



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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4-5 September, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

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

All archdiocesan churches and parish offices are closed due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Messages can be left on 6281 3999 or wodennorth@cg.org.au

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. 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: Leo Morrissey, Val Haynes, Yuong Van Thuy, Chamindra Pieris, Don Everly, Charlie Watts, victims of the Haiti earthquake, John Ryan, David Jordan, Sr Marie Graham rsj, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Ron McLennan, Elaine O'Brien, Cathryn Paton, Mitchel Bush, John McNamee, Michael Baker, Fr Francisco Algas Jr, Kathleen Masters, Stephan Evans, Marie Hickey, Therese Tuite, John Cusack, Lois Billings, Walmucio Atunes Lima, Ted Fitzgerald, Kathy Toth, Fr Brian Maher, George 'Sandy' Munro, Rev. Fr Angelito Parulan and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin, Cecil McGaughan, Anne Perkins, Damien McMahon, Benjamin Jesus Ortile, Esperanza Gementera, Rosie Ortile, Peter Hackwill, Terry & June Freebody, T P Cheng, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Pauline McLennan, Kathy Hailey, Carmen Woods, Catherine Lloyd, Rosa Winstanley, David Swan, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Andrea Miller, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, those afflicted with COVID.

LOCKDOWN: During lockdown Holy Trinity Church will be closed and the regular weekday and Sunday Masses will not be celebrated. Further details are noted on the church doors. **OUR TWO PARISH SCHOOLS** will remain open for those unable to provide care for their children. Students at home and those presenting at school will be engaged with the remote learning model.

LIVE STREAM MASS: St. Christopher's Cathedral: Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am, <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>.

WITH US ON THE JOURNEY

When Premier Gladys Berejiklian or Chief Minister Andrew Barr give their daily COVID update, there is a 'sign language' interpreter to the side. This is in the name of inclusion. The ministry of Jesus was about inclusion. In

today's Gospel Jesus acts like a wonder-worker using gestures and words (*'Ephphatha'*) to bring the deaf and mute man back into community. "Out of compassion for wounded humanity, Jesus performs the acts of healing expected of the Messiah. But he does not want the crowds to conclude that he is the Messiah from acts such as these. His messianic identity must be kept a secret for the time being. It is only to be revealed in conjunction with his destiny to suffer and die on the cross. Otherwise, the people will see him entirely in terms of conventional messianic expectation, which had a large element of political leadership bound up with it" (Brendan Byrne). When praying the Ephphatha Prayer in the Rite of Baptism, I have the parents touch their child's ears and then the mouth, emphasising their role as first teachers of God's love. **This love will call to both joy and sorrow (a share in the cross of Christ), and new life beyond.**

Lockdown is a share in the cross of Christ. This is not how things should be. Yet as Jesus entrusted himself into his Father's hands on Calvary, so too should we in lockdown. Lockdown reminds us of our need of one another and our need for liturgical or public worship ('real presence'), not just online Mass. "Blessed are the poor in spirit [those who know their need], for theirs is the kingdom of God" (Matt 5:3). Things are quieter, especially at night. Can you be still and prayerfully reflective in the silence? Or must the vacuum always be filled with noise or distraction (cf social media)? The lockdown might unlock the opportunity to listen to deeper movements in our lives. What of your sleep patterns and dreams? What of listening to others, some reflective reading and interpreting the signs of our times 'with the ear of the heart' (St Benedict)? What of the extra time you have with your spouse or partner and children? Too much time, you reply! Maybe, but what of the graced opportunities to learn a little more about your child's schooling, your other half's work style, and the pleasure of shared meals? I have noticed the number and variety of folk out exercising. Are you taking the opportunity to experience the beauty of our environment with another or perhaps all of your household? Has the daily announcement of those with COVID, images from Afghanistan, Haiti or Louisiana given you both cause to pray for those less fortunate and a desire to assist others? Perhaps you have contacted someone for no other reason than you should. What of your plans for the future? We pray for guidance and support of those facing financial pressures not of their making. Whatever one's circumstance, permit me to share the saying on a drink coaster I have, "Enjoy the little things in life . . . for one day you'll look back and realise they were the big things", and secondly to give thanks that the football season continues! **May all dads, living and deceased, and those who have had a fatherly role in our lives, know our gratitude this Father's Day. You manifest the heart of our loving Father who walks the journey with us.**

Fr John

Women's Taskforce Free Online Seminar, Friday, 3 September 7.00 - 8.30pm: Dr Margaret Beirne RSC, a Sister of Charity and Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College in Sydney will speak on *Mary Magdalene, Fake News and the Gospel*. This free interactive Zoom Seminar is open to all. Registration at bit.ly/ZoomWorkshopMaryM is essential as numbers are limited. More info at bit.ly/FakeNewsSeminar

Haiti Emergency Aid: 'Aid to the Church in Need' (ACN) International has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and approved an emergency aid package of \$800,000 AUD. ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Donate at www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

'Supporting Couples' free online gathering, 10am, Sat., 18 September. Stimulating talks from a range of speakers. For more info go to www.teamsocania.com.au or contact Tim, 0437 013 328. Register at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=43655>

'Parenting Children' ten weeks Zoom course from Broken Bay Diocese, commencing 7.30 - 8:30pm, Tues 21 September. For parents seeking connection and support during lockdown. Fun and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent. Contact Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au or register at bit.ly/101_Parents

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meets weekly. Contact Vikki: mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 11-12 September 2021, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B); Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.