



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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19-20 September, the Twenty-Fifth 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 - Archbishop Christopher celebrating Mass at Holy Trinity Church
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: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is near to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Maria Pullin (sister of Bishop Pat), Kevin Fitzpatrick, 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 Nhung.

Anniversaries of Death: Nick Dulay, Jose Infante, Valerie Mills, 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

Kyra Berger, 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.

Not Fair but Very Generous

Have you sat at traffic lights behind a car with personalised number plates and smiled at their ingenuity? Have you thought of creating your own? If I was so inclined and owned a Porsche or a Ferrari, perhaps I might go for 'NV', that is, 'ENVY', "a feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck." Why do we handle many being worse off, but balk at some being advantaged? **In today's Gospel, God's generosity is to the fore. The vineyard owner hires workers for his vineyard. However the late comers receive as much as the fellows who have worked hard all day in the sun. That is not fair. No, it's not but that's the point: God's ways are not our ways (cf. First Reading from Isaiah). We presume they should be.** We subscribe to the justice principle of more for more and less for less. This principle "regulates such vital areas of social behaviour as honest trade and fair employment . . . [but] God does not deal with humanity according to fairness. He deals with us according to love" (James J Gaffney). God gives what God is: love. "That is what God is doing in Jesus ministry – giving the tax collectors and prostitutes an equal share with the righteous in his kingdom. Obviously, the parable is not a lesson about labor relations!" (Reginald H Fuller). **The owner of the vineyard is not fair but he is very generous and no one misses out.** "His standards are not standards of fairness. But neither are they below those standards. Rather they are above standards of fairness. The employer gives what is certainly not deserved. Good men are puzzled and annoyed. And well they might be, for by ordinary decent human standards the employer's behaviour is indefensible. And, that, of course, is the point. His ways are higher than their ways. His thoughts are much higher than their thoughts" (Gaffney). **We cannot earn God's love. We can only be open to its nurturing, mindful that it is its' own reward and the response**

of each builds up the whole. As a cook, it is doubtful that a recipe would constrain God. Rather, a dash there; that to be warmed over but not heated through; a sprinkle of that, no two; a big dollop of that and much less of that. Each action and its interaction contributes to the whole, to the reign of God. **Under God's grace as St Mary MacKillop (1888) said: "Do what you can with the means at your disposal and leave all the rest calmly to God."** *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.

ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL RETIRING COLLECTION will be held after Masses next weekend, 26-27 Sept. The appeal supports twinned conferences in Indonesia and India. Receipts available. Online donations to: BSB 062-786, A/C 14760, Code: Oznam Curtin.

CONFIRMATION: We extend prayerful congratulations to the young parishioners and their families who gathered for the celebration of Confirmation last Tues and Wed and those who will do so this Tues and Wed.

CALVARY HOSPITAL PLANT SALE, Jamison Centre, 8am – 4pm, Thurs 24 Sept. Great variety of plants for sale. Proceeds will support the care and comfort of public hospital patients.

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/>

2021 Columban Art 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 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: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 26-27 September, the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Anthony De Dalis	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
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	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally, Maureen Jeffrey, Bryan Stevens		