



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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21-22 January 2023, the Third 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: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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, 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: 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

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.

TO BE COMMUNION

Sometimes in ICU a drugged patient, anxious and unable to speak, will reach out to hold the hand of a nurse or loved one. We are made for relationship. To feel isolated and uncertain is frightening and the antithesis of life in Christ. Today's First Reading and Responsorial Psalm emphasise light, cf. *R. The Lord is my light and salvation*. Jesus must have had a powerful charisma, an inspiring presence or 'light' if you will. How else do you explain the fishermen in today's Gospel leaving the security of their place, people and profession to follow him? He drew people to him, and in great diversity (Second Reading). Today's Gospel concludes with the claim that he cured "every disease and illness" (*Matt 4:23*). These cures heralded the coming of the reign of God. Hence his repeated insistence not to confuse the sign (the miracle) with the more pervasive reality it pointed to. We are called to manifest and point to the reign of God. In his Message for the 11 February 31st World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis draws on the example of the Good Samaritan to claim that "it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness". In isolation, such

experiences *“can become inhumane”*. Pope Francis went on to say that the sick and vulnerable, whether from assaults on human life and dignity arising from natural causes or those resulting from injustice and violence have a special claim on us. **The Good Samaritan makes the world more fraternal. Indeed, the Church is to be a “true ‘field hospital’, for her mission is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time”**. In then calling for structural medical reform so that no one is left behind, Pope Francis maintains that the parable of the Good Samaritan *“shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good” (Fratelli Tutti No. 67).”* **With this background, it is timely to thank those medical and allied professionals who give of their time and talent for the well-being of all of us. It is also timely to thank those who take Holy Communion to the housebound and the residents in the aged care facilities of our parish. It might be a rewarding ministry for you to consider on a rostered basis? To reach out is to both support and to be supported. If interested, please contact the parish office.** Fr John

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.

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.stspeterandpauls.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.

CATHOLICCARE RETIREMENT VILLAS – ARANDA AND CAMPBELL. If you would like more information re vacancies in either complex, contact Dominica McNamara, property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au or 6162 6100.

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: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 29/1; Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>5th Sunday of the month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	Margaret Ryan	Volunteer required	Annie Gordon-Crothers
Commentator	Alex Evers	Juliana Maher	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Lyn Bliss	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteer required	Gael Nicholls
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: J and B Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	<i>30 Jan.</i> Ted Frawley		
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>25 Jan.</i> Prayer Leader: Emma Fairfax	Eucharistic Minister: Liz Anderson	