



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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28-29 Dec., The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 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: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Dea Cairns, 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.

ONE IN, ALL IN

On Friday I heard a radio report suggesting that the Boxing Day Test at the MCG might be moved to November or March when the weather will not be as hot. Change is nothing new. Indeed it is a constant of life. So too is continuity. Reading a Christmas gift of Bill Bryson's **'The Body'** I was taken with how our very existence is a matter of continuity. *"All of the components of the genome have one single-minded purpose – to keep the line of your existence going. It's a slightly humbling thought that the genes you carry are immensely ancient and possibly – so far, anyway – eternal. You will die and fade away, but your genes will go on and on so long as you and your descendants continue to produce offspring. And it is surely astounding to reflect that not once in the three billion years since life has begun has your personal line of descent been broken. For you to be here now, every one of your ancestors had to successfully pass on its genetic material to a new generation before being snuffed out or otherwise sidetracked from the procreative process. That's quite a chain of success."* **Today's Feast of the Holy Family affirms that which underpins the birth of Jesus and the Christmas Season: it is God's initiative seeking a human response.** Joseph is front of stage as he responds to God's directions in a dream and so safeguards the Holy Family. Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses; both are born under threat of being murdered, both flee and later return under God's direction (cf. Ex 1, 2, 4:19). Moses matures and leads the people from slavery. Jesus will mature and lead all to new life. **God's initiative still seeks a response from us in our**

families and in the wider family of our communities. Might our experience of family over these days remind of us how blessed and in some ways challenged we are by 'our mob'. In the midst of the joys and sorrows of family our God beckons, no less than he did Moses and Joseph. We are all part of a continuing and evolving journey.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for Christmas greetings, cards and gifts from you, the family of faith I am privileged to serve. May we all continue to grow in faith, hope and love. 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

Next Wednesday, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am in place of the usual Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. At the beginning of the New Year, recent popes have called for prayers for peace founded on justice for all through the intercession of Mary.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Thank you to all who generously supported this 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. Expression of Interest due by 25 January 2020.

'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: \$1308.25.

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 4-5 Jan., The Epiphany of the Lord Year A			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Long Nguyen
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Tony Butler	Claire Frazer	Greg Nash
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Luke Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly, Cecil Wagstaff	Luke Howden, Katrina Dowden	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher, Karen Anderson
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: Ruth Duffy	Homes: Marjorie and Chris O'Connor
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	M Stumpf, B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		

Roster folder is available in the Priest's Sacristy