



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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2-3 November, 31st 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: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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 Trimboli, Oreste Trinca, Paolo Trimboli, Peter Joseph Clarke, John Morris, Kathleen Greene, 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

Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, 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.

OPEN TO ALL AND SLOW TO JUDGE

We are all familiar with today's Gospel. Zaccheus the tax collector climbs a tree to see Jesus. Jesus looks up and tells him that he is going to come to his house. Zacchaeus says that he will change his ways and make restitution. The righteous murmur disapproval that Jesus would visit a sinner's house. Yes, we all know it. **However, the story takes another tact if we respect the claim of many scripture scholars that the translation of the actions of Zacchaeus should be in the present not the future tense. In other words, Zacchaeus is making the point that he already does and will continue to give half his possessions to the poor.** Further, Zacchaeus says, if per chance he has defrauded anyone he will repay them four times over. The latter was the more stringent requirement of the Roman law for a convicted criminal. The Jewish law required only 20% restitution. And so this little man who sought out Jesus was referred to by him as a "Son of Abraham". Those who prejudged Zacchaeus by virtue of his occupation also presumed to judge Jesus for associating with him. **"Even in antiquity the only exercise some people got was jumping to conclusions" (James Pilch).** This little tax collector proved to be a big fellow in the eyes of Jesus, whereas the presumptions of the 'murmuring classes' proved yet again how short-sighted they were. Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne ponders: **The one everyone thought was outside or should be outside is not outside but inside the community ("a son of Abraham"). Can you be "at home" in this inclusive community that the Son of Man has sought out and saved?**

Fr John

PARISH MATTERS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT is available in the foyer for your consideration.

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 were emailed last week. Please contact the Parish Office for copies. 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:

- + Cleaners for Holy Trinity Church and Garran Church
- + Eucharistic Ministers at 5.30pm and 6pm
- + Altar care and linen, Curtin and Garran
- + Communion to the Sick and Homebound
- + Readers at 6pm
- + Commentator at 9.30am
- + Altar Servers
- + Welcomer for 6pm and 9.30am

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE GIFT OF RAIN: In response to the crippling effects of widespread drought, the Australian Catholic Bishops are calling for prayers for this intention during the month of November, as well as acknowledging the ongoing efforts of faith-based, charitable and government organisations to assist those most affected.

'CATHOLIC VOICE' highlighting the drought in our Archdiocese is available free in the foyer.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY SUICIDE: 6pm, Friday, 8 Nov. St Joseph's Parish, O'Connor.

AMICUS: a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will meet at the Scenic Rose Garden, Bywong, Sun, 10 Nov., 12noon. Call Patricia 0412 351 548.

YOUTH MINISTERS IN 2020: For young adults interested in becoming a Youth Minister in 2020 online applications available at <http://www.cgyouthministry.org.au/becomeyouthminister/> Applications close 15 Nov.

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.

ST PAUL IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN SCHOLARSHIP: Seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney. A single session on Wednesday, 20 Nov. at 6.45pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. Entry free. Register: 6286 3388

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, email neo@ksca.org.au

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$1227.70

Readings for Next Sunday: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16 – 3:5; Lk 20:27-38.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 9-10 November, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C			
	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Sean Perera	Mark Murphy
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	Z Seselja
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Ted Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee	Sue Phillips, Mary Henry	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Fulop	Fred Ward: Mary Gellatly	Homes: Margaret and Ted Frawley
Collectors	J David	Ted Fitzgerald	P Kelly, Ava and Ella Morris
Collection Counters	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		