



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 4-5 February 2023, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

#### 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:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Neville Drinkwater, Kyra Berger, Victims of US shootings, Sheila Langtry, Wendy Poole, Paul Bryant, Joyce Theodore, Janice Orr, Jim Molan, Renee Gayer, Lisa Marie Presley, Jeff Beck, Cardinal George Pell, Michael Keech, Vin Kane, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, John Suckling, Pele, Fr Desmond Purcell, Yongrae Lee, Connie Vella, Kate Madden, Romano Ippoliti, Henry Keough, Katie Smith, Bill Byrne, Dao Jensen, Margaret Linden, Shooting victims in Qld, Mary Milton, Robynne Morton, Ramil S. Cruz, Roderick M. Pagdanganan, West Java earthquake victims, Sharon Woods, Fr Peter Maher, Nessa Delaney, Scott Roberts, Leodegario Alimangohan, Veronica Sen, Adam Ryan, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** George Pugh, Jack Perry, Mary Taxworth, Desmond Lilley, Kevin Wilson, Laurence Raymond Spargo, Noel Lane, David Power, Dix and Keily families, Margaret Cusack, Brian Brown, Joanne Binutti, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Peter Marlow, Vincent Huang, Ellen Stening, Peter Majer, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez and victims of COVID.

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

John O'Connor, Hennie Timmerman, Jan Chesworth, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Shaun Clancy, Patrick Jones, Julianna Maher, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

#### BEATITUDES LEAD TO JUSTICE

**The 30 January – 5 February 'pilgrimage of peace' of Pope Francis to the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, the latter being with the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Rev Iain Greenshields Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, finds resonance in today's readings.** In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah responds to the people's complaint that much fasting has not changed their circumstances. In response and in a manner that speaks to humanity down through the ages, he insists that if they get social justice right all will fall into place. The call upon the people is *"to become a 'light to the nations' by modelling before the world what a truly human society should be"* (Brendan Byrne). The predominant theme in the readings is light. **To Christians perpetuating the darkness of violence in the Congo, Pope Francis said the Lord was telling them to "lay down your arms, embrace mercy . . . Do not be afraid to bury your wounds in mine".** This is a call to live the Beatitudes. Moving on from last week's reading of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus draw on the images of salt and light. The city of Jerusalem was especially illumined during the Feast of Tabernacles. **However, allusion to a lamp stand and to salt evoke a more personal and**

**domestic appreciation. As followers of Jesus, each of us is uniquely called to be a light and a catalyst for change.** By being beatitude people walking in trust and fostering right relationship we draw others to experience their true potential in the knowledge and love of God. Pope Francis is leading by example. A local endeavour to affirm the dignity and potential of all was manifest at last Monday's 'Faith in Learning' gathering of 2000 plus teachers of the Archdiocese. Noel Pearson, Aboriginal activist and Director of 'Good to Great Schools' in North Queensland, praised the evidence-based success of the archdiocesan Catalyst programme as "a beacon". Catalyst is founded in the science of learning and direct instruction. Pearson asked, "What do you think is going on in Alice Springs. That's the product of failed learning, which is the consequence of failed teaching in the communities from which these kids have come." Endeavouring to be salt and light will find resonance with all people of good will. Fr John

**HIP REPLACEMENT RECOVERY:** During my absence following Monday's surgery, weekday Masses will be celebrated by visiting clergy at 9.30am Mon, Tues and Fri, with a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at 9.30am Wed, and at 5.30pm Thurs in lieu of the usual evening Mass. Weekend Masses will continue as now. On Ash Wednesday, 22 Feb, the beginning of Lent (but not a holy day of obligation though many gather for Mass), there will be only one parish Mass at 9.30am. Thank you for your understanding and support of your fellow parishioners and visiting clergy who will variously assist.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The new PPC met on Thurs. The members are Julie Buffalo, Geoff Joy, Jennie Mardel, Shane McMahon, Glenn Roff, John Welsby and Fr John. Please pray for them.

**'TRIUMPH' is the title of the Diocese of Wollongong 2023 Lenten program.** Limited copies will be available free over the weekend of 19-20 Feb.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION:** A year of celebration is proposed, including a 'more formal' celebration with Archbishop Christopher on 17 March, the Feast of St Patrick.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** will be via Zoom, 6pm, Tuesday, 7 February. Baptised children in Yr 3 and above are eligible. Enrolment is via the Qkr app or through the Parish Office. A link for the Zoom meeting is available from the RECs at Holy Trinity School and St Peter and Paul School or the parish office.

**POSITION VACANT: Digital Officer, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.** This role requires creativity, IT knowledge and content production capacity. **Closing Date: Friday 10 February, 2023** <https://bit.ly/CGDigital2023>  
Contact 0409 498 382

**CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY FORUM – 'Beyond Self-Centeredness: Is Economics Built on the Right Foundation?'** Peter Martin AM, 7pm, Tues., 21 Feb. Chambers Pavilion, ACCC Barton.

**TRIVIA NIGHT (AND 'TRASH AND TREASURE' SALE) IN SUPPORT OF AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY,** 6.30pm, Thursday, 23 February, Parish Centre. Tickets \$30 ea. RSVP by Monday, 21 February, to Robin at [onebigmother8@gmail.com](mailto:onebigmother8@gmail.com).

**ST VINCENT de PAUL: SOCIETY** would like to thank all who contributed to the gathering and distribution of Christmas hampers. A special thanks to Holy Trinity and St Peter and Paul schools. We acknowledge the donations of cash and kind which made for a very generous 53 hampers. *Peter Britt, SVdP, Parish Conference.*

**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:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 12/2; Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>2<sup>nd</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	Gary Parker	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer required	Jane Hunt	Volunteer required
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Volunteer required	Juliana Maher	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan	Tania Fernandez	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Lyn Granlund
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<i>13 Feb.</i>	J Eyers, Michael Duffy	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>8 Feb.</i>	Prayer Leader: Alex Eyers	Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Crane, John O'Connor