



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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12-13 September, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

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: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Barbara Koren, Janette Edwards, Joan Maher, 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: Pat Ryan and Jack Ryan, 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.

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.

FORGIVENESS IS LIBERATING, RESENTMENT IS TOXIC

"There is an old saying that resentment is like trying to kill somebody by taking poison yourself. Some of the most profound Christian insights have to do with the nature of forgiveness" (Michael McGirr). Jesus forgave the sins of those he cured. On the cross he forgave his tormentors. In the Our Father we pray *'forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'*. **Last week's Gospel addressed the 'how' of forgiveness. Today's Gospel addresses the 'why' of forgiveness.** Our First Reading (Ecclesiasticus) gives the impression that God's forgiveness is dependent on our willingness to forgive others. However, the more comprehensive biblical understanding is that God's initiative in forgiving us should be our inspiration to forgive others. In other words, the quality of our relationships *"must flow from and reflect [the] exercise of divine generosity and grace"* (Brendan Byrne SJ). **But, as Peter asks, how often must I forgive? In effect, Jesus says as often as is necessary; there is no limit.** He tells the parable of the servant who in today's money terms was forgiven a debt of billions but who is unwilling to forgive a fellow servant who is in debt to him for a paltry amount. ***"The force of the parable rests on this comparison. Each member of the believing community should understand that they live as people who have received, through Christ's costly self-gift in love, remission of a debt (the debt of sin) that they could never themselves repay. How utterly inappropriate then an unwillingness to forgive fellow members of the community the 'debts' set up by injury on a vastly smaller scale"* (Byrne).** The scriptural injunction to forgive is sound psychology. *"Psychologists often point out that mental and physical health can be improved by simply letting go of hatred and animosity towards people who have wronged you"* (McGirr). It is much

easier to do so when somebody acknowledges they have done you wrong . . . Whether they do or not, “*resentment is toxic. It seeps into every part of your life and damages relationships which have nothing to do with the people who have caused the resentment in the first place. Forgiveness is an act of liberation. To be able to forgive is to liberate yourself*” (McGirr).

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.

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.

RETIRED PRIESTS APPEAL: Thank you for your support of the Father’s Day appeal last weekend and again this weekend via the return of the appeal envelopes. The Archdiocesan Clergy Retirement Foundation and our thirty retired priests are most grateful for your support. You can still make a donation via the envelopes found on the sign-in tables.

HOLY PLACES APPEAL: In lieu of the usual Good Friday appeal, a portion of this weekend’s collections will go the support of parishes, schools, hospitals and welfare initiatives conducted by the Church in the Holy Land.

“The Way Forward: Free Online Pro-Life Panel and Q&A, 2.00 – 4.30pm, Sat, 19 September: Pro-Life Professionals (Canberra) are hosting a panel of speakers involved in medicine, law, policy, and social media who are supporting pregnant women. Register at bit.ly/way-forward-canberra. Inquiries to Belle 04112 689 976.

YOUTH MINISTRY 2021: Young adults are invited into the life and mission of the Catholic Church across the Archdiocese in schools and parish communities to support the development, implementation and growth of Youth Ministry. Applications close 20 September, more information at <https://www.cg youth.org.au/become/youth-ministers/>

ON THIS CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2020: The North Woden Parish of The Transfiguration is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

‘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 You might also want to discuss being a driver for the service.

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, 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.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 19-20 September, the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Marie Docherty	Anne Maher
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Claire Frazer	
Welcomer	Kim Hofeier	Lesley Kettle	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Claire Frazer, Marie O’Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: No visits at this time	Fred Ward: No visits at this time	Homes: No visits at this time
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
Collection Counters	M Flinn, Michael Higgins		