



*Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.*

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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13-14 November 2021, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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 (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday) Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, George Harris, Bert Newton, Catherine Lloyd, Dianne Kennett, Clem Helmers, Agostino Luongo, Maureen Connelly, June Slater, Denzil Gomez, Wilfredo Riosa (father of Fr Anthony, Assistant Priest Gungahlin), Helen Douglass, Patricia Jones, Heinz Ritzberger, Maureen Sheehan, Joshua Dryden, David Vickers, Fred Jones and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Chris Begley, Margaret Frawley, Johan Holtzapffel, Joe Caruana, Fr Phil Buckley, John Nguyen, John Bowen Smith, Oreste Trinca, Theresa Clarke, Jerome Woods, Melanie Swan, Jack and Pat Ryan, Millie Cameron, Marie Pugh, Kathleen Majer, Marjory Swan, Sr John Keenan, Pam Dewhurst, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Chris Begley, Greg Geering, Sonja, Oscar and Maggie Hammond, Maureen Daly, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle and those afflicted with COVID.

All Masses (and Wednesday Liturgy) have resumed: You must sign-in using the CBR app / the form provided. **Face masks** are optional.

INTO THE FUTURE TOGETHER

The future. What will it look like? The 'new normal' of the pandemic will continue to challenge. But what of the challenge of housing affordability, to say nothing of the cost of rental properties? What of the wisdom or otherwise of the AUKUS arrangement? What of China looking to other markets for iron ore, the export of which has underwritten our economy? What of the challenges of an aging population and the drying up of migrants? What of the real impact of COVID on small business reliant on cash flow? What of the Vatican calling for a "clear roadmap" from COP26 and not just more platitudes? What of the increasing acceptance of euthanasia and abortion? These are issues pertaining to our common good. The need for leadership and constancy underpinned by an engaged populace is writ large. In the Church too, as evidenced by the Plenary Council. **And here we are with Advent beginning at the end of the month and Christmas six weeks away.** Many are just looking forward to a break with loved ones. Meanwhile, for many connection via social media is 'as good as it gets' or perhaps another online purchase will alleviate a nagging emptiness? **However, today's readings call for a more considered view. We live in community, in relationship. The underlying point is that a day of reckoning is coming.** Our First Reading from the Book of Daniel has the bible's first

clear affirmation of the resurrection of the dead. Those who have cooperated with evil, or, in the words of Pope Francis, “not respected the limits love imposes” will rise to what Daniel names as “shame and everlasting disgrace”. Those who have lived out of the law of love will rise to everlasting life. **To be clear: we are all a combination of both and God is our judge; thank God! God sees and knows us better than we know ourselves. Nonetheless, there will be a day of reckoning.** Meanwhile, in the face of persecution, the early Church took comfort in the words of Jesus to ‘hang in’ and trust in God’s providence. As with the early Church, so with us: “Things may be dismaying and tough now but the future belongs to God and to the values demonstrated in the life of Jesus, rather than with human forces of death and exploitation. What we do not know is how much longer the struggle must go on. That remains wrapped in God’s mystery – even, in Mark’s view, for the earthly Jesus (‘the Son’) himself” (Brendan Byrne) And so trusting in the Lord, we pray: “God give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Fr John

THANK YOU to all who have and who continue to offer financial support for our parish and archdiocesan clergy. As you would appreciate, contributions took a serious hit during lockdown. Special thanks to John Eyers, Catherine Grinsell-Jones and Brendan Ryan who with me form the Parish Finance Council which monitors our income and expenditure and sees to the upkeep of our parish plant. Fr John

2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: If you would like contribute to the consultation, please collect a guide and attached questions from the foyer, submitting your response online.

MISSION SUNDAY: We postponed last month’s Mission Sunday reflection and appeal to next Sunday. Beth Doherty, on behalf of Catholic Mission will be our guest next weekend.

‘FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA CONVOCATION NO. 3’, 7.30pm, Thurs, 18 Nov. Following the First Session of the Plenary Council, Ellen Fanning (ABC, The Drum) will lead an online discussion. Register at: <https://concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events>

CATECHISTS RETREAT: If you are interested in sharing your faith with young children, you might be interested in the Archdiocesan Catechist retreat, Sat. 20 Nov., 9am Cathedral Mass, through to 12.30pm in the adjacent Pastoral Centre.

BLACKFRIARS LECTURE: 'Ageing well - surviving or flourishing?' 5.45pm, Tues, 23 Nov. Using the lens of Catholic Social Teaching and the International Charter of Human Rights, the talk will challenge the social construct of ageing in Australia.

FR PETER DAY, Archdiocesan Priest resident in ‘HOME’ in Queanbeyan will share his journey as guest of the Jesuit Discussion Group, 7.30pm, Tues, 7 Dec., Parish Centre. Parishioners most welcome.

CATHEDRAL SECRETARY POSITION: Parish Secretary Position requires applicants to be available from Mon-Fri, 9-4pm. Starting date 1 Dec.2021. For more information please email cathedral@cg.org.au or phone 6239 9846.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS, Spring and Summer editions with worthwhile easy-to-read articles are available FREE in the foyer.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP 6pm, Wednesdays is meeting via Zoom during lockdown. All welcome. Contact Vikki, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 48 to register.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 20-21/11, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; Dan 7:13-14, Apoc 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<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	Volunteer required	Therese Keily-Wynter	Dennis Granlund
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Claire Frazer	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer required	
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: Jenny and Brendan Ryan (<i>Ringing ahead to check.</i>)
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
Collection Counters	22 Nov.	Michael Higgins	

Wednesday Liturgy	<i>17 Nov.</i>	Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan, Sr Francis Fitzpatrick	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin
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