



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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5-6 November 2022, Thirty-Second 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 (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Greg Cusack, Laurie Bennet, victims of Korean 'crush', victims of Indian bridge collapse, Peggy Down, Maynell Lindsay, Mary Phillips, Karene McEachin, Janet Coombs, Claire Sankey, Susanna Kopsiewicz, Doug Fitzpatrick, David Smyth, Charles Rennie, Margaret McDonald, Pauline Kinnane, Anne Taylor, Mary Taylor, Patricia Jack, Felicissima Villafuerte, Erlinda Dulay, Gary Lee, Sr Roberta Robinson RSM, Colleen McPhillips, Moira Sheehan, Buxton teenagers, Queen Elizabeth II, Marc Kelaart, Imelda Gildea, Allan Hawke, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Malow, Vincent Huang, Ellen Stening, Peter Majer William Joseph Madden, Tiffen family, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez, Josh McKinnon, Vincent Huang, Nicostrato Dulay, Melanie Swan, Frank and Gerry Smith, Pat and Jack Ryan, Paul Murphy, Alan Jones, Leo Morrissey, Barney Crowe, Winifred Mona Spargo, and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Adam Ryan, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Sharon Woods, 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.

HERE AND HEREAFTER

At a funeral, children often comment that *"Mum and Dad are now reunited in heaven"*. It is a commendable aspiration. However, today's readings make clear that while we experience God's love in and through each other, life beyond death completes our earthly experience of communion with God in categories beyond our current need and experience. This is foreshadowed in our First Reading (2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14) where the brothers submit to gruesome torture confident that God's fidelity to the Chosen People will extend beyond death. In effect, they say to their torturers *"Go your hardest, as God will provide beyond death and better to be at one with him than to deny our beliefs."* The Gospel (Luke 20:27-38) has Jesus respond to the 'Dorothy Dixers' of the Sadducees. The latter did not believe in the resurrection. Drawing on the Torah, they note the requirement for the brother of a deceased husband to marry the widow and produce children. In their crass example of seven brothers all dying after marrying the woman, the question is whose wife will she be in heaven? Jesus points out two things. **Firstly, the Sadducees question presumes (as my opening comment alluded to) "that life after death would simply be a repetition or extension of life in the present time, with the same conditions applying"** (Brendan Byrne). Jesus points out that the risen life will be totally

new while fully human. In fact, *“there is no longer any need for procreation and hence no need for marriage, the institution designed to supply it. If we look for a rich theology of marriage, we shall surely be disappointed. But Jesus is not downplaying the institution or denying that faithful marital relationship in this life finds no resonance in the life to come. He is simply refuting the Sadducees within their own terms of reference. Secondly, God seeks a relationship here and now that causes us “to enter into God’s own eternal being and so necessarily transcends death. Ultimately, then, denial of the resurrection is a denial of God as Israel – and the whole Judeo-Christian tradition stemming from Israel – conceives God to be” (Byrne).* To quote St Catherine of Sienna yet again, *“It is heaven all the way to heaven”.* **God is with us and we have a cherished experience of God’s love through those nearest and dearest but our hope is for total fulfilment with God beyond death.** Fr John

PRISON SUNDAY: Bishop Tim Norton, SVD, shares the following recent comment from Pope Francis *“...when violence is met with forgiveness, even the hearts of those who have done wrong can be conquered by the love that triumphs over every form of evil. In this way, among the victims and among those who wronged them, God raises up true witnesses and workers of mercy.”* Pope Francis began his recent visit to Bahrain by appealing for a stronger commitment to human rights through the abolition of the death penalty and ending religious discrimination.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Names of deceased loved ones can be entered in the folder on the sanctuary. Yellow November Mass envelopes are available in the foyer.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) RENEWAL: You are invited to consider becoming a member of the PPC for the next two years. Give the matter prayerful consideration and without obligation come along to the **PPC Renewal 10.30am, Sunday, 26 November in the Parish Centre.** The PPC meets on the First Thursday of each month (except January). PPC members seek to discern and to enhance the pastoral good of the parish.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): If you or someone you know would be interested in possibly journeying to full communion with the Catholic Church, please come along to this Monday’s 7pm, meeting in the Parish Centre. Inquiries to the Parish Office.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (APC) Archbishop Christopher seeks your response to a working paper on the formation of an APC. Copies available at the Parish Office. The Parish Pastoral Council will be responding.

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING: 8:30-4pm Sat. 12 Nov. 2022 at St Peter Chanel’s Church. Talks, Testimonies, Worship, Healing prayer ministry, Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage Sizzle lunch. To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF> or call Maida 0423 658 326

‘NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES’: - *Aid to the Church in Need Australia* invites you to **St Christopher’s Cathedral, 7pm, 23 November** for prayer, song and testimony to acknowledge and honour modern-day martyrs and the 220 million+ Christians suffering persecution for their faith. Guest speakers include Cardinal Joseph Coutts of Pakistan. For more info: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 12-13/11, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ord. Time, Year C; Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19.

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	Gary Parker	Volunteer required	Darryl Kite
Server			
Reader	Volunteer required	Jane Hunt	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: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	14 Nov. John Eyers, Michael Duffy		
Wednesday Liturgy	9 Nov. Sr Angela Jordan	Eucharistic Minister: Kath Holtzapffel	