



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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30-31 October 2021, Thirty-First 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)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

Please note:

Masses are restricted to 150 attendees only.

Parish Office open.

Messages can be left on 6281 3999 or

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Patrick ('Woody') Field, Pauline McLennan, Max Tinkler, Margaret Maguire, Merv O'Brien, Charlie Lindsay and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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

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, Catherine Lloyd, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell, Timothy Roberts, Chris Geraghty, Paul Brown, Jeannette Clarke, Jim Molan, Elsy Pouse, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle and those afflicted with COVID.

LOCKDOWN: All Masses (and Wednesday Liturgy). You must sign-in using the CBR app / the form provided.

Tick a box on the form provided to ensure that no more than the legal limit. **Face masks** are compulsory.

FAITH LIVED IN COMMUNITY

What does your day begin with? Tea or coffee? Morning show TV? Exercise? For the devout Jew, the answer would be the recitation of the Shema prayer (cf. First Reading and Gospel). 'Shema' means to listen, to obey. "Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God . . ." The people of the Mosaic covenant are called to listen and obey each day. Our idea of morning prayers harkens back to this priority. The love of God called for is all encompassing. "Heart', 'soul' and 'strength' refer not so much to separate capacities but together communicate a loving commitment that engages the totality of a person." (Brendan Byrne SJ). However, Jesus, with some later Jewish parallels, joins love of God to love of neighbour, though "they remain 'first' and 'second'. This signals that God is worthy of love and worship in an absolute sense; . . . [with this love] necessarily finding expression in love of neighbour." (Byrne). But what does it mean to love one's neighbour as oneself? Surely, a healthy love of self would want "understanding, tolerance, respect, loyalty and compassion" (Byrne). Then one must in turn show the same to the other. **Our faith is lived in community or it is a faith not received. We live our faith in time and place, in relationship.** The pandemic is a stark reminder of our inter-connectedness. No woman or man is an island. Friday was **International Teachers Day**. We give thanks for the efforts of teachers to nurture and guide

young folk with the knowledge, faith and values to serve both the common good and their individual good. Again, we pray for the outcomes of the 31 Oct – 12 Nov 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (**COP26**) being held in Glasgow, Scotland. As Pope Francis exhorts us, we must *'care for our common home'*. Finally, on Monday, 1 November, **All Saints Day**, we will remember and seek the intercession of those who knew transformation in Christ and enhanced their communities in living that experience. On Tuesday, 2 November, **All Souls Day**, we will remember and pray for the repose of the repose of the souls of all those dear and near to us. May they rest in peace to rise in Easter glory. You are invited to add the names of deceased loved ones to the **Book of Remembrance** on the right side of the sanctuary during this month of the Holy Souls. **Returning after lockdown, it is well to remind ourselves that the prioritized two-in-one commandment to love God and neighbour, sees us gather to worship as the 'community of communities', celebrating the 'source and summit' of our week, as we hold up in Christ the 'joys and sorrows' of our lives and our world.**

Fr John

CONGRATULATIONS to long-time parishioners **John and Jan Chesworth** who celebrated 65 years of marriage on 20 October. On Thursday, John celebrates his 90th birthday. We thank them and their extended family for their ongoing witness to the sacrament of marriage. May their love grow.

BLACKFRIARS LECTURE: 'How does social capital enhance health and wellbeing?', Dr Ursula Stephens, CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. (former CEO of Catholic Social Services Aust.), 6pm, Thurs 2 Nov, ACU Canberra Campus, Veritas Building, Room 301.1.20, 223 Antill Street, Watson. RSVP to ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au by 29 October. This is a free public lecture.

CATECHISTS RETREAT: If you are interested in sharing your faith with young children from Government schools and, or assisting with the parish sacramental programmes and thereby enriching your own, you might be interested in the upcoming Archdiocesan Catechist retreat on Sat. 20 Nov., commencing with a 9am Cathedral Mass, and going through to 12.30pm in the St Christopher Pastoral Centre.

ADVENT LENTEN PROGRAMMES: This year we are offering two possibilities: **(1) The Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocesan Programme, 'Walking Together'**. This free, online programme takes up the papal encyclical 'Laudato Si' and seeks to enrich married life. Register at: bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent. **(2) 'Blessed' is the Diocese of Wollongong programme, suitable for group or individual reflection.** Copies will be available closer to Advent (commencing Sun 28 Nov).

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE invites you to an online reflection, *'Widening our Gaze: fostering compassion and courage'*, Wed 3.00 – 4.00pm. Registration link: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYudOGvqT4rH9VI_dQHvX9Bgw2Zn6cydIVn

MARRIAGE PREPARATION (1) 'Evenings for the Engaged' consists of 6 sessions held over two consecutive Saturdays addressing communication skills, how to build a stronger marriage, and the Sacrament of Marriage, with much private time for couples to discuss many issues arising. Contact prugordon@gmail.com for info and registration. **(2) 'Engaged Encounter Retreat', 13-14 Nov or 19-20 Feb** affords engaged couples insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. **NB Six months notice is required of couples seeking to marry in the Archdiocese.**

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: 6-7/11, 32nd in Ordinary Time (Yr B); **1 Kings 17:10-16, Heb 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44.**

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 6-7 November 2021, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)			
<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	Mark Murphy
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Alex Eyers	Denis Howden	Greg Holland
Commentator	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteers required	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: No visits at this time	Fred Ward: No visits at this time	Homes: Lyn Granlund (<i>Ringin ahead to check.</i>)
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	8 Nov.	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell	
Wednesday Liturgy	3 Nov.	Leader of Prayer: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Francis Fitzpatrick