



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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18-19 Jan., 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Eric Fitzsimmons, Margaret Yvanovich, Nicholas De Grave, Ilario Ciacio, Yolanda Viovicente (mother of Fr Loi PP North Belconnen), Peter Macnicol, 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 Coucaud, Christopher Perkins, Elsie McIntyre,

Anniversaries of Death: Kevin Wilson, Pat Macnicol, John Page, Frank Williams Bryan Docherty, Noel Lane, Joanne Binutti, William Johns, David Power, Falzon family members, John Holtzapffel,

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 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.

PERSPECTIVE

Friend and retired Melbourne priest Fr Mal Crawford reflected recently, *“Life is like a relay race - you do your lap as well as you can and hand the baton to your successor and depart gently.”* The bushfires will become a part of our story. Hopefully, we will pass on insight and wisdom from the experience more attuned to the rhythms of nature and community. After all, fire destroys and symbolically purifies. **Living in love and attentive to truth affords us perspective and purpose in the midst of change wherein God’s Spirit calls.** As we reflected last week and today’s Gospel further spells out, **John the Baptist** was not, contrary to the opinion of some, the ‘main game’. Jesus was. Tradition had it that the present figures in salvation history would defer to those of the past. John defers to Jesus who comes after him. And the significance of Jesus will only be fully manifest in his dying and rising. In other words, it is only at the end of the Gospel, or the end of the Easter cycle that we will truly grasp why John points to Jesus as *“the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.”* **It is noteworthy that John claimed not to know Jesus but to reveal him. Sometimes our personal experience of God is not great. Sometimes it is an experience of absence.** The notions of faith, hope and love are not then notional but challenging in the very fibre of our being. Yet if we remain true and open as John did to his mission, God’s presence can break through in ways unforeseen. **St Teresa of Calcutta** was revered for her commitment to the Gospel but for many years despite her prayer and good works she experienced a spiritual aridity. Perhaps that experience gave rise to her commenting: **“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”** Or

again, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be the less because of that missing drop."

Fr John

Prayer in time of Bushfire and Drought

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created and sustain us.

We ask you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land now ravaged by bushfires.

Send abundant rain and restore our parched land.

Sustain us as we come to terms with the havoc caused by bushfires.

Renew your people.

Renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

PARISH MATTERS

Plenary Council Discussion: Discussion of the next four themes will be held in the Parish Centre in turn at **10am and 7.30pm on Friday 24 January, 31 January, 7 February and 14 February**. All welcome.

Ride-On Mower: Would you be willing to volunteer to drive the ride-on mower to maintain the grass around Ss Peter and Paul Church? If so, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacraments of Initiation 2020: Please note the following dates for the Sacraments of Initiation in 2020:

Term One:	First Reconciliation	Parent Information Night	25 February 2020
		Sacramental Celebration	2 April 2020
Term Two:	Confirmation	Parent Information Night	5 May 2020
		Sacramental Celebration	16 & 17 June 2020
Term Three:	First Eucharist	Parent Information Night	4 August 2020
		Sacramental Celebration	12 & 13 September 2020

If you have any enquiries regarding these Sacraments please contact the Parish Office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Thank all who contributed to the Christmas Appeal. 60 generous hampers were delivered in the parish. Special thanks to our Parish Schools at Garran and Curtin for their outstanding contributions.

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. **EOI due by 25 January 2020, next Saturday.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE SEEKS A CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER to manage the operations of the various portfolios of the Conference. For further information, Contact Kathy McLean, of Fish & Nankivell, 0414 376 698.

'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: \$1204.05.

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 25-26 Jan., 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A			
4 th Sunday of the Month	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Mark Murphy	Sean Perera	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Volunteer Required
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Jane Hunt	
Welcomer	Moya and Robert Kennelly	Volunteer Required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eysers	Brendan Ryan, Stafferd Fernandez	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Gabrielle Lewis	Fred Ward: Julie Cronin	Homes: Therese and Peter Wynter
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	Alex Reynolds
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally, Maureen Jeffrey, Bryan Stevens.		

