



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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6-7 November 2021, Thirty-second 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

Please note:

Masses are restricted to 150 attendees only.

Parish Office open.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! 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: Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, George Harris, Bert Newton, Catherine Lloyd, Dianne Kennett, Clem Helmers, Agostino Luongo, Maureen Connelly, June Slater, Denzil Gomez, Wilfredo Riosa (father of Fr Anthony, Assistant Priest Gungahlin), Helen Douglass, Patricia Jones, Heinz Ritzberger, Maureen Sheehan, Joshua Dryden, David Vickers, Fred Jones, Patrick ('Woody') Field, Pauline McLennan, Max Tinkler, Margaret Maguire, Merv O'Brien, Charlie Lindsay and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Fr Phil Buckley, John Nguyen, John Bowen Smith, Oreste Trinca, Theresa Clarke, Jerome Woods, Melanie Swan, Jack and Pat Ryan, Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Chris Begley, Greg Geering, Sonja, Oscar and Maggie Hammond, Maureen Daly, 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, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Ely Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle and those afflicted with COVID.

LOCKDOWN: All Masses (and Wednesday Liturgy) have resumed: You must sign-in using the CBR app / the form provided. **Face masks** are compulsory.

RUPTURED BY SIN, CALLED IN LOVE

The widow puts all she has in the Temple treasury. Great trust or further manipulation? Like the widow in our First Reading (1 Kings 17:10-16), Jesus commends her trust in God. And he laments it. *"She has been taught "sacrificial giving" by her religious leaders, and that is the pity. These authorities promised to redistribute Temple collections to the needy. In actuality, they spent the funds on conspicuous consumption instead: long robes and banquets. This is how they 'devoured the estates of widows' (Mark 12:40)" (John J Pilch).* Jesus goes on to predict that the Temple will be destroyed. The Romans did destroy it in 70AD. Besides, as our Second Reading notes the self-offering of Jesus makes the Temple redundant (Heb 9:24-28). **Sadly, greed, manipulation and hypocrisy continue. Why? Because of sin. Pope Francis tells us that "sin is a rejection of the limits that love requires" ('Let Us Dream' 34).** We live in relationship or we die slowly, alone and sad. Taking a 'helicopter view', Pope Francis reminds us that *"human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself. According to the Bible, these three vital relationships have been*

broken, both outwardly and within us. This rupture is sin" (Laudato Si 66). **To be clear: sin is both a personal and a social reality. Sin has its' own punishment, virtue its' own reward.** Little wonder then that Pope Francis called leaders at the recent COP26 gathering to take real action on climate change. He did so on the understanding of an 'integral ecology' or 'consistent ethic of life'. **His insists that personal morality and our approach to the environment are two sides of the one coin. In fact, he claims, if we presume to divide issues of personal morality and those of the environment "we will remain stuck in the same lack of integrity that put us where we are now" ('Let Us Dream', 35).** This integrated understanding extends beyond death. In this **Month of the Holy Souls** we pray for deceased loved ones. We pray for their openness* and ours to the love of God revealed in Jesus which conquered sin and death – or all that divides us - and calls us to the heavenly banquet, "so that God may be all in all" (1 Cor 15:28). Well might we pray, "May your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is heaven." * See foyer comment on November Plenary Indulgences.

Fr John

CATECHISTS RETREAT: If you are interested in sharing your faith with young children from Government schools and, or assisting with the parish sacramental programmes and thereby enriching your own, you might be interested in the upcoming Archdiocesan Catechist retreat on Sat. 20 Nov., commencing with a 9am Cathedral Mass, and going through to 12.30pm in the St Christopher Pastoral Centre.

ADVENT LENTEN PROGRAMMES: This year we are offering two possibilities: **(1) The Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocesan Programme, 'Walking Together'.** This free, online programme takes up the papal encyclical 'Laudato Si' and seeks to enrich married life. Register at: bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent. **(2) 'Blessed' is the Diocese of Wollongong programme, suitable for group or individual reflection.** Copies will be available closer to Advent (commencing Sun 28 Nov).

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING IN THE CHARISMATIC TRADITION: 'Come back to the Father', 9.30am – 4.30pm, Sat 11 Dec, St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. Includes Mass and free lunch. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BUTGN>.

'THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA': Between the First and Second Assembly of the Plenary Council, this Zoom Convocation will be hosted by Ellen Fanning (ABC, The Drum). Free registration: accr.com.au

MARRIAGE PREPARATION (1) 'Evenings for the Engaged' consists of 6 sessions held over two consecutive Saturdays addressing communication skills, how to build a stronger marriage, and the Sacrament of Marriage, with much private time for couples to discuss many issues arising. Contact prugordon@gmail.com for info and registration. **(2) 'Engaged Encounter Retreat', 13-14 Nov or 19-20 Feb** affords engaged couples insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. **NB Six months notice is required of couples seeking to marry in the Archdiocese.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP 6pm, Wednesdays is meeting via Zoom during lockdown. All welcome. Contact Vikki, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 48 to register.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 13-14/11, 33rd in Ordinary Time (Yr B); **Dan** 12:1-3, **Heb** 10:11-14, 18, **Mark** 13:24-32.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
2 nd Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Gary Parker	Darryl Kite
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Volunteer required	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: No visits at this time	Fred Ward: No visits at this time	Homes: Moya Kennelly (<i>Ringin' ahead to check.</i>)
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	15 Nov.	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy	
Wednesday Liturgy	10 Nov.	Leader of Prayer: Gary Parker	Eucharistic Minister: Kath Holtzapffel, Bela Soares