



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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23 - 24 MARCH, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASSES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am Curtin
Wednesday:	9.30am Curtin
Thursday	9.30am Curtin (followed by Exposition)
Friday	9.30am Curtin
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Jim Crennan, Irene Honan, Margaret Glynn, Lisa Marik, Jim O'Keefe, Jan Barley, Des Lilley, Helen Burt, Bobby Mitchell, Victims of Philippines Cathedral bombing, Marie Storrier, Peter Price, Ted Hancock, Peter Webb, Kevin Cremen, Jo Marguerite Blair, Andrew McPhee, Nino Buffalo.

Anniversaries of Death: Richard Pugh, Sean Reiher, Jack Perry, Bill Manera, Peter Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Agnes McCabe, John Morris, Rhonda Dixon, Frank Williams, Mary Ballian, Sr M Tarcisius, Kevin Wilson, Doris Falzon.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Catherine Peachey, Lois Loft, Geoff Hill, Frederick De La Gala, Lucy Duncan, Gillian Moyes, Marianne Stumpf, Cecily Howden, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Maree Williams, Rick Woods, Stephen Evans, Luke Ward, Dermott Cummins, Jessica Perlibachas, Natasha Phillopines, Nayomi Allaprandi, Timothy Roberts, Helen Pudovskis, Daphne Barry.

A MIXED RESPONSE

Lent gets a mixed response. One the one hand, talk of 'prayer, fasting and almsgiving' sounds demanding when life is demanding enough! On the other hand, there is a deep resonance with the Lenten call to repent, or to "turn around". Lent calls us to reclaim our true self. Problem is that we procrastinate about change. Jesus addresses this in today's Gospel. The Opening Prayer at the Friday Holy Trinity School staff meeting reflected on the biblical understanding of sin as being *"to miss the mark"*. We all miss the mark or not be true to ourselves occasionally. Why? Well we succumb to bad habits, addictive behaviour, laziness, lust, a desire to be accepted, envy; the list is long and varied. Many think that the Church wants us to be perfect and after a while they walk away wearied by the struggle to get *"their act together"*. **The fact is that we do not have it together. The fact is that we will never get it "all together" this side of the grave. But there is one who has got it together and he walks with all of us.** The ancient Greek ideal was to be perfect,

and we have inherited much of that outlook in the Church. The positive aspect of this approach is that we are challenged to go beyond where we are. The downside is that we think it is all up to us and God only loves us when we have it "all together". **However the Hebrew idea of righteousness is walking with the Lord. In the encounter we are transformed. In the encounter we see anew.** In the movie 'As Good As It Gets' actor Jack Nicholson plays an obsessive compulsive novelist who wants to develop a relationship with a single mum played by Helen Hunt. At dinner she pushes him for a compliment. He responds nervously, "You make me want to be a better man". **Lent is about being loved into life. We are more than we might think we are.**

Fr John

HOLY WEEK – EASTER CELEBRATIONS: This year's celebrations have been arranged to reflect that we are one parish with one priest. Accordingly, the schedule of celebrations for the Easter Triduum is:

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm, Holy Trinity, Curtin
 Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 10am, Ss Peter and Paul, Garran
 Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm, Holy Trinity, Curtin
 Easter Vigil, 7.30pm Holy Trinity, Curtin
 Easter Sunday, 9.30am, Ss Peter and Paul, Garran, 5.30pm Holy Trinity, Curtin

There will be a regional Second Rite of Reconciliation on Thurs 11 Apr at Sacred Heart Pearce commencing at 7pm. Additional First Rite times in the parish will be advertised duly.

PARISH SECRETARY: Catherine Grinsell-Jones has been engaged as our Parish Secretary, commencing early April. We welcome Catherine to this vital role in the life of the parish and assure her of our support and prayers. Many would know Catherine from her regular gathering with the Garran Sunday morning community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: The dates for the Parent Information Night (PIN), followed by home preparation and then celebration of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or First Holy Communion and Confirmation are:

First Eucharist: PIN , celebration Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June
Confirmation: PIN , celebration Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 September
First Reconciliation: PIN , celebration Thursday 28 November

Has your household taken a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes from the foyer? The theme of this year's Project Compassion is "Lives change when we all give 100%". The PC appeal is conducted by Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for international aid and development, www.caritas.org.au.

DARAMALAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING: Thursday 28 March for Yr 7 at 4.45pm and for Yr 11 at 6pm. Tours from 5-6.30pm. Enrolments for 2020 open 6 – 24 May.

'Growing Good Men' is for dads and their Years 7 and 8 sons to embark on a quest of discovery at Warrambui Retreat Centre (via Murrumbateman), 5-7 April, \$400 incl of meals and accommodation for a father and son. Contact Nathan, Marist College, nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$1168.60

Readings for Next Sunday: Jos 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:13, 11-32.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS: 23 – 24 March, Fourth Week of March			
	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Anthony De Salis	Gary Parker
Servers			
Reader	Val Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Maher
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Usher/Welcomer	Robert/Moya Kennelly	Carolyn Dunphy	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler Alex Ayers	Brendan Ryan Stafferd Fernandez	
Communion to Sick	St Andrews Gabrielle Lewis	Fred Ward Gardens Julie Cronin	Homes Therese/Peter Wynter
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally		

DESERT TIME

The Season of Lent is a time of prayerful reflection and particular actions. It is a 'desert' time. It is a time of 'turning around' or repenting as we are renewed in our baptismal dignity under God's grace. The forty days Lenten journey (cf. the wandering of the Chosen People in the desert for 40 years and Jesus's 40 days in the desert) is preparatory to the Holy Week-Easter-Pentecost highpoint of the Church's year. If we sincerely respond to this graced time we will be challenged or tempted, as was Jesus (today's Gospel). Temptations are often but not always subtle. They seek to deceive as they appeal or entice. Consider for Jesus: being hungry, why not turn stones into bread (first temptation); if he is the Messiah, should he not manifest his political power as the people were expecting (second temptation); if the Son of God, should he not trust the Father to protect him (third temptation). He rejects each temptation asserting that his power is not self-serving but serving of others, not an imposed leadership but an invitation to partake of the reign of God, not to test but to trust God. **The lure of possessions, power and prestige underpin the temptations of Jesus, as they do for us too.** *"Son of God though he is and "special" beyond all other human beings in this sense, he will not be exempt from treading the ordinary path of human life"* (Brendan Byrne SJ). **In Lent the Church calls us to 'prayer, fasting and almsgiving'**. Prayer is inclusive of liturgical prayer, which we gather for now, as well as various forms of personal prayer and reflection. Fasting is about not partaking so as to better appreciate. Almsgiving is support for those in need, mindful that it is Jesus who presents in them. To assist with personal or group reflection, we have some copies of **Michael McGirr's "All I Have Is Yours"** available in the foyer. Parishioner **Julie Long (0435 657 345)** invites parishioners to meet in the church meeting room to reflect and pray before the Sat 6pm Mass. Besides what you decide to fast from or conversely do, **the Church requires fasting from one meal per day (for those 18 to 60) and abstinence from meat (for those 14 and over) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday;** all the other Fridays of the year are Days of Penance (when we are required to fast or pray or undertake charitable acts as reparation). **The theme of this year's Project Compassion is "Lives change when we all give 100%".** The PC appeal is conducted by Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for international aid and development, www.caritas.org.au. You can support the work of Caritas via the Qkr app under 'ACG Special Collections'. **I invite someone from each household to collect a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes from the foyer.**