



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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12-13 October, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am 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 Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Kevin Gaughwin, Terrye Oborn, Michael Smyrk, Carmel Ryan, Margaret Brennan, Barbara Johnston, Tim Fischer, Anthony Clift, Sr John Keenan RSM, Jim Daley, Barbara Atkins, Louise Loft, Alan Alder, Anne Mills, John Riley, Etienne de Fombelle, Victims of the Darwin shootings, Julia McDonald, Quentin Pongia, Kevin Walsh.

Anniversaries of Death: Kathleen Greene, Jack Crosbie, Mavis Hoffman, Melanie Swan, Pat Ryan, Jack Ryan, Mick and Beth Ahern, Frank Williams, Paul Murphy, Carlo Binutti, Natalie Bartone, Tony O'Donnell, Maurice Cronin, Jerome Woods, Marjory Swan, Maurice Cronin, Marie Pugh, Judy Green.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Rosa B Nguyen, Cecil Wagstaff, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, David Swan, Dick Barry, Gary Pertzelt, Luke Ward, Eric Reiher, John Vincent, David Parker, Mark Shepherd, Violet Webster, Catherine Peachey, Lucy Duncan, Rod Duncan, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Stephen Evans, Dermott Cummins.

VALUES TO BE PRESERVED, INDIVIDUALS TO BE AFFIRMED

To situate today's Gospel about the 'lepers' we must understand that the Chosen People were especially conscious of boundaries. Leviticus 11-15 speaks of boundaries. The partaking of certain foods and some bodily discharges were seen to make one impure. The notion of bodily purity was reflective of concern about societal and geographical boundaries. To be impure was to be cut off from the Chosen People, who were to be "holy as the Lord is holy". As the repulsive infection mentioned in the Gospel weakened body boundaries, though it was not leprosy or Hansen's disease, the sufferer was ostracised as impure. The ten 'lepers' sought healing from Jesus who was challenging existing boundaries. The nine Jews go to the Jerusalem to "praise God" whereas the Samaritan (an outsider) who would not be welcome at the Jerusalem Temple returns to thank Jesus, God's mediator (James Pilch, *The Cultural World of Jesus, Cycle C*, pp. 149 -151). Fast forward to today and we see that Pope Francis is very much insistent on restoring to community. He has stated: "*The Eucharist although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems*" (*The Joy of the Gospel*' (EG), n 47, 2013). In other words, it is not 'either, or' but rather a nuanced position of 'both, and'. Pope Francis again: "*It is true that general rules set forth a good which never can be disregarded or neglected, but in their formulation they cannot provide absolutely for all particular situations. At the same time, it must be said that, precisely for that reason, what is part of a practical discernment in particular circumstances cannot be elevated*

to the level of a rule. That would not only lead to an intolerable casuistry, but would endanger the very values which must be preserved with special care" (*The Joy of Love*, n 304, 2016). Pope Francis states, referencing Pope Benedict XVI, it is not by proselytising but by "attraction" that the Church grows. (EG, 14). Finally, in terms of being attractive or inviting, he has a crack at those "*Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter*" (EG, 6). Food for thought for all of us.

Fr John

PARISH MATTERS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Please note registrations for First Reconciliation closed Friday 27 September. Parent Information Night is 6pm Tues 15 Oct at Parish Centre. For information please contact the Parish Office.

ROSTERS: We will reissue rosters shortly which will run through until October 2020. Perhaps you could assist with:

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| + Cleaners for Holy Trinity Church and Garran Church | + Readers at 6pm |
| + Welcomers for 9.30am and 5.30pm Masses | + Eucharistic Ministers at 5.30pm and 6pm |
| + Volunteers to take Communion to the sick and elderly | + Altar Servers |
| + Commentator at 9.30am | |

THANK YOU to all who have put their name forward to join our rosters and to those that have assisted in the past. Ministry is a gift to be shared, not a job to be done.

PLENARY COUNCIL CLAIM THE DATE: The first two of the six topics for reflection in the Plenary Council process will be addressed in Advent on Friday, 6 and 13 December, with facilitated sessions both days at 10am and again at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The four remaining topics will be addressed in Lent. All welcome.

CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE, Bach Cantatas, BWN 243, 10, 214, 12-13 October, St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest. Tickets: www.canberrabachensemble.com

"**AMICUS**": a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Pollen Café National Botanic Gardens On Sunday 13 October at 12noon. Please call Rosemary 0428 599 342.

'**THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**': Want to discover ways to improve and cultivate Good Community, Good Teaching and Preaching and Good Music in your parish? Come to the **Saturday 19 Oct, 10am to 1pm** gathering in the Haydon Hall, Forrest. There will be input and dialogue sessions. All welcome. Register at <http://www.joyofthegospel.com.au/>

VIBRANT VOICES CONCERT: An afternoon of music and song at the Sacred Heart Church, 115 Hodgson Cres, Pearce, 2.30pm, 20 October, followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACT: to present an Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo for parents and carers, Thursday, 24 October, 5.30-7.30pm, ACU Campus. Please RSVP on the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BFLGT>

MARIAN PROCESSION: Sun 27 Oct, St Clements Monastery, Galong. For more information, including transportation, go to www.marianprocession.org.au. Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie, are hiring a Coach and invite parishioners to join them. Please contact them on 6291 6688 / or email tuggeranongsouth@cg.org Poster and details on display in foyer.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$872.90

Readings for Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14- 4:2; Lk 18:1-8.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 19-20 October, 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C			
	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	R Smith	A Grinsell-Jones	Robert Rice
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Michael Wilcock	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier		
Ministers of Comm.	Rachael Smith, Janice Lincoln, Nedra Kelaart	Anne Perera	Lyn Granlund, Cecil Wagstaff
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: H Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward:	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	C Wagstaff, J David	Ted Fitzgerald	G Nash, M Wong
Collection Counters	M Wilson, Volunteer please.		