



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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14-15 January 2023, the Second 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: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, Laurence Patrick Bennett, Greg Cusack, victims of Korean 'crush', victims of Indian bridge collapse, Peggy Down, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: 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 Malow, Vincent Huang, Ellen Stening, Peter Majer, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jan Chesworth, Janice Orr, Peter Hewitt, Francis Politano, 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, John O'Connor, 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.

WHAT LEGACY WILL WE LEAVE?

We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal George Pell (1941-2023) and that of his close colleague, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. A commentator suggested that the Cardinal put the Australian Church on the international stage. Pell's position in the Vatican when accused of child sexual abuse and later acquitted gives credibility to that claim. However, by virtue of his earlier appointments as Archbishop of Melbourne and later Archbishop of Sydney, he already had an international status. **In our Second Reading St Paul addresses the followers of Christ as "the church in Corinth" (1Cor 1:2). In church-speak we would today insist that the 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic church' exists in each diocese or archdiocese. The church is both one (or universal) yet present in many ways (or local).** The communion of the church universal is manifest in a particular way through the local bishop being in communion with his fellow bishops and the successor of St Peter, Pope Francis, 'the servant of the servants of God'. **The title emphasizes that authority in the church is to serve and to enable all the baptised to realise their vocation.** Cardinal Pell was his 'own man'. A loyal servant of the Church, his clarity and decisive approach was attractive to some and off-putting to others both within and outside the church. Supporters and opponents were not

lacking in his response to institutional child sexual abuse and his reform of Vatican finances. From all accounts, there was a marked difference between his perceived public persona and engagement with his inner circle. Therein, an authoritative presence gave way to a hearty sense of humour and solicitude. *“The haters hated with vicious determination and the lovers loved with blindness”* (John Ferguson). **How should the Church, that is, each of us live our faith? It was to share who God is and who we are called to be that we see Jesus in today’s Gospel identify with humanity’s need in seeking baptism by John.** This was a prelude to his ministry of mercy, healing and reconciliation. That ministry led to the cross and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, under whose direction his followers continue his ministry. In the 14 January editorial of the English Catholic journal ‘The Tablet’, copies of which are available at the exits, a distinction is drawn between an understanding of God already active in the world and one affirming the unique salvific role of Christ. The former is an emphasis in the writings of Karl Rahner and the latter in those of Hans Urs von Balthassar. **I would suggest that that both Pope Benedict and Cardinal Pell were very much in the von Balthassar camp and that Pope Francis, and not without opposition, is seeking to unite the perspectives of both Rahner and von Balthassar. In other words, that the mission has a Church (Rahner) and the Church has a mission (von Balthassar). This calls for engagement, encounter and dialogue. Hence the call of Pope Francis for ‘synodality’, founded in the discernment of the movement of the Holy Spirit within and beyond the Church. Cardinal Pell put it very clearly when he said: “I believe that both democracy and religious freedom are at the heart of the good life”. Perhaps as disciples of Jesus it is timely for each of us to reflect on what will be the legacy of our words and deeds?**

Fr John

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

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, Thursday, 2 February, in the Parish Centre.

SS PETER AND PAUL’S GOULBURN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Join another volunteer for 2 hours per month to welcome visitors to the beautifully refurbished and only greenstone church in the world. Sign up via the QR Code [bit.ly/3FIKWRq] or E: goulburn@cg.org.au www.stpeterandpauls.com.au



VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Fr Emil Milat has been appointed Vocations Director for the Archdiocese as of 6 February. Cinnil Thomas will next year join our seminarians Mark Ha and Bran Gric at Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush. Walking together in faith, we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Archbishop Christopher noted that after 60 years in Canberra the Dominicans will be leaving the Watson Parish at the end of November 2023.

ARCHBISHOP’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022 will support the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal, diocesan projects in Nigeria, India and PNG, as well as the La Salette Matha Province in India and students attending Bethlehem University.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER’S TALK ON ‘ENCOUNTER, DISCIPLESHIP AND MISION - 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: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 22/1; Isa 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23.

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	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Volunteer required
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eyers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Liz Anderson	Fred Ward: Volunteer required	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	23 Jan.	Rosemary O’Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	18 Jan.	Prayer Leader: Sr Angela & Sr Frances	Eucharistic Minister: Christine McLaughlin