



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 3-4 October, the Twenty-Seventh 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:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Tess Clarke, Susan Ryan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Helen Reddy, Louise Tarlinton, Joan Allan, Sebastian Webb, John Fahey, Tony Patterson, Maria Pullin (sister of Bishop Pat), Kevin Fitzpatrick, Barbara Koren, Janette Edwards, Joan Maher, Toni Clark, Mary Grech, Sr Mary Paul OLHC, 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.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Helen Day, 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.

#### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

John O'Connor, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Nicola Sheehan, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, 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.

#### **IN GRATITUDE**

**Each week we have a Gospel reading. We have heard the readings before and to that extent we think we are across them. But are we always aware of the context of the Gospel reading? Knowing the context can enhance our appreciation of the text.** Today's Gospel is from Matthew 21. After his Galilean ministry, Jesus has journeyed to Jerusalem. His clash with the religious authorities is coming to a head. He has turned over the moneychangers tables at the Temple (Matt 21:12). He is fired up. So next day when confronted by the chief priests and elders about the justification for his behaviour, *"his response is swift, forceful, and confronting, drawing on the parable of the two sons (Matt 21:28-32), and then the parable of the wicked tenants. . . . It is not simply that the tenants have not delivered the produce at the time of harvesting: they have had multiple opportunities to respond positively to the legitimate invitations of three servants, then a larger delegation, all of whom are either beaten, killed or stoned. It is clear that Jesus is recounting the story of how Israel has responded to God's messengers, not just the prophets of old, but most importantly, John the Baptist and Jesus himself"* (Fr Chris Monaghan CP). After rejecting the overtures of the owner's son and heir, the owner of the vineyard gives it to others. This comment reflects 'a reading back' into the life of Jesus of the early Church's growth amongst the Gentiles. Little wonder that the chief priests knew that Jesus had them in his sights and they wanted to do away with him: trouble-maker from up north as they saw him! **And yet the foreboding doom is countered by the mention of the rejected stone that becomes the keystone.** Therein is perhaps the issue for us: the compassion of God revealed in Jesus can lull us into a complacency: he is my saviour and so what need have I

to worry? Rather than being smug, perhaps we would do well to ask, **“What is the fruit we have been asked to bear and haven’t? What are the invitations that we have rejected? It is not just Israel’s story: it is our story too, the church’s story, and the story of our own families and institutions”** (ibid). Without trivialising the Gospel, perhaps we might begin with the following checklist: **Who can I help today? What am I grateful for today? Do I have time for at least a ‘Hello God’ each day? Do I rejoice in the well-being of physical exercise each day? Do I eat some good food each day? What am I looking forward to? When did I last smile? When did I last have a good laugh?** (Michael 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.

**Sacrament of First Eucharist:** Children in Year 4 or above who have celebrated their First Reconciliation may be enrolled in the Parish’s Family-Based Sacramental Program for First Eucharist. Enrolments will commence in week 1 of Term 4. Please contact the Parish Office if your child does not attend a Parish school. The enrolment form and associated fee must be received by 13 October.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** would like to thank all who generously gave to the Ozanam Appeal last weekend. \$1064 has been collected for our twin conferences in Indonesia and India.

**CLERGY MOVES:** Archbishop Christopher has announced that Fr Mick Burke will commence as Administrator of Bungendore/Braidwood and Gundaroo April 2021; Fr Peter My will be PP of Yass/Gunning as of Jan 2021; Fr Jiss Kunnumpurath will be PP of Young/Grenfell/Boorowa as of Jan 2021. Fr James Onoja will be residing with us from late this month until the end of the year.

**PARISH TALKS:** The first of a proposed series of one-off talks followed by Q&A over a cuppa in the Parish Centre will be at 10am (after 9.30am Mass), Monday, 19 October. **Dr Bruce Stevens**, Anglican Priest and Psychologist will address the topic of **‘Compassion and Aging’**. The second talk, 7.30pm, Tues, 11 November will see **Anne Kirwan**, Director, reflect on **‘The Work of CatholicCare’**, the social welfare agency of the archdiocese. Stay tuned; more presentations to follow.

**OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH:** This year’s appeal is for the Jesuit Arrupe Centre in Cambodia, which supports through education, vocational training and health support, children and youth with disabilities. The Mission Sunday collection will be taken at all Masses, 24-25 October.

**MARIAN PROCESSION AND MULTICULTURAL MASS:** Due to COVID there will be a 10am, 25 Oct, Devotional Hour at the Cathedral (in lieu of the usual Galong gathering) followed by the 11am Multicultural Mass.

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

**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:** Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 10-11 October, the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>			
<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	Gary Parker	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>	Rose Jaram		
<b>Reader</b>	G Jaram	Bianca D’Rosario	Rita Daniels
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Volunteer required	Juliana Maher	
<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		

