



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
NORTH WODEN

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25 DECEMBER - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (YEAR A)

WEEKDAY and WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am Curtin
Wed. New Year's Day	9.30am Curtin (NOT Liturgy of Word and Comm.)
Thursday	5.30pm Curtin
Friday	9.30am Curtin
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

RESPONSE:

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Coleen Simmons, 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.

ABIDING PRESENCE!

Merry Christmas and peace to all! The cause of our celebration is that 'God is with us', all of us and for all time. The angel proclaims "Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people." Today we should celebrate and rejoice. The Church speaks of the Christmas Season or 'Octave of Christmas' so that the awesome truth of God's abiding presence might sink in. **Christmas is not just a day, it is an awareness, an attitude. Christmas is to be shared.** I recall an episode of 'Call the Midwife' in which it was stated that the hand of God is sometimes at the end of your arm. The handshakes and hugs of this day symbolise our being connected and that God is with all of us. **Beyond**

passing sentiment, will the outstretched arms of the infant in the crib find ongoing engagement with you? The infant speaks to our thirst for communion, for completion, whatever our age or circumstance. And sometimes we need to be that vulnerable infant in reaching out to another in their need. **Christmas is not just a day, it is an awareness, an attitude. Christmas is to be shared.**

Last year I left out copies of a Christmas reflection by Fr Peter Day, a priest of our archdiocese. I have done so again this year. Peter is perhaps best known for his work in establishing 'HOME' in Queanbeyan for those living on the margins. As I said last year, while I would want to discuss some points that Peter makes, it is a very engaging read. Copies of the reflection are available in the foyer. **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.

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.)

RECENT ARRIVALS: Archbishop Christopher has welcomed **Father Gregory Azhakath**, a member of the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (SFS) and **Father Anthony Riosa**, from the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS) in the Philippines to the Archdiocese. Fr Gregory is looking after Moruya Parish in the absence of Fr Steve Astil SJ for health reasons. Fr Anthony is assisting in the North Belconnen Parish.

Prayer Circle Support Group: Prayer support available. Phone Cathy Harris on 6281 2574.

