



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 30 - 31 MARCH, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

#### **MASS and RECONCILIATION TIMES:**

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am Curtin a
Wednesday:	9.30am Curtin (Reconciliation 10 -10.30am, 3, 10 and 17 April)
Thursday	9.30am Curtin (followed by Exposition)
Friday	9.30am Curtin
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	(Reconciliation 9 – 9.20am, 7 and 14 April), 9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You must rejoice my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Vince Newton, Stephen Seesink, Jim Crennan, Irene Honan, Margaret Glynn, Victims of the NZ shootings and victims of the African cyclone, 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, Doris Falzon, John 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.

### **THE FORGIVING FATHER**

**Today's Gospel about the 'Prodigal Son' could be more truly referred to as the story of the 'Forgiving Father'.** The younger son in effect wished his father dead by insisting on his inheritance. His father agrees, with a heavy heart no doubt. At this point, cultural norms would have insisted that the older son should have stepped in and rebuked his brother sternly. The fact that he did not indicates that he hoped to gain from the rashness of his younger sibling. The young fellow lives it up before coming to his senses. He then plans how he might return home as a servant, determining that he is no longer worthy of the status of a son. However, having acquiesced to his son's request, the father runs to greet him on his return. He throws a party to celebrate his homecoming and status as a beloved son. All is forgiven, but the older son is ticked off and he refuses to be a part of the celebrations. **Of course, and here is the rub, we are all the characters in the story.** We are at times selfish and immature. We are at times two-faced in pursuit of self-interest. We are at times forgiving. The story ends before we hear if the older son went into the party. I hope he did.

Perhaps leaving it in the air, the question can be asked: *Assured of the Father's love, how loving and forgiving am I?*

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

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION:** There will be a regional Second Rite of Reconciliation on Thurs 11 April at Sacred Heart Pearce commencing at 7pm. Besides the usual 5-5.30pm First Rite celebration each Saturday at Holy Trinity, additional opportunities between now and Easter will be Wednesday 3, 10 and 17 April, 10 - 10.30am at Holy Trinity, and Sunday 7 and 14 April, 9 - 9.20am at Ss Peter and Paul.

**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 Tuesday 30 April, Celebration Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June

**Confirmation:** PIN Tuesday 30 July, Celebration Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 September

**First Reconciliation:** PIN Thursday 17 October, 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](http://www.caritas.org.au).

**'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](mailto:nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au)

**'JESUS YOUTH AUSTRALIA'** is hosting *Instagrace* for 10 -14 year olds, 8am – 6pm, 24 – 27 April, St Thomas the Apostle School, Kambah. Info: [www.instagrace.com.au](http://www.instagrace.com.au) / Roby 0433 828 266.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA** invites those with teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills to attend a 'Meet and Greet', 11.30am, Sat 4 May, King O'Malley's, 131 City Walk, Civic. Palms is seeking volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity for 1-2 years in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya

**ST CLARE'S COLLEGE:** Open Evening, Wed 1 May, School Tours, Tues 7 and Wed 15 May, Yr 11 Information Night, Mon 13 May. Further details from Caroline Lanzon, 6260 9436, 0420 526 914.

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Planned Giving and Loose Collection:** \$1160.55

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isa 43:16-21; Ps 125; Phil's, 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11.

**LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 6 – 7 April, First Week of April**

	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mark Murphy	Stafferd Fernandez	Anthony De Salis
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Tony April	Claire Frazer	Greg Nash
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Denis Howden	
<b>Usher/Welcomer</b>	Jacque Mullen	Maureen Jeffrey	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swann, Mary Gellatly, Cecil Wagstaff	Denis Howden Kevin Lea	Gael Nicholls Anne Maher Karen Anderson
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's Village John Eyers	Fred Ward Gardens Emma Fairfax	Homes Rita Reilly
<b>Collectors</b>	C Wagstaff J David	M Grinsell-Jones L Howden	G Anderson G Freebody P Hughes
<b>Collection Counters</b>	M Stumpf B Carmody		

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**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.