



*Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.*

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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6-7 August 2022, The Transfiguration of the Lord, 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: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Victims of Chicago shooting, Robyn Murphy, Bruce Lotton, Frs Javier Campos SJ, Fr Joaquin Mora SJ, Afghanistan earthquake victims, Walter Schweiger, Margaret Perry, Paul Brown, John Barry, Norma Crosbie, Paolo Duangbuth, Vince Basilisco, Fr Eric Hodgins, victims of US shootings, Valerie Gruzauskas, Andrew Symonds, June Slocum, Peter McLeod, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Vincent Huang, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Pam Dewhurst, Marjory Swan, June and Terry Freebody, Gerald Whittaker, Anne Perkins, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Gabriel Anne, Benjamin Jesus, Esperanza Gementera, Milena Ceccarelli, Ahern family members, Barney Crowe, Kathleen Majer, Brian Lacey, Sr Mary Agnes, Sr Tharsi, Rosie Ortile, Vincent Marim, Trudy Dinn, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, John Frawley, Keith McLaughlin, Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Noel Egan, 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.

TO REMEMBER AND TO AFFIRM

Twenty-eight years ago (1994) the Transfiguration Parish of North Woden was created. It resulted from the amalgamation of Holy Trinity Parish, Curtin (1965) and Ss Peter and Paul's Parish, Garran (1968). Today we celebrate our Parish Feast day. Unlike most parishes which are named after a saint(s), ours is named after an experience, the 'transfiguration' of Jesus on Mt Tabor'. The Gospel relates that his clothes became "dazzlingly white". Peter was awestruck! He wanted to stay there. And why not! The Gospel would have it that Moses and Elijah, representing the hopes of the old covenant, were present and thereby confirmed that Jesus was the hoped-for Messiah. ***"Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here."*** This is as good as it gets, surely? Well, no. Peter, as was often the case, has jumped the gun. **The transfiguration experience was not an end-in-itself but a memory to be cherished.** The experience occurred on a mountain, the place the ancients understood you encountered God. They are told that they must come down from the mountain and journey to Jerusalem. There Jesus will be falsely accused and crucified. Dying all but alone and having been denied by Peter, it would seem that the cherished memory of the transfiguration was not sufficient to

the challenge of the darkness of Calvary. **Our faith journey has at times been a deep, rich knowing of God's love. At other times we walk in the valley of darkness. We know doubt and might verge on despair.** Our experience of graced knowing, like Peter on Tabor is to sustain us. So too our gathering each Sunday to remember and to recommit. We pray that it is so in the midst of personal and communal challenges. With respect to the latter, I was taken aback during the week when the introduction of the free availability of abortion up to 16 weeks (ie 4 months) in the ACT was reported as a matter to *"rejoice in"*. Again, the call for the trojan horse of Territory Rights to introduce assisted dying legislation purports to be a human rights issue. **Spare me the fake news of tarding up legislation to kill at either the beginning or end of life as serving the common good.** As a community we should be agitating for the support of all pregnant women and their partners and for the best of palliative care for those in the dying phase of living. **To 'rejoice' in the contrary in the name of personal choice undermines the common good and is demeaning of all of us. May the voice of reason inspired by the Holy Spirit move all people of good will to affirm life for all.** Fr John

CONCERNED CATHOLICS CANBERRA AND GOULBURN POST PLENARY COUNCIL DISCUSSION: You would be most welcome to come along to the 7.30pm, Wed, 17 August gathering in the Parish Centre. Speakers will include Plenary Council members resident in the Archdiocese, Francis Sullivan, John Warhurst, Rev Gavin Keating, Sally Fitzgerald and Fr John, and expert adviser to the Council, Sr Clare Condon.

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 29 August in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome. Preparatory reading material will be available next week

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST EUCHARIST: students are currently preparing for celebration at either the 6pm, Sat 17 Sept Mass or the 9.30am Sun 18 Sept Mass. Inquiries to the Parish Office. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

PARISH FINANCES: Thanks again for your ongoing support. Forms for new or amended electronic contributions are in the foyer. Also, in the foyer are two-sided summary sheets of parish finances and a new 'Tap N Go' machine with four amount options. You can tap or insert your card after selecting the amount.

MARYMEAD CARD AND GAMES DAY: Mon. 15 Aug., Royal Canberra Golf Club. \$50pp, lunch with a glass of wine, tea and coffee and petit fours. Tables of 4 and start time 10am. RSVP <https://www.marymead.org.au/card-games-day/>

TIM FISCHER ORATION: The delayed presentation (due to the pandemic) by John Anderson AO, *"Ethics in Public and Political Life"*, will be 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday, 18 August, Great Hall, Parliament House. Cost \$30. Purchase tickets at www.tfo.org.au. Info: Jeanine.alberto@cg.org.au

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: 13-14/8, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.

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	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	Volunteer required
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Juliana Maher	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan	Marie Doherty, Tania Fernandez	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	<i>15 Aug.</i> J Eyers, Michael Duffy		
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>10 Aug.</i> Prayer Leader: Alex Eyers	Eucharistic Ministers: Marianne Crane and John O'Connor	