



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**8-9 January 2022, The Baptism of the Lord, First 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 Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

**Recently Deceased:** Heather Brewer, John Kibbey, Guiseppina Morosin, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, flood victims of Indonesia and the Philippines, Adrian Roberts, Tony Spinks, James (Jim) McErlean, Ian Collis, Margaret Maher, Peter Mulholland, Victims of Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, Stan O'Donnell, Mitchell Power, Brian Brown, Martin Spillane, Dagmar Shepherd, Victims of Tasmanian school tragedy, Victims of US tornadoes, Victims of Haiti petrol tanker explosion, Sr. M Anne Guthrie RSJ, Valma Dowse, Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle), David Coffey, Kevin McKay, Maureen Daly, Maureen Maguire, Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, George Harris, Bert Newton, Catherine Lloyd, Clem Helmers, Agostino Luongo, Maureen Connelly, June Slater, Denzil Gomez, Wilfredo Riosa (father of Fr Anthony, Assistant Priest Gungahlin), Helen Douglass, Heinz Ritzberger, Maureen Sheehan, Joshua Dryden, David Vickers, Fred and Trish Jones, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** 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, Judith Whittaker, Teresa Couacaud, Lewis Mesaros, Margaret Frawley, Fr Phil Buckley, John Nguyen, John Bowen Smith, Oreste Trinca, Theresa Clarke.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

John Barry, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Kaungyun Lee, Carolyn Wightman, Chris Begley, Greg Geering, Sonja, Oscar and Maggie Hammond, 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.

### BELOVED AND CALLED TO FOLLOW

**The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan ushers in his public ministry.** John the Baptist explains that his baptism with water is in preparation for the coming of the promised Messiah, in contrast to that of the “stronger one” who will baptise “with the Holy Spirit and fire”. The latter anticipates Pentecost. “Essentially, then, the role of the Stronger One (Jesus) will be to cleanse and empower people with the gift of the Spirit, the force of the messianic era that is now at hand” (Brendan Byrne). **The descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove is an anointing of Jesus to rebuild the People of God in the love of the Father that has been poured out on him.** At the Jordan there is a trinitarian understanding of God if not the fulness of the later doctrine of the Trinity: the mission of the Son is to draw humanity back into communion with the Father, into the “fire” of the divine communion of love which

is the life of the Spirit. **As with Jesus, so we are to each hear the Father’s voice from heaven: “You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter; in you I am well pleased”.** Fr Timothy Radcliffe, the former Master of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), in a homily the week before Christmas spoke of a pervasive lack of hope and confidence. *“It’s not just Omicron, but a sense that history is not going anywhere. There’s a rise of violence, threats of war, the ecological catastrophe... Many young people say they don’t want to have children because they don’t want to bring them into a world that has no future. But we believe in God’s future. . . . I love the word “confidence” — from the Latin con fidens, “believing together”. We must share our hope. Hope and despair are contagious. And every one of us makes a choice of whether we are going to be a source of hope or a source of despair.”* Commenting on the way of prudence founded in the gift of Wisdom, Radcliffe noted that *“Prudence is living in the real world. And the real world is God’s world. And in that world we are travelling to fulfillment. . . So let’s not procrastinate. Let’s act today. Who are the people from whom we must ask forgiveness? Today. Who are the people that I must forgive? Who are the people that must I reach out to in kindness? There’s no time to waste.* (Reported by Robert Mickens in La Croix International, 6 Jan 2022). Fr John



<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/uploads/images/parishlifeblog/Summer%202021-22/baptism.jpg> . Accessed 7/1/22.

**WE PRAY FOR** Ava Thomson and Lucy Agland who gather with their family to celebrate their First Eucharist.

**TRANSFIGURATION NEWSLETTER:** Latest edition, now in a bigger and brighter A3 format, is available in the foyer.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 22-26 June 2022:** The next triennial World Meeting of Families will be celebrated in Rome and concurrently in every diocese at the invitation of Pope Francis. The theme is *“Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness”*. For more info re planned gatherings in the Canberra, Eastern and Western Deaneries, contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) M: 0429 192 869.

**LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM** offers concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of ‘integral ecology’ as described in Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical. See: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/> and <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** 6pm, Wednesdays via Zoom. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487 or [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au).

**GOLD BANGLE** found outside the Church. Contact the Parish Office.

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** 15-16/1, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; **Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, John 2:1-11.**

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>3<sup>rd</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>	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			Ava and Ella Morris
<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer required	Alan Grinsell-Jones	Robert Rice
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Marie O'Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
<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 Nash
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<i>17 Jan.</i> NOTE: Usual counting team away. Volunteers required		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>12 Jan.</i> Prayer Leader: Gary Parker	Eucharistic Minister: Kath Holtzapffel, Bela Soares	