



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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20-21 November 2021, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, 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)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace..

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle), David Coffey, Kevin McKay, Maureen Daly, Maureen Maguire, Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, George Harris, Bert Newton, Catherine Lloyd, 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: Lewis Mesaros, 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, 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.

STRIVING FOR ONE AND FOR ALL

Why does the Church year end with the Solemnity of Christ the King? Surely, a king calls to mind pomp and power whereas Jesus insisted on self-sacrificing service. Developing the First Reading reference to the 'son of man', Jesus would have it that the power and domination of passing empires, in today's Gospel represented by Pilate the Roman Governor, will be trumped by the Father's love and truth for which Jesus will lay down his life. His death and resurrection will usher in the everlasting reign of God. As John J Pilch explains: *"Jesus's followers are not subjects in a kingdom but persons who hear the truth and respond to it. It is in this sense and not in a political sense that Jesus can be understood as king and possessing a kingdom."* **And so, as king in the sense of 'Good Shepherd', he invites each by name in the depth of their heart.** Further, we enjoy the fruits of the reign of God but not yet fully so. We live in the '**between-time**' seeking to be at one now and fully so beyond death, as we remind ourselves in praying for the faithful departed in this month of the holy souls. **The mission of the Church, or more truly the mission which the Church serves in worship and action consistent with that is to the good of human flourishing. Your prayerful and practical**

support for Mission Sunday today, which we usually celebrate in October but delayed because of the lockdown, is much appreciated. During last week's clergy retreat, retired Bishop of Darwin, Eugene Hurley shared that Aborigines make up 33% of the NT population but 85% of those incarcerated and 100% of those in juvenile detention. This and many other situations of injustice and deprivation are an affront to the reign of God. **Stan Grant**, commentator, TV host and man of indigenous and Irish heritage has spoken of living within and between two worlds. He sees it as gift and impetus to realise something new. *"My epiphany came in the Sistine Chapel. There in a throng of tourists crammed into the Vatican, I gazed at our eternal struggle. Michelangelo laboured four years to produce this, his depiction of Genesis. Here is the outstretched hand of Adam, reaching for the hand of God. They extend but they do not touch. Between them is all of us: all we want to be; all we fail to be; all our ambiguity. Between them is the very spark of life - not in the act of existence but in the act of striving"* (Stan Grant, 'Australia Day', 52). Might we support the mission of the Church to assist humanity's striving. *Lord, may your love and truth reign in each and for all.*

Fr John

The Season of Advent commences next weekend. We are offering two possible Advent programmes: (1) The Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocesan Programme, *'Walking Together'*. This free, online programme takes up the papal encyclical 'Laudato Si' and seeks to enrich marriage and family life. Register at: bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent. (2) *'Blessed'* is the Diocese of Wollongong programme, suitable for group or individual reflection. Copies are available in the Church foyer.

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: Beth Doherty, on behalf of Catholic Mission is our guest this weekend.

BLACKFRIARS LECTURE: 'Ageing well - surviving or flourishing?' 5.45pm, Tues, 23 Nov. Using the lens of Catholic Social Teaching, 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.

Eucharistic Ministers at Calvary John James, Deakin, one hour per month. WWVP card and COVID vax required. Police Check done on acceptance. Contact samantha.thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au or call 6281 8112.

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.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS: are now available from the Parish Office. Cost \$10.

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

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 27-28/11, 1st Sunday in Advent Year C; **Jer** 33:14-16, **1 Thess** 3:12-4:2, **Lk** 21:25-28, 34-36.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: No visits at this time	Fred Ward: No visits at this time	Homes: Therese & Peter Wynter (<i>Ringin ahead to check.</i>)
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	29 Nov.	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	24 Nov.	Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson

