



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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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 (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm 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: I will rise and go to my father.

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: 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: Queen Elizabeth II, Marc Kelaart, Imelda Gildea, Allan Hawke, David Campbell, Mikhal Gorbachev, Robert Tiffen, Pakistan flood victims, Cecil Pearson, Kieran O'Connor, Kay Pyket, Olivia Newton-John, Judith Durham, Paul Green, Marie Hargreaves, Clare Wilson, Grace Njoku, Felipe Nunag Sr and Lorna Nunag, Johnny Famechon, Jock Campbell, Shinzo Abe, Joseph Nagle, Judith Newton, Paul Mansfield, Dana Rimanic, Phil Adam, Jim Perkins, Graham Anderson, Grace Njoku, Kevin Gascoigne, Carmel Govaars, Regina Lewis, Robyn Murphy, Bruce Lotton, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Gerry Smith, Pat and Jack Ryan, Paul Murphy, Alan Jones, Leo Morrissey, Barney Crowe, Winifred Mona Spargo, Charlie Morella, Maurice Cronin, John Maher, Tony O'Donnell, Marie Pugh, Jim Woods, Mary Carmody, Vincent Huang, Ron and Pauline McLennan, Pam Dewhurst, Marjory Swan, June and Terry Freebody, Anne Perkins, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Gabriel Anne, Benjamin Jesus, Esperanza Gementera, Milena Ceccarelli and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Olga Johnson, Sharon Woods, Anne Taylor, Noel Egan, Trevor Forner, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, John O'Connor, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, Bill Byrne, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

FOR THE GRACE OF SMALL MERCIES

In our First Reading the intervention of Moses sees divine wrath give way to divine mercy. Paul, in our Second Reading, sees his journey from persecutor to disciple as the work of divine mercy. The Gospel consists of three parables about God's mercy – the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son. "They are rightly described as the "Parables of the Lost" because in each case the focus falls on a person who loses something precious and responds in a way that is at once foolish and extravagant" (Brendan Byrne). Jesus tells the parables in response to the concern of the religious authorities that he welcomes and eats with sinners. "Taken together, the parables show that the chief issue at stake is not so much sin and its forgiveness but the loss and recovery of human beings, who are so precious in God's sight" (ibid). While we are able to experience the mercy of God in a very personal way in the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation, problem is that next to no one celebrates the sacrament. Little wonder that the Plenary Council called for a programme of catechesis about the sacrament (5.5) and more specifically a review of the conditions for the celebration of the Third Rite of Penance (5.3). Meanwhile, and mindful that the Church's mission is to proclaim the mercy of God (*Praedicate Evangelium n. 1*), let us be open to the graced opportunities to share God's

mercy. A word of encouragement in the face of failure is one instance of doing so; a parent's measured restorative discipline of a child is another; acknowledging and taking practical steps to redress one's environmental footprint is another; being a voice for the marginalized another; so too a commitment to listen rather than prejudge; and of course a simple prayer of gratitude for one's health and friends. **Graced awareness is foundational to the sharing of God's mercy. The opposite, sin, is always a turning inward and apart. Mercy affirms new possibilities. At last week's National Catholic Education Commission Conference in Melbourne some 1400 delegates were reminded that Catholic schools are 'sacraments of hope'. Wherever the mercy or love of God is experienced there is life and hope.**

Fr John

DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II: Having served for 70 years, Queen Elizabeth has died at age 96. She came to Australia 16 times and visited Canberra 14 times. She lived through 8 papacies and met 2 popes. May she rest in peace, and may her deep Christian faith, grace, dignity and service continue to inspire.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION: Thank you to all who supported the annual collection for the support of our 26 retired archdiocesan clergy. Envelopes for the same are available in the foyer.

PARISH SCHOOLS: SS PETER & PAUL'S SCHOOL SURVEY: School Principal Cameron Johns invites parishioners to be part of a survey to improve the quality of education offered. The survey can be found at: <https://forms.gle/97ETTncZbdq5LkF57>

'AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS', Jesuit magazine, addressing 'Media For Good' and other matters is available in the foyer.

INFORMAL LIFE CHAT NO. 3: "What am I to do about it?" building on the second gathering which considered "What does the Church have to offer?" will be from 6 – 7pm, Mon 26 September in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome. Preparatory reading material is in the foyer. **The new date is a consequence of unforeseen commitments.** Fr John.

UNDER THE STARS CHARITY EVENT: meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Good Shepherd Seminary. Saturday 8 October 6:30-9:30pm at East Hotel Kingston. Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCFTY> Facebook: Canberra Cathedral Young Adults group. Email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com.

LAUDATO SI: 'CARING FOR CREATION CONFERENCE', Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin, is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of *Laudato Si'* – On Care for Our Common Home. A day to change ourselves, each other and the planet, 17 Sept., John Paul II College. Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com / see foyer A5 flyer. This gathering takes place in the Season Of Creation, a month when we are invited to listen to the cry of the environment and to reflect on what we must do to address the urgent need of global warming.

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNION TO THE AGED AND HOUSEBOUND: If you could assist in this most valued ministry, please contact the parish office.

MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 17-18/9, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ord. Time, Year C; Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Server			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Marie O'Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
Collection Counters	<i>19 Sept.</i> Michael Higgins		
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>14 Sept.</i> Prayer Leaders: Sr Angela Jordan	Eucharistic Minister: Kath Holtzapffel	