



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**5-6 September, the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

### WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

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| Monday    | 9.30 am Curtin  |
| Tuesday   | 9.30 am 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, 5.30 pm Curtin                               |

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Like a deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Toni Clark, Mary Grech, Sr Mary Paul OLHC, Louise Tarlinton, Victims of Beirut port explosion, Victims of the Corona virus, Barbara Develin, Kathleen O'Shea, Pat Carter, Hilary Halpin, Gabriella Bufalo, Mary Flanagan, Brendan Laurie, Peter Hackwill, Leo Langtry, Lidia Montagner, Eileen Schofield, Cecilia Read, Fr Noel Connolly, Barney Crowe, John De Salis, Peter Tarantello, Fr Frank Morrissey OMI, Maria Phan Thi Nhuong.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Melanie Swan, Jeanette Webster, Nicanor Pazcoguin, Paul Murphy, Sr John Keenan RSM, Sr Germaine RSM, Marie Pugh, Marjory Swan, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Dewhurst, Arthur and Doreen Job, Peter Crane, Ron Beath, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Anne Perkins, Patrick Kiely, Tano Travia, Ellen Woods, Kathleen Majer, Molly Poole, Brian Lacey, Vonnie Beath, Margaret Joyce, Wendy Egan, Cecily Howden, Frank Williams, Kathleen Rowe.

### MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Ian McDonald, Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Nicola Sheehan, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Margaret Wilson, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with Corona virus, Bella Davison, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista.

### WE ARE INTERRELATED

**We are formed in community. Today's Gospel instructs the early Church about the attitudes and structures necessary to deal with "moral lapses, dissensions and other failings that inevitably occur in a community still 'on the way' to the perfection of the Kingdom" (Brendan Byrne SJ).** The hope is that the process will be restorative and private, though it could become punitive and public and even result in excommunication. To decide so is a very serious matter as the power of 'binding and loosing' has divine ratification. **While we are nurtured in the family of faith or the Church, the first and most formative community is that of our natural family.** Culture passes by way of the family. We develop our initial sense of self-worth and communal engagement in and through our family. **Today we honour all dads and those other men who have had a fatherly role in our journey.** To varying degrees we are "a chip off the old block". Most give thanks for nurture received from their dads, others are still coming to terms with painful pasts. The other morning while out jogging, I noticed a dad who had walked his young son to school and then said to him, "Give me a hug and a kiss". Having done so, his dad told him, "Off you go and have a good day." Both were very blessed, and so was I to chance upon them. On the other hand, when relationships go awry we are also impacted. Andy Hamilton SJ has noted that Pope Francis's September prayer intention is for a just and respectful sharing of the world's resources. Hamilton points out that "because the welfare of nations is interrelated" we must address the corona virus together. Anything less will especially impact developing nations and "be reflected in massive poverty and hunger, and this in turn leads to the destruction of the environment." The same notion of interrelationship is to the fore in this year's Social

Justice Statement 'To Live Life to the Full – Mental Health in Australia Today' (go to [socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au)). The Bishops observe that "our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties or limitations" which is "completely at odds with the story of Jesus" who "takes on the frailty of the human condition" and "draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalised or despised". Again, **Child Protection Week (6 – 11 September)** reminds us of our duty of care for young people. **It is true: no one is an island, we are all in need and our actions affect others.** Might our awareness of this be manifest in our self-respect and in our thoughts, words and deeds. A tall order but one that in response to the movement of the Holy Spirit seeks to affirm, to connect and to nurture, as Jesus did and as were the early Church called to do. Fr John

**WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION:** Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/> and follow the prompts. **Claim the places(s) you want, if still available. Alternatively, you can notify the parish office (6281 3999) leaving your name, the number of places requested and your contact details. If the places are not available you will be notified and asked to consider an alternative Mass.**

**Liturgical Rosters:** Until Mass numbers can be increased beyond the current 100, it is not proposed to renew the liturgical rosters. If you notice the need for the exercise of a liturgical ministry, mindful that we are not having liturgical ministers assist with the distribution of Holy Communion or parishioners bring forward the offertory gifts, please step forward. The ministry of welcomer at this time can be especially helpful in offering a warm welcome, directing people to sign in and to collect a parish bulletin.

**Congratulations** to parishioners Ray and Gwen Sheehan who on 11 September celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding in Bathurst, five years after which they moved to Canberra.

**Archbishop Christopher is paying informal pastoral visits to parishes during the pandemic. He will celebrate 9.30am Mass on Wed, 23 Sept, followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre. All most welcome.** If you could assist with the provision of refreshments or setting up the Parish Centre, please contact Christine, 0448 223 330. On Thurs 4 Nov the Parish Centre will host the clergy of the Southern Deanery. Again, please contact Christine if you could contribute to a buffet luncheon.

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL, Sunday 6 September:** We have close to thirty retired archdiocesan clergy. Contributions assist those who have served and who in many cases continue to do so in a 'supply' capacity. Envelopes are available next to Mass sign-in forms in the foyer.

**SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:** We are in need of volunteers to serve a cuppa in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Call Michelle, 0423 692 543 for more information

**Emergency Appeal for Lebanon:** You can support the appeal via the 'Aid to the Church in Need' envelopes in the foyer.

**2021 Columban** Calendars can now be ordered via the Parish Office.

**'CARE TAXI' generously covered the cost of our beautiful votive candle display adjacent to the statue of Our Lady.** If you would like regular transport to and from Mass with other parishioners at a very reasonable rate, please call Danny, M: 0451 734 334 or E: [services@caretaxi.com.au](mailto:services@caretaxi.com.au) You might also want to discuss being a driver for the service.

**PARISH MEDITATION GROUP** meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, [mulvaney@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au) or 0437 876 487.

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35.

| <b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 12-13 September, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b> |  |  |   |
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| <i>2<sup>nd</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>   | Dan McKay                                  | Sean Perera                              | Darryl Kite                               |
| <b>Servers</b>   | Rose Jaram                                 |  |   |
| <b>Reader</b>  | Helen Crain-Welsby                         | Tania/Stana Fernandez                    | Graham Anderson                           |
| <b>Commentator</b>   | Rachel Smith                               | Margaret Frawley                         |   |
| <b>Welcomer</b>  | Volunteer required                         | Ted Frawley                              |   |
| <b>Ministers of Comm.</b>  | Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee      | Sue Phillips, Mary Henry, Amy Doszpot    | Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills |
| <b>Communion to Sick</b>   | St Andrew's: <b>No visits at this time</b> | Fred Ward: <b>No visits at this time</b> | Homes: <b>No visits at this time</b>      |
| <b>Collectors</b>  | J David                                    | Volunteer required                       | P Kelly, Ava and Ella Morris              |
| <b>Collection Counters</b>   | Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy    |  |   |