



Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 28-29 May 2022, The Ascension of the Lord, 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:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

#### **MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY**

**Recently Deceased:** Victims of US shootings, Valerie Gruzauskas, Andrew Symonds, June Slocum, Peter McLeod, Bill Hibberson, David Sandground, Elsie Lanzon, Mark Williams, Peter Cox, Yi Jing, Bob Shearer, Senator Kimberley Kitching, Joan Waldren, Stuart Cox, Victims of war in Ukraine, Flood victims in Qld and NSW, Shane Warne, Rod Marsh, Steve Nadjeki, Betty McArdle, Geoff Hill, Ada Falez, Fr Henry Byrne, and victims of COVID.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Kathleen Majer, Brian Lacey, Sr Mary Agnes, Sr Tharsi, Rosie Ortile, Vincent Marim, Trudy Dinn, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, John Frawley, Keith McLaughlin, Gloria Villanueva, Sean Reiher, Richard Pugh, Patrick Kelly, Nell Smith, Jack Perry, Rod Frazer, George Pugh, Sylvia Cronin, Khanh Nguyen, Bich Nguyen, Maria Italiano, Kevin Wilson, Noel Lane, Eileen Cooper, and victims of COVID.

#### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

Vince Basilisco, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, Pauline Murphy, Paul Brown, Bill Byrne, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Mark Williams, Graham Anderson, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter Cox, Victims of the Tonga Tsunami, Emily Capper, John Barry, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

#### **FOUNDED HOPE IN LISTENING**

Today's celebration of the Ascension concludes the earthly ministry of Jesus. It also prepares for the mission of the Church, inaugurated with the outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which we will celebrate next Sunday. In our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke draws on the ascent of the prophet Elijah to confirm that with Jesus' departure there is the promise of the Holy Spirit to those (us) who will continue his mission. Further, in our Second Reading we hear of the enthronement of Jesus and the subjugation of all powers hostile to God. ***"In this sense the Ascension is not simply something that happened to Jesus – his departure, physically from this world. It is the feast that celebrates the hope that his triumph will ultimately be ours as well"*** (Brendan Byrne). Have we truly listened to that message within the depths of our being? **How appropriate then that Pope Francis in his message for this the 56<sup>th</sup> World Day of Social Communications, reflects on the word 'listen'.** In view of the outcome of the federal election and Reconciliation Week, 27 May – 3 June, the data is in: we need to listen. Pope Francis drew on St Augustine in entitling his message, 'Listening with the ear of the heart'. **He claimed, "A respected doctor, accustomed to treating the wounds of the soul, was once asked what the greatest need of human beings is. He replied: "The boundless desire to be heard".** God, by speaking, creates man and woman in his image, *"and by listening recognizes them as partners in dialogue."* Sadly, we often do not listen but wait for the other to finish so that we might impose our opinion. *"In these situations, as philosopher Abraham Kaplan notes, dialogue is a monologue in two voices. In true*

communication, however, the “I” and the “you” are both “moving out”, reaching out to each other.” To be orientated “in a symphony of voices” is the art of discernment which underpins the call of Pope Francis to ‘synodality’ or ‘walking together’. “Listening with . . . the wonder of the child in the awareness of an adult is always enriching because there will always be something, however small, that I can learn from the other person and allow to bear fruit in my own life.” Finally, Pope Francis reminds us, “Whoever does not know how to listen to his brother or sister will soon no longer be able to listen to God either.” Lord, you listen to me. Help me to listen to you and to others. Thank you for those who hear my story. Help me to listen to you in prayer and in the relationships and events of my day. May I be a discerning source of empathy and engagement in the symphony of our graced life. Fr John

**'LOOKING BACK-LOOKING FORWARD'** captured the mood of the memorable gathering of parishioners for Mass last Sunday morning in Ss Peter and Paul’s Church and socializing afterwards in the adjacent school hall. **A big ‘thank you’ goes out to the many parishioners who ensured a memorable liturgy and refreshments.** Permit me to signal out Margaret from the Liturgy Committee, Trish, Alison and the choir, John for the photo montage and interviews, Christine for organizing ‘the afters’ and Cameron for the hospitality of the school. **We have so much to be thankful for as Transfiguration Parish, North Woden.**

**LAUDATO SI:** Further to a previous notice and information available in the foyer, you are invited to the first of 10 local online sessions commencing 7.30pm, 14 June exploring Pope Francis’ encyclical in which he proposes ‘integral ecology’. Register with TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZMCP> Info: Roger Paul Tel: 0421612572 or [LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com](mailto:LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com).

**THREE INFORMAL ‘LIFE CHATS’ 6PM – 7PM, PARISH CENTRE.** Some pre-reading will prepare us for an informal and prayerful gathering to consider three questions, ‘What do I hold dear and why?’ (Mon 18 July), ‘What does the Church offer?’ (Mon 1 August), and ‘How do my beliefs impact my engagement with others?’ (Mon 12 September). All welcome. More details to follow.

**‘THE CHURCH AND THE SECOND PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY: WHERE ARE WE NOW?’** The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council occurs soon (4-9 July). **Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn** will host a Public Forum on 9 June. Sr Clare Condon sgs; Francis Sullivan; Andrea Dean and Paul Collins will address the Forum. Venue: 7.30-9pm, in the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. All welcome.

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT:** If you or someone you know would be interested in a time of prayer and sharing over a meal with others discerning the possibility of a call to priesthood, join the gathering at the Archbishop’s House (Commonwealth Avenue, Parkes - behind Regatta Point), 6pm, Thurs 9 June. For more info or to confirm your intention to attend contact Cathedral Administrator, Fr Trenton van Resch, [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

**CONFIRMATION 21 -22 JUNE:** Please keep the candidates and their families in prayer.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** parishioners are invited to gather with other Christians of our area to pray ecumenically and to share good company, 7.30pm Tues., 31 May, Parish Centre.

**ACT RIGHT TO LIFE ASSN INC 50 YEARS CELEBRATORY DINNER, WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022. ALL WELCOME.**

Archbishop Prowse, Senator Eric Abetz and MLA(Ret) Vicki Dunne, guest speakers. Info, Bev 0418 718 713. Book at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897e-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897>

**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:** 4-5/6, Pentecost Sunday, Year C; Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:</b>			
<i>1<sup>st</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>	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Bev Cains	Volunteer required	Athena Cains
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Evers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacque Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Kevin Lea	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew’s: Nedra Kelaart	Fred Ward: Julia Carter	Homes: Lyn Granlund
<b>Collectors</b>	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<i>6 Jun</i>	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
<b>Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<i>1 Jun</i>	Prayer Leader: Christine McLaughlin	Eucharistic Minister: Gael Nicholls