 567 and register for a Webinar, 11.30am, Sat, 24 Sept

‘AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS’, Jesuit magazine, 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 McArdle, 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. This gathering takes place in the Season Of Creation, a month when we are invited to listen to the cry of the environment and to reflect on what we must do to address the urgent need of global warming.

CURSILLO is an international lay-based faith formation movement that started over 80 years ago. It provides a practical approach to enliven our faith lives. As well as annual Cursillo weekends, there are small group meetings for prayer and study. Contact Michael at michaelderaadt@gmail.com for more details.

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

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 10-11/9, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ord. Time, Year C; Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Reader	Helen Crain-Welsby	Tania/Stana Fernandez	Volunteer required
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Margaret Ryan	Ted Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan	Sue Phillips, Mary Henry, Amy Doszpot	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Nedra Kelaart	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava and Ella Morris
Collection Counters	12 Sept. J Eyers, Michael Duffy		
Wednesday Liturgy	7 Sept. Prayer Leaders: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Frances Fitzpatrick	