



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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30 November-1 December, First Sunday of Advent Year A

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

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| 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 lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Clive James, Carmen Ramos, David Cusack, Margaret Mansfield, Tony Falzon, Brett Lentfer, James Spaile, Joy Murphy, Fr John Rate MSC, Kevin Gaughwin, Terrye Oborn, Michael Smyrk, Carmel Ryan.

Anniversaries of Death: Judith Whittaker, Malcolm Blain, Christopher Perkins, Falzon family members, John Holtzapffel, Peter Marlow, Lewis Mesaros, Michael Holtzapffel, 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.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Nola Schneider, Jan and John Chesworth, Chris Perkins, 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 Pertz, 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.

LOOKING AHEAD AND PREPARING FOR

The Season of Advent is two-fold. We initially look to the future consummation of the Lord's salvation. We have renewed internal relationship with the Lord but there is some way to go in terms of the fruits of that salvation, namely justice, peace and harmony for all and between all. As we move into the second part of Advent, our attention turns to the preparation for Christmas and the hope of the people of the Old Testament for the Messiah. ***"So, despite our belief that the Messiah has come, we long for the (second) coming of the Saviour as the people of the Old Testament longed for the first" (Brendan Byrne SJ).*** Advent is about waiting and longing, mindful of what God has done and is doing. **Our hope for a harmonious future is reflected in the First Reading from Isaiah.** The vision is of all *"the nations coming to the mountain of the Temple of the Lord . . . hammering their swords into ploughshares"* in a new world order of peace. **The Second Reading and Gospel move to more personal and immediate considerations; be focused and be prepared.** St Paul calls the people of Rome not to succumb to prevailing norms but to live in the light of the Risen Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to have a keen eye and ear for the Lord, mindful that he seeks engagement each day. Will we be ready? To prepare our hearts and minds, the Church encourages us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (see local times below); to put off that which hinders and to put on that which reflects a sensitivity and readiness to respond. Of course, the busyness of this time of year can be contrary to the focus we seek. ***Lord, help me to retain balance and perspective in these days, enjoying that which is life-giving and to be savoured but ever mindful that it is only in you that my deepest desires are addressed.***

Fr John.

PARISH MATTERS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Vigil - 6pm Curtin, and 9pm Garran; Christmas Day - 8am Garran and 10am Curtin.

ADVENT REGIONAL SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: 7pm, Wed., 18 Dec., St John Vianney's Church, 87 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. Meanwhile, our prayers and congratulations to the children and families who gathered last Thursday for a beautiful celebration of First Reconciliation.

ADVENT FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION: Besides the usual Sat 5–5.30pm time at Curtin, there will be Sun 8, 15, 22 Dec, 9 – 9.15am at Garran, as well as Mon 2, 9 and 19 Dec, 10 - 10.30am and Thurs 5, 12 and 19 Dec, 6 – 6.30pm at Curtin.

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.

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 9.30am Mass, Garran, Sunday 22 Dec. Inquiries and offers of teenagers or parents to assist should be directed to the Parish Office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL NOW OPEN: Donations may be left in the poor box. Food suitable for hampers can be left at the Church collection point. It is expected that 50 hampers will be distributed.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (Canberra branch): invite all Catholic men to attend their last meeting for 2019 in the Parish Centre, 10-12noon, Saturday 7 Dec. All welcome. Contact Bob Perkins 6231 8472.

CAROLS ON THE BLOCK: 6.45-8.15pm, Sat. 7 Dec., on the vacant block opposite the Curtin shop (Holy Trinity School Hall if it rains) brought to you by the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Churches of Curtin. Free BBQ and Christmas Cake.

CAROL SERVICE: St Caecilia's Choir will hold its annual Carol Service at 7.30pm on Sunday, 8 Dec., at the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, ANU. All welcome. Contact: Maria Henry on mrhny@gmail.com

FRIAR ALESSANDRO AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL: Christmas music with internationally acclaimed Franciscan tenor Friar Alessandro. 6pm, Mon 9 Dec. Entry free or by donation supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Bookings at www.voicefrommassisi.org.au

CAROLS AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S: The annual night of carols old and new presented by the Cathedral Choir and students of St Thomas More's, Campbell will commence at 7.30pm, Thurs., 12 Dec

'FROM GANMAIN TO ROME AND BACK' is the title of an engaging reflection on the life of our former Archbishop Francis (Frank) Carroll. Frank emphasised the 'Church of the Baptised' in his 23 years ministry amongst us (1983 – 2006). Copies in the foyer (\$20 each).

'CATHOLIC VOICE': Christmas edition available free in the foyer.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$755.50

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12.

| LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 7-8 Dec., Second Sunday of Advent Year A | | | |
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| <i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i> | Curtin Sat. 6pm | Garran Sun. 9.30 am | Sun. 5.30 pm |
| Acolyte | Anthony De Salis | Sean Perera | Mark Murphy |
| Servers | Rose Jaram | | |
| Reader | Helen Crain-Welsby | Tania/Stana Fernandez | Graham Anderson |
| Commentator | Rachel Smith | Juliana Maher | |
| Welcomer | Cecil Wagstaff | Juliana Maher | |
| Ministers of Comm. | Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee | Marie Docherty, Tania Fernandez | Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills |
| Communion to Sick | St Andrew's: Morna Falkland | Fred Ward: Nancye & Dan Lee | Homes: Lyn Granlund |
| Collectors | J David | Ted Fitzgerald | P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris |
| Collection Counters | Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy | | |

Parish roster folder is available in the Priest's Sacristy.

Next Week: 7-8 December under Parish Matters section

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS REQUIRED FOR MONDAY 23rd DEC.: Our regular counters are not available. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist with counting on that day.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: 6pm Vigil Curtin, 9pm Garran, 8am Garran and 10am Curtin

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Vigil - 6pm Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, and 9pm Sts Peter and Paul Church, Garran; **Christmas Day** - 8am Sts Peter and Paul Church and 10am Holy Trinity Church

PALMS AUSTRALIA: a profoundly rewarding mission. Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills – working in education, health and trades? There are 5 places left on Palms Australia 4-12 Jan. Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position, call or text 0422 4PALMS, palms.org.au

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY: if you are a school leaver or young adult and would be interested in exploring the possibility of being a youth minister in 2020, please contact Huw Warmenhoven, youth@cg.org.au or huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE: If you have skills in creating and, or maintain the same we would love to hear from you as we seek to make our website more engaging. Contact the Parish Office or Fr John.