



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 14-15 December, Third Sunday of Advent Year A

#### WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am Curtin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am Curtin Liturgy of the Word and Communion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.30pm Curtin</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am Curtin (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)</b>
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, come and save us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

#### MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

**Recently Deceased:** Victims of NZ volcano eruption, Pat Smith, Teresa Couacaud, Lorna Walton, 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.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Joanne Binutti, William Johns, David Power, Hannah and Bill Dix, Aileen and Brian Dix, Judith Whittaker, Malcolm Blain, Christopher Perkins, Falzon family members, John Holtzapffel, Peter Marlow, Lewis Mesaros, 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 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 THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS

**John the Baptist was a 'straight shooter'.** Without fear or favour he called people to moral renewal. Like his peers, he understood the coming Messiah to be vengeful. He drew a line in the sand and said you best decide which side you are on. Yet later in prison and perhaps confused by what he had heard, John sends his disciples to inquire whether Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus responds by citing and expanding on the passage from Isaiah in our First Reading; the blind see, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear. Hardly a vengeful warrior king. **John prepared the way for Jesus but the Way was quite different to what he presumed.** Further, those who later received the message of Jesus in all its fullness are for that very reason considered 'greater' than John, though he is acknowledged as the greatest of the prophets. **With what concept of Jesus do I approach this Christmas?** The toll of the drought, the devastation of the bushfires and the impact of the NZ volcanic eruption call us to see that he whom we celebrate as 'one with us' or Emmanuel is present in the weary farmer, the exhausted firefighter, the deceased, the injured and the grieving. Or perhaps we only still see a baby in a nativity scene and all is good for me and mine. Who doesn't like a baby! **Sentiment and the commercialisation of the same are one thing but the significance of the one whose coming we celebrate is far more profound and enduring.** And today, *Gaudate Sunday* we light our pink advent wreath candle and anticipate the joy of Christmas morning: *"Joyful all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

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 ROSTERS ARE IN THE FOYER FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**DELEGATES FOR PLENARY COUNCIL:** Expressions of Interest are called for delegates to the Plenary Council. Participants must be available 4-11 October 2020 and 28 June-3 July 2021. Forms available from the Parish Office.

**'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:** \$998.10

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 21-22 Dec., Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A</b>			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Garran Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gary Parker	Sean Perera	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>			
<b>Reader</b>	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
<b>Commentator</b>	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Volunteer required	Jeannette Clarke	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eyers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: Liz Anderson	Fred Ward: Volunteer required	Homes: Jenny Ryan
<b>Collectors</b>	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	Alex Reynolds, J Warhurst
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Bernadette Carmody, Julie and John Carter		

Parish office hours: Monday 9am-3.30pm, Wednesday 9am-4.30pm and Friday 9am-3.30pm.

Next Week: 7-8 December under Parish Matters section

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

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**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](mailto: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