



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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22-23 February, the 7th 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: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Richard Arnel, Rod Frazer, Mary-Anne McGrath, Patsy Edwards, Gary Pertzelt, Nance Kenny, Dorothy Hennessy, Victims of the bushfires, Victims of the Corona virus, Kobe Bryant, Eric Fitzsimmons, Margaret Yvanovich, Policarpio Barawid, Nicholas De Grave, Ilario Ciacio, Yolanda Viovicente (mother of Fr Loi PP North Belconnen), Peter Macnicol.

Anniversaries of Death: Rosario Suazo, Gary Woods, Jack Perry, George Pugh, Desmond Lilley, Sylvia Cronin, Policarpio Barawid, Frank Williams, Kevin Walsh, Kevin Wilson, Pat Macnicol, Frank Williams, Bryan Docherty.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Bella Davison, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, Dick Barry, 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.

TO BE HOLY IS TO BE ENGAGED

Last Thursday there was a Mass at St Mary' Cathedral, Sydney to celebrate the formal progression of the process that could lead to the canonisation of Eileen O'Connor. Eileen, with Fr Edward McGrath, was the co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor (1913). Spinal trauma as a child saw Eileen confined to a wheelchair. It was her adversity under God's grace which inspired this little woman to care for those in need. Rather than bemoan her situation she relied on the grace of God to motivate her and those she attracted to provide free nursing services to the needy from their base in Coogee. Her compassion in the face of adversity saw her revered in Sydney. **Contrast this affirmation of the human spirit with the Friday morning news of the hate crime which saw ten Turkish nationals shot dead in Hanau, a small city close to Frankfurt, Germany.** Today's Gospel, as last week's, sees Jesus continuing to develop a deeper understanding of the Law consistent with his earlier Sermon on the Mount or the Beatitudes. Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses. The law of God written on the tablets of our heart is about freeing us to be who we are truly are. **We are not called to a perverse self-reference which presumes to judge, alienate and even destroy. On the contrary, we are called to engagement after the manner of the One who became one with us in our need.** It is through engagement that we find out who we are. Whatever life throws up contains the comfort and the challenge of the presence of God if we but see with the eyes of faith. To be holy is to be engaged with our true self, with others and with God. And so, *"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy"* (Frist Reading). **The choice is ours to make: to engage or to**

withdraw. As close to 1700 students at Thursday's Marist Opening Mass were invited to consider, so each of us: What are you going to do with your "one wild and precious life"?

Prayer in Time of Drought

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

We ask you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land.

Send abundant rain and restore our parched fields.

Sustain us as we address the environmental and personal toll of the drought.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Parish Masses scheduled for Wednesday 26 February:

Curtin: 9.30am

Garran: 12noon

Curtin: 5.30pm

HOLY WEEK: Mass of Oils, 6pm, Mon, 6 April, Cathedral; Holy Thursday, 7.30pm, 9 April, Holy Trinity; Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 10am, Sts Peter & Paul, and Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm, Holy Trinity; Easter Vigil 7pm, Holy Trinity; Easter Sunday 9.30am, Sts Peter & Paul, and 5.30pm, Holy Trinity.

*After discussion with the Parish Liturgy Committee and Parish Pastoral Council, **during Lent there will be 7-7.30pm Tues. Stations of the Cross alternating with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Mar., with our parish hosting the Regional 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Wed. 8 April.** During the year the PPC will host a series of talks in the Parish Centre which will be of interest to parishioners. Details to follow. Finally, keep in your prayers **the beer and pizza night conversation the PPC will host with some post school parishioners around their take on faith, the Church etc.***

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Long-term parishioners Margaret and Tjebbe Bekema and Donna and Gary Brewer both celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversaries last week. Well done! And thank you for the beautiful witness you have given to the sacrament of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Enrolments have now closed. **REMINDER: Parent Information Session** for families enrolled for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 25 February at 6pm in the Parish Centre, Holy Trinity.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE: Anyone willing to go on a roster to assist Parishioners with transport to Masses please contact the Parish Office.

RENTAL PROPERTY: Family of 7 with good references and financial guarantor seek rental property. Contact Stephanie, O'Connor Parish Secretary on 6247 5957 or 0415 023 578.

AMICUS: Support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics; next gathering Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant, Pearce Shops, Sat 22 Feb at 7pm. Enquiries please call Paul 0419 411 691.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$773.90.

Readings for Next Sunday: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 29 Feb-1 March, the First Sunday in Lent, Year A			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Bev Cains	Margaret Ryan	Athena Cains
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Luke Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly, Cecil Wagstaff	Luke Howden, Katrina Howden	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		