



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 5-6 February 2022, Fifth 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 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:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of people. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for the 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:** Peter Daroczy, Glenn Wheatley, Laurie Halloran, Sr Janet Mead RSM, John Verrell (father of Fr Luke, PP Bega), Luigi Lazzarato, Paddy Reardon, Kaungyun Lee, 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:** Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Sylvia Cronin, 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**

Peter Cox, Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Emily Capper, John Barry, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, , Carolyn Wightman, Greg Geering, 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.

#### **WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

The Australian Bishops have chosen the first Sunday of February to celebrate the 2019 call of Pope Francis for a *'Sunday of the Word of God'*. This builds on the teaching of Vatican II that *"the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body"* (DV 21). We experience this two-fold understanding each time we gather for Mass. The Liturgy of the Word is preceded by the Introductory Rites and followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist and Dismissal. Only last week Pope Francis exhorted all Catholics to have a bible and to prayerfully reflect on God's Word. This follows the Second Vatican Council's insistence that preaching or 'breaking open' of the Word of God is the first duty of priests: *"Priests, as co-workers with their bishops, have as their primary duty the proclamation of the gospel of God to all"* (PO 4). Recent decades have seen Catholics grow in their knowledge and appreciation of the Scriptures, not the least through hearing the three-year Sunday and two-year weekday cycle of Scripture readings. However, the fifth century St Caesarius of Arles (Sermon 78:2) has a perennial question: *"Which do you think more important – the word of God or the body of Christ? If you want to answer correctly, you must tell*

me that the word of God is no less important than the body of Christ! How careful we are, when the body of Christ is distributed to us, not to let any bit of it fall to the ground from our hand! But we should be just as careful not to let slip from our hearts the word of God that is addressed to us, by thinking or speaking of something else. He (sic) will be no less guilty who listens negligently to the word of God than he (sic) who by his negligence allows the Lord's body to fall to the ground." In the same vein, St Jerome, Doctor of the Church and fourth century translator of the Bible into Latin (known as the 'Vulgate', being in the common or 'vulgar' language of the people), commented with reference to today's Gospel: "For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching." In union with Isaiah (First Reading), Paul (Second) and Peter (Gospel), we seek to be open and responsive: **Lord, enlighten my heart and mind with your life-giving Word. As Word made flesh and food for the journey, grace me to be a sign and instrument of your presence. This I pray for your glory, my good and for justice, love and peace for all.** Fr John

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Maja Galea and Kai Robinson who this weekend celebrate their **First Holy Communion**.

**CUPPA AFTER 9.30AM MASS** will be a farewell for Bella Soares and children Veronico and Veronica who are returning to Timor Leste. Samuel will remain with the Timor Leste Embassy and sons Florio and Giovanni will continue at uni.

**LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD:** On 1 February 1965 and 1 February 1968 the parishes of Holy Trinity, Curtin and Ss Peter and Paul Garran were respectively established. Nearly 28 years ago, on 6 August 1994, the parishes were amalgamated to form Transfiguration Parish, North Woden. **Next Sunday, 13 February in the Parish Centre following a cuppa after the 9.30am Mass, there will be an open parish meeting. The aim is to canvass parishioners views on the Liturgical Committee's proposal for a 9.30am Sunday Mass at Ss Peter and Paul (date to be decided) to give thanks for the blessings of past Sunday morning Masses at Garran, to acknowledge the pain and grief for some in no longer doing so and to foster a renewed sense of parish as we move into the future. This would be followed by a social gathering, possibly in the school hall.** Come to the meeting or make your views known in writing to the Parish Office. In passing, I also note that on 4 February 1973, the extended St Christopher's was dedicated as the Cathedral of the Archdiocese (established 1948), the original or 'old cathedral' being Ss Peter and Paul's, Goulburn.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT (PIN):** Baptised children in Year 3 or above are eligible. Families need to download the **QKR app** to enrol their child **This Monday's 6pm online PIN gathering is obligatory for parents.** Further inquiries to the Parish Office.

**SEASON OF LENT commences Ash Wed, 2 March.** Limited numbers of the Lenten programme from the Diocese of Wollongong, will available in the foyer closer to that date.

**'CARING FOR CREATION'** is the name of an archdiocesan group initiated by Archbishop Christopher in 2021. Copies of the group's newsletter are in the foyer. To receive info about future initiatives, contact [LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com) The Caring for Creation website is <https://www.care4creation.org/archdiocese-caring-for-creation>

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

**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:** 12-13 Feb, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Jer 17:5-8; ICor 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.

<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>	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	Volunteer
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Volunteer	Juliana Maher	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Melissa Bray Sarah Buchanan	Marie Docherty Tania Fernandez	P Wadsworth, C Sheehan & B Mills
<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>	14 Feb. M Wilson, J Eyers and M Duffy		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	9 Feb. Prayer Leader: Alex Eyers	Eucharistic Minister: M & J O'Connor	