

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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7-8 December, Second Sunday of Advent Year A

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: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

<u>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</u>: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

<u>COMMUNION ANTIPHON</u>: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: Christopher Perkins, Elsie McIntyre, 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.

<u>Anniversaries of Death</u>: Dave Power, 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, 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 Pertzel, 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.

"STEADY SUNSHINE!"

Remember as a child waiting for your birthday? Remember counting the sleeps until Christmas? Have you been upset at not being able to get a doctor's appointment when convenient? How about swearing at a driver who merges out of turn or the old fellow who takes 'forever' to reverse park? Many of us are not good at waiting or not having our needs met now! Advent and the Plenary Council are counter-cultural as they both call us to prayerfully wait, listen and ponder. What's all this waiting about? Look, Christmas is around the corner – we have it every year - and I can tell you right now what the Australian Church needs to do. But what is God calling me to in this Advent Season? Make it personal and particular. And besides my presumption, what else might God be calling me to consider in the Plenary Council process? On Friday we held the first of our two Advent meetings (the next being 10am and 7.30pm next Friday, 13 Dec., and four in Lent), to prayerfully discern a national and a local response to the first of six themes arising from the 220, 000 responses to the initial phase of the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council will gather in Adelaide next October and again in Sydney in early 2021. I would encourage your participation in our Lenten discernment sessions. Have your say and listen respectfully. It is a broad Church. Meanwhile, we could all benefit from praying the Plenary Council Prayer. Fr John.

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

PARISH MATTERS

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

REGIONAL SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: 7pm, Wed., 18 Dec., St John Vianney's Church, Waramanga.

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.

COLLECTION COUNTERS REQUIRED FOR MONDAY 23 DEC.: Our regular counters are not available. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.

PLANNED GIVING CREDIT CARD DEDUCTIONS: Please note that monthly credit card deductions were scheduled for Christmas Day. This will now occur on 19 December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL NOW OPEN: Donations may be left in the poor box. Items for hampers can be left under the projector screen at either Church. It is expected that 50 hampers will be distributed.

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 <u>www.voicefromassisi.org.au</u>

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). Order form in the foyer (\$20 each).

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$971.80

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 14-15 Dec., Third Sunday of Advent Year A				
3 rd Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm	
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy	
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris	
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Marie Docherty	Anne Maher	
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Michael Wilcock		
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Margaret Ryan		
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Anne Perera, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund, Cecil Wagstaff	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Pam Lange	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Moya Kennelly	
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	G Nash, M Wong	
Collection Counters	Margaret Wilson, M Flinn, Michael Higgins			

Parish office hours: Mon 9am-3.30pm, Wed 9am-4.30pm and Fri 9am-3.30pm.

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.

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.

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.

Parish roster folder is available in the Priest's Sacristy