



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 17-18 September 2022, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.

#### 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:** 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:** Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. 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:** Colleen McPhillips, Moira Sheehan, Buxton teenagers, Queen Elizabeth II, Marc Kelaart, Imelda Gildea, Allan Hawke, David Campbell, Mikhail 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:** Melanie Swan, 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

Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, 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.

#### THINK LONGER TERM, BIGGER PICTURE

Former Archbishop Mark Coleridge was fond of saying that faith is mediated through culture. Indeed, an appreciation of the cultural world of Jesus is necessary to understand today's rather obscure Gospel parable. I mean, why praise a dishonest steward who seems to short-change his master? "What he does after receiving notice may be opportunistic but it need not necessarily be wrong" (Brendan Byrne). It would seem that it was common practice for a steward to receive a commission or interest for his management of the master's property. However, the master in the parable finds out that the steward has been taking far more than was considered reasonable. He asks him to explain. The steward is quick on his feet. He acts shrewdly. He foregoes his commission on his latest dealings to ingratiate himself to those in debt to his master or even his master. He does so in the hope that he might be offered employment if dismissed or possibly even retained by his master. The smarts of the man are acknowledged by his master. Did he take him back or did one of the master's debtors take him on? We are not told. Whatever, he acted out of 'short term pain for long term gain'. He is praised for this. However the point of the parable is to emphasise

**the great reversal with the coming of the kingdom.** The parable reminds listeners, in particular the wealthy, “to strip themselves of their wealth now in order to win friends among the poor. When the poor have their privileged places in the kingdom, these same poor will welcome these benefactors into “eternal dwellings”. **Thinking and acting in terms of one’s eternal good – storing up “treasure in heaven” (Lk 12:33) - puts perspective on how to act here and now, and builds up the common good.** Bottom line: “You cannot be the slave of both God and of money” (16:13). Recall the slogan of some decades back, “Live simply so that all might simply live”. Fr John

**FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION:** We pray with and for those families who have been preparing with their child to celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend. Their witness reminds us of the gift of the Eucharist. May they treasure and often receive the food of life at the table of the Lord.

**ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL RETIRING COLLECTION will be held after Masses next weekend, 24-25 Sept.** The annual OZANAM appeal supports twinned conferences in Indonesia and India. Twinning is the program by which our members support fellow Vincentians in developing countries. Receipts will be available.

**DINNER WITH A DIFFERENCE:** Online Zoom event, 6-7pm, Wed., 21 Sept., featuring interviews with the CEO of Caritas Australia Kirsty Robertson, and international theologian and journalist Margaret Hebblethwaite about development, Africa, poverty, the Ukraine and much more. Musician Genevieve Bryant will offer a short performance at the beginning of the night. This is a free event with suggested donation. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/caritasdinner> . Mobile: Beth, 0432 608 310.

**MARIST COLLEGE MISSION TEAM** has a vacancy for a part-time Administrative Assistant from Term 4, 2022. Further details can be found on the [College website](#).

‘**CATHOLIC VOICE**’ is in the foyer, featuring ‘**Walking Together in 2023**’ to inculcate the synodal understanding of Church as evident in the Plenary Council and called for at next year’s Synod on Synodality

**ENGAGING YOUR FAITH:** Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, is running 12 short sessions via Zoom, 10-28 October. \$25 per session. Booking, payment and further information: [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/) . Also **WALKING WITH WISDOM:** Heart of Life Centre, Melbourne, presenting 4 sessions via Zoom, Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm, 6-27 October. \$30 per session. Book and pay [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) . Further details (03) 9890 1101.

‘**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](mailto:catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com) .

**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](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au). **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Readings for next Sunday:** 24-25/9, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ord. Time, Year C; Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6 pm</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
<b>Server</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eysers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: J O’Connor, M Crane	Homes: J & B Ryan
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>26 Sept.</b> Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens		
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>21 Sept.</b> Prayer Leaders: Sr Angela & Sr Frances	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin	