



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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4-5 Jan., The Epiphany of the Lord 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: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: The victims of Australian bushfires and victims of Indonesian floods, 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 Spaille, 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.

TOGETHER IN TRAGEDY

Devastating bushfires have impacted our nation at a time of unprecedented drought. Large parts of the beautiful Coastal Deanery of our Archdiocese (from Batemans Bay to the Victorian border) are reeling as they count the cost. Fires in the Monaro and Western Deaneries are being carefully monitored. The lingering smoke haze, the images of flames and those distressed in front of their fire ravaged homes have evoked memories of the 2003 Canberra bushfires. The heroic feats of firefighters and stories of communities supporting each other remind us of our potential for compassion and solidarity. We are in this together. **Today's celebration of the Epiphany is timely. In the darkness, the Magi were led to the baby born in a manger.** The best of human knowledge and wisdom deferred to the child born to bring peace and goodwill within and between all. **Today's liturgical celebration and the bushfires remind us that "all" refers to all creation; it is all connected and we are all connected.** As Pope Francis reminded us in his encyclical, *'Laudato Si' (2015)* we must respect an inclusive ecology if we are, as the subtitle of the encyclical notes, to *'Care for Our Common Home'*.

An integrated approach affirms the giftedness of all and the need to share for the sake of all, not just for a few and not just for short term gain. We are stewards not masters of the natural order. Like the Magi we kneel in humble awareness before the one who is Way, Truth and Life for all. **As the Body of Christ and with all people of good will we pray for those slowly putting their lives in some order and for those who are assisting them, we acknowledge the everyday heroes variously coordinating and implementing a measured response to the fires, we commit to practical support for devastated communities and we pray for humble openness to God's Spirit on the part of those elected to serve in a manner befitting the magnitude of the issues.**

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 DUES: Thank you to those who have forwarded Christmas Dues which go towards the support of the clergy of the Archdiocese. Again, I would also like to thank those who forwarded cards and Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Fr John.

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. To date, \$2,572.33 has been donated.

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: Sunday 29 Dec. \$738.65.. Christmas \$1345.42.

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 11-12 Jan., The Baptism of the Lord Year A			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Sean Perera	Darryl Kite
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	G Jaram	Bianca D'Rosario	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Cecil Wagstaff	Ted Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee	Sue Phillips, Mary Henry, Amy Doszpot	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Fulop	Fred Ward: Mary Gellatly	Homes: Margaret/Ted Frawley
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	P Kelly, Ava and Ella Morris
Collection Counters	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		