



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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28-29 January 2023, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Victims of US shootings, Sheila Langtry, Wendy Poole, Paul Bryant, Joyce Theodore, Janice Orr, Jim Molan, Renee Gayer, Lisa Marie Presley, Jeff Beck, Cardinal George Pell, Michael Keech, Vin Kane, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, John Suckling, Pele, Fr Desmond Purcell, Yongrae Lee, Connie Vella, Kate Madden, Romano Ippoliti, Henry Keough, Katie Smith, Bill Byrne, Dao Jensen, Margaret Linden, Shooting victims in Qld, Mary Milton, Robynne Morton, Ramil S. Cruz, Roderick M. Pagdanganan, West Java earthquake victims, Sharon Woods, Fr Peter Maher, Nessa Delaney, Scott Roberts, Leodegario Alimangohan, Veronica Sen, Adam Ryan, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Mary Taxworth, Desmond Lilley, Kevin Wilson, Laurence Raymond Spargo, Noel Lane, David Power, Dix and Keily families, Margaret Cusack, Brian Brown, Joanne Binutti, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Peter Marlow, Vincent Huang, Ellen Stening, Peter Majer, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

John O'Connor, Hennie Timmerman, Jan Chesworth, Peter Hewitt, Stephanie De Jongh, Shaun Clancy, Patrick Jones, Julianna Maher, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

BEATITUDE PEOPLE

Remember the Sermon on the Mount scene in Monty Python's 1979 comedy 'Life of Brian'? When Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers", a man some distance away claims he said, "Blessed are the cheesemakers." A woman in a condescending voice asks, "What's so special about the cheesemakers?" A bystander explains: "Well, obviously it's not meant to be taken literally; it refers to any manufacturers of dairy products." **Very funny. Yet many a serious word is said in jest. Perhaps we have had selective hearing since? The Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel is addressed to us, the disciples of Jesus. The Beatitudes summarise a way of life that is necessary if, like Jesus, we are to engage with the needs of a burdened humanity. However, in the 'enlightened' eyes of the world, they would seem to disadvantage you.** Why give up, give over, endure, accept, support and persevere to end up a loser, surely? Yes, the Beatitudes "all cohere around the core idea of living in a non-competitive, non-grasping way. To be poor in spirit (as well as being actually poor); to be gentle and unselfish, rather than be on the make; to be prepared to weep alongside the unfortunate rather than avoid them; to work for justice and peace; to exercise mercy and be single-minded in pursuit of the good ('pure in heart') to be ready to endure persecution and calumny for the sake of the gospel:

all these things make one vulnerable here and now, entailing much loss. But then we have to note the second clause in each beatitude, stating the reason for the 'blessedness' in each case. All those passives: 'shall be comforted', 'shall be satisfied', 'shall have mercy shown to them', and so forth, indicate, in biblical parlance, the action of God" (Brendan Byrne). It is in this understanding, founded in trust or faith in God, that those who follow the way of Jesus are to be 'congratulated' for they are indeed 'blessed', knowing a deep peace the world cannot give. Beatitude people are winners, not losers.

Fr John

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Since the 1989 decree of our Archdiocesan Synod, every parish of the archdiocese is to have a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). It is where the 'rubber hits the road' in furthering the discerned good of the life of our parish. If you would like to consider the matter, please take a copy of the A5 summary sheet available at the exits. The first meeting of the PPC for this year will be 7pm, Thurs., 2 Feb., in the Parish Centre.

AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM (ACCCR) invites you to a free Zoom Convocation, 7.30pm. Thurs, 2 Feb – "Synod on Synodality: Why we should care". Archbishop Timothy Costelloe (President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) will introduce the evening and four talks by lay folk (see foyer flyer for details) will canvass ways forward for the Church. Enquiries 0411 197 829, email: auscathcoalition@gmail.com Register at garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/q12xuw4a06vqype/

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: The Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February – 5 February this year (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day to highlight "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to better engage with Sacred Scripture.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION: You are invited to the 11am Mass, Sunday, 5 February at St Christopher's to celebrate this special occasion. A year of celebration is proposed, including a 'more formal' celebration with Archbishop Christopher on 17 March, the Feast of St Patrick.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT will be via Zoom, 6pm, Tuesday, 7 February. Baptised children in Yr 3 and above are eligible. Enrolment is via the Qkr app or through the Parish Office.

CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY FORUM – 'Beyond Self-Centeredness: Is Economics Built on the Right Foundation?' Peter Martin AM, 7pm, Tues., 21 Feb. Chambers Pavilion, ACCC Barton.

TRIVIA NIGHT (AND 'TRASH AND TREASURE' SALE) IN SUPPORT OF AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY, 6.30pm, Thursday, 23 February, Parish Centre. Tickets \$30 ea. RSVP by Monday, 21 February, to Robin at onebigmother8@gmail.com.

A GOOD NEWS STORY: THE MARYMEAD AUXILIARY last year raised \$120000 to support Marymead's work to support children and families at risk of homelessness or family breakdown. Since the mid-60s Marymead has been a part of the Archdiocese's welfare arm expressing the beatitudes and in 'walking together'.

VOTIVE CANDLES: The cash box has again been broken into and we are awaiting a replacement stand. Thank you for your patience.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S TALK ON 'ENCOUNTER, DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION - THE THREE FUNDAMENTALS OF EVANGELISATION' is available at the exits. Evangelisation is the mission of the Church and therefore all of us.

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: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 5/2; Isa 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>1st Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	Alex Evers	Denis Howden	Greg Holland
Commentator	Alex Evers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
Welcomer	Jacquie Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteer required	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Siji Devasia	Homes: Volunteer required
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	6 Feb.	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	1 Feb.	Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls

