



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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19-20 October, 29th 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: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Fr John Rate MSC, 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: Oreste Trinca, 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.

TO PERSIST IN PRAYER

Persistence in prayer is the obvious message in today's First Reading and Gospel. But what should we pray for? The prayer of many is for a better world where justice and peace reign. Highly commendable. But is that it? A quick search on Doctor Google reveals that contrary to many media reports things are improving: in the last thirty years 25% of the world's population have risen beyond extreme poverty though 10% still do survive on less than \$2 per day; childhood mortality from preventable causes –poverty, hunger and disease – is less than half what it was thirty years ago; 86% of the world's population is literate; and, in relative terms, we live in perhaps *"the most peaceable time in our species existence (Cook, 2013).* The vast majority of the world's population claim religious adherence, though there is a decline in the same amongst the young especially in first world countries. On Monday I attended the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship Breakfast held in the Great Hall on the hill. **The Governor-General, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition all variously shared something of the need for humble openness to the divine.** Under King David the Chosen People never had it so good. In many ways that is true for us. However they got their priorities wrong; their vision was limited. Ours can be too. Our First Reading affirms the fidelity of Moses in delivering the Chosen People. The Gospel sees Jesus call for persistence in prayer as we await the fullness of the Kingdom of God. While the move to a more just world has in large measure had a religious motivation, might we never reduce a religious response to quantifiable improvement but rather let it begin and end in acknowledgement and gratitude to God. In the light of that

relationship we are called to prayerfully see one another anew and to hold together often competing values in terms of what truly fosters human development. **The need for religious freedom underpins and affirms all human values rather than sees them relativised in a populist manner. In the words of the then Secretary-General of the UN, Dag Hammarskjöld, "For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes!"** *Fr John*

PARISH MATTERS

FAREWELL FR FRANK BRENNAN: Next Sunday Fr Frank Brennan by way of a farewell thank you will celebrate Garran 9.30am Mass, followed by morning tea (please bring a plate) and Curtin 5.30pm Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Family Group sessions preparing for First Reconciliation are proceeding. Please note Celebration is 7pm, Thursday, 28 November. For information please contact the Parish Office.

ROSTERS will be emailed in the coming week. Ministry is a gift to be shared, not a job to be done. Thanks to all who are continuing and/or nominated. Perhaps you might nominate for one of the following:

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

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.

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: 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.

'One in Christ Jesus': Archbishop's Day of Teaching, Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral), 9am – 4.30pm, Sat 2 Nov, sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Canberra-Goulburn. Register: 0415266019.

L'ARCHE FUNDRAISING CARD/MAHJONG DAY: 10am-2pm, Monday, 18 November, Canberra Bowling Club, Hobart Ave, Forrest. \$25 per person (includes lunch, wine or juice, tea and coffee). Contact Di 6241 2658 or Mary 6258 1739.

MILITARY CHAPLAINS FUNDRAISING DINNER: 7.30-10.30pm, Saturday, 23 November, Holy Trinity Parish Centre. Mr David Smith MP (Member for Bean ACT) speaker. Entertainment by the RMC Band Brass Quintet. \$55 per person. Tickets: Bob Perkins, 6247 2977.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$1017.55

Readings for Next Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 26-27 October, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C			
	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Sean Perera	Gary Parker
Servers			
Reader	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Ron Gane
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Jeanette Clarke	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Alex Eyers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Liz Anderson	Fred Ward: Maureen Boyle	Homes: Jenny Ryan
Collectors	C Wagstaff, J David	Ted Fitzgerald	Alex Reynolds, J Warhurst
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens		