



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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9-10 October 2021, Twenty-Eighth 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

*All archdiocesan churches
and parish offices are
closed due to the COVID-19
lockdown. Messages can
be left on 6281 3999 or
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Alexander Arnel, Leo Morrissey, Val Haynes, Vuong Van Thui, Chamindra Pieris, Don Everly, Charlie Watts, victims of the Haiti earthquake, John Ryan, David Jordan, Sr Marie Graham rsj, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Ron McLennan, Elaine O'Brien, Cathryn Paton, Mitchel Bush, John McNamee, Michael Baker, Fr Francisco Algas Jr, Kathleen Masters, Stephan Evans, Marie Hickey, Therese Tuite, John Cusack and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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, Cecil McGaughan, Anne Perkins, Damien McMahon, Benjamin Jesus Ortile, Esperanza Gementera, Rosie Ortile, Peter Hackwill, Terry & June Freebody, T P Cheng, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Millena Ceccarelli, Francis, Peter and Anna, Ron Beath, Fr Leandro Infante.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Maureen Daly, June Slater, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Carmen Woods, Catherine Lloyd, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle and those afflicted with COVID.

LOCKDOWN: Weekday Masses will resume with the 9.30am Mass, Fri 15 Oct (with a limit of 25 seated in alternate pews with 4 sq metres separation) and Weekend Masses Sat-Sun 30-31 Oct (with a limit of 100 seated in alternate pews with 4 sq metres separation). Otherwise Holy Trinity Church will be closed. Current lockdown restrictions are noted on the church doors.

LIVE STREAM MASS: St. Christopher's Cathedral: Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am, <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>.

TO LISTEN AND TO RESPOND

The First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council concludes with Mass streamed live this Sunday from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane commencing at 11am AEDT. Archbishop of Brisbane and President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will preside. You can join the livestream at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

The Assembly began with an online Mass from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Perth. In his homily, Archbishop of Perth and Plenary Council President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe said the plenary was a time for the Australian Church to *“go down on our knees metaphorically if not literally”* and *“to return Christ to the Church and return the Church to Christ”*. In his opening address next morning he cited Pope Francis's call for the Church to *“heal wounds and to warm hearts”*. **Each day since Mass was live streamed from a different location reflecting the national and multicultural character of our Australian Church.**

The Council operates under the discernment model. Essentially, the latter seeks to hear the movement of the Holy Spirit in coming to an agreement with which all can live with gracefully. In that sense, it is different from parliamentary procedure where numbers win the day and there are winners and losers. Pope Francis sees discernment as an exercise in ‘synodality’ or ‘walking together’. The hope is for a more missionary or outward focused Church, true to its living tradition and engaging with its culture. The Council will have its Second Assembly in Sydney next July, hopefully in person. Drawing from the First Assembly reflections, motions will be determined in the ensuing nine months. In Sydney these motions will be tabled, discerned and then voted on. The journey has begun but there is still quite a way to go.

Each day began with the online plenary gathering of all members, observers, various experts, totaling over 300, not counting members of the public. An acknowledgement of country and prayer commenced those proceedings, and there were short breaks for personal prayer through the day. After a summary sharing of the ten groups previous day's reflections (I was in a group looking at Catholic education), individual members addressed their submitted interventions or spoke from the floor. **The public then left. Members then gathered again in their respective online groupings to continue their discernment or openness to where God's Spirit was calling. Each day concluded with all members undertaking an examen or personal reflection.** Thursday was different. We had a plenary with Council members only and all groups considered the same topics; the wounds of child sexual abuse and the plight of the most vulnerable in our society. The day was so arranged that we had more time away from our screens for personal reflection and prayer. **What did I hear? How do I feel? Where do I sense the Spirit calling? These questions have been constant. The understanding is that each has a part of the wisdom and a part of the truth. In our sharing the prompting of the Spirit will be revealed. Please pray that it will be so.**

In summary, the journey for me thus far has been engaging, taxing, uplifting, at times frustrating but overall there has been personal renewal as those assembled have heeded the call *“to speak boldly and to listen humbly”* (Costelloe).

To listen one must hear and read ‘between the lines’ in a culturally aware manner. Indeed, compare and contrast the culture of Jesus and our own with respect to the man who greets Jesus as “Good master” in today's Gospel. We understand a compliment as something to be graciously accepted. However, a compliment in that culture *“implies that the complimented person has tried to rise above others, to their detriment. In this society, when one person gets ahead everyone else is considered to have fallen behind.”* Jesus responds with expected humility, *“Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone”*, and thereby *“successfully defuses any threat to social order that listeners might perceive in the compliment”* (John J Pilch). Further, the man's commitment to the law sees Jesus consider him as a possible disciple. But the man is unwilling to forego family, home and land - the things most treasured in that culture rather than disposing of one's financial assets as we presume to understand in our individualistic Western culture – and walks away. **Jesus then makes the counter-cultural claim that those with connection, place and honour (ie the rich) will not be advantaged in relationship with God. Rather those who throw their lot in with Jesus will be, now and in eternal life.** *“Status reversal sounds great to those whose status is raised but prompts a violent response from those who are toppled from their honorable position. How does the promise of Jesus in this episode resonate with [our] concern for immediate gratification and a here-and-now pay-off?”* (Pilch).

Fr John

First Eucharist Parent Information Night and Celebration Sign-up: Tues, 12 Oct., 5:30pm. Sacrament of First Eucharist was not celebrated in Term 3 as scheduled due to COVID lockdown and restrictions. We now invite all families of students making their First Eucharist to attend a **short parent information night via Zoom at 5:30pm on Tuesday October 12** (Zoom link [here](#)). Meeting will outline the rescheduled dates for this Sacrament. There will be two celebration options discussed and relevant families are encouraged to attend and sign-up. (Password: 323816)

Plenary Council Tracker: During the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, 'Concerned Catholics' are hosting daily conversations at 7.30pm, via Zoom, anchored by Genevieve Jacobs AM with a panel of Plenary members and insiders summarising, highlighting, and discussing each day's events. Registering for Plenary Tracker is FREE. [Simply fill in your details here](#) to receive the web link to join each night. You will also receive daily emails with a video recording of the previous night's session, and a link to Prof. John Warhurst AO's daily blog. John is a Plenary Council member. When: Daily, October 3-10, 2021; Time: 7.30pm; Where: Via Zoom; Cost: Free.

PALMS AUSTRALIA invites you to prayerfully consider being part of the Church's mission by sharing your skills with overseas co-workers to improve their self-reliance and to transform your heart and mind. To be prepared for a possible 2022 placement, email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine, 9560 5333.

October is World Mission Month: The Church's world-wide missionary work is life-giving, especially for children (click [here](#)). Over the weekend of 23-24 October, you will be asked to pray for and financially support the missionary outreach of the Church, and to consider doing so through your will (click [here](#)). For further info, contact our Diocesan Director, Karen McKerrow, 0411 924 288, kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

YOUTH MINISTER: If you are a post-school person committed in faith and looking to share the same in a school and parish context, then being a part-time Youth Minister of the Archdiocese for a couple years might be for you. **For more info and to perhaps forward your expression of interest, go to cgyouth.org.au.** For an informal chat with one of our current Youth Ministers, Maddie and Grace, contact the Parish Office.

Volunteer for 6 – 12 months from Jan 2022 to work with young people in Australian Salesian communities of Don Bosco. When safe to do so, the Salesians will also recommence sending volunteers to Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. **Applications close October 30, 2021.** Enquire today: www.cagliero.org.au.

Haiti Emergency Aid: 'Aid to the Church in Need' (ACN) International has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and approved an emergency aid package of \$800,000 AUD. ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Donate at www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

Vocations to the Priesthood: If you are considering a call to serve as priest, please contact Vocations Directors Fr Trenton Van Reesch, Trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au or Fr Paul Nulley, paul.nulley@cg.org.au, or speak with Fr John. When COVID restrictions permit, the first Thursday of the month gathering of men discerning a vocation will resume at the Archbishop's House. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

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: 16-17 October 2021, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B); **Is 53:10-11** If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life; **Heb 4: 14-16** Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace; **Mark 10:35-45** The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.