



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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21-22 December, Fourth 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: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Roger Morrissey, Therese Lees, Lorna Wharton, Victims of NZ volcano eruption, Pat Smith, Teresa Couacaud, 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: John Page, Bryan Docherty, Noel Lane, Joanne Binutti, William Johns, David Power, Hannah and Bill Dix, Aileen and Brian Dix, Judith Whittaker, Malcolm Blain, 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

John Chesworth, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, 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.

TRULY READY?

Christmas preparations are 'done and dusted' or a mad rush will characterise the next few days. Whatever, the 'reason for the season' is addressed in today's readings. Through the Sundays of Advent our First Reading has been from the prophet Isaiah who inspires hope in the future whatever the present circumstances. Isaiah today speaks of how the pregnancy of a 'young girl' will reassure the people of God's presence as her child will be called 'Emmanuel' or 'God is with us'. Our Gospel reading from Matthew follows a stylised account of the genealogy of Jesus. Only four women are mentioned. In each case they are the victims of sexual impropriety. "*Tamar, whom Judah violated; Rahab, who had been a prostitute; Ruth the Moabitess; and the wife of Uriah (Bathsheba), whom David adulterously took to himself . . . The genealogy shows how the divine thread of salvation has run through much unsavoury human history*" (Brendan Bryne SJ). The pregnancy of Mary (referred to as a 'virgin' in the Latin translation rather than the original 'young girl') comes about 'through the Holy Spirit'. However the righteous Joseph is not aware of this and decides to divorce Mary informally so as to spare her the possibility of stoning (cf. Jn 8:1-11). When made aware of the bigger picture, Joseph takes Mary to his home. Mary's child will be 'Josue' or the saviour; the presence of God in the ministry of Jesus and in the Church. **Christmas is the annual celebration of a once for all event but it is only truly fruitful when**

we invite God into the inner room of our heart. Perhaps I am not yet 'done and dusted' or perhaps I need to prioritise some quiet reflection among much ado?

Meanwhile, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who over the past year have undertaken any ministry or other activity for the good of the parish. Much of that work goes unseen and unheralded but it is all seen by the One who is the source of every blessing. Thank you!

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.

CAROLS: the Choir invites everyone to join them at Sts Peter and Paul Church from 8:30pm for carols before Mass.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Money raised will support the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal; our neighbouring Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes; projects in Nigeria and India, from where we have priests serving in our Archdiocese; needy students at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land; recovery endeavours of bush fire affected Dioceses in NSW. Thank you! (NB: Donations can also be made on the Parish Qkr! App.)

DELEGATES FOR PLENARY COUNCIL: Expressions of Interest are called for delegates to the Plenary Council. Participants must attend a preparatory session and the gatherings of 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). See Fr John in the foyer (\$20 each).

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$766.20

Readings for Next Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 28-29 Dec., The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A			
<i>5th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Long Nguyen	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	H Gulan	M Wilcock	A Gordon-Crothers
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Margaret Ryan	
Welcomer	Robert & Moya Kennelly	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly, Cecil Wagstaff	Denis Howden, Kevin Lea	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher, Karen Anderson
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Jane Hunt	Fred Ward: Betsy Joseph	Homes: Margaret Ryan
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	Volunteers required
Collection Counters	T Fitzgerald, T Frawley		

Parish office hours: Monday 9am-3.30pm, Wednesday 9am-4.30pm and Friday 9am-3.30pm (excluding public holidays).

Roster folder is available in the Priest's Sacristy