



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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### 29 Feb-1 March, the First Sunday in Lent, 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:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

#### MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

**Recently Deceased:** Don Furner, Richard Arnel, Rod Frazer, Mary-Anne McGrath, Patsy Edwards, Gary Pertz, 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:** Hartung and Marlow family members, Richard Pugh, 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.

#### LENT: SEASON OF OPENNESS

The Season of Lent began with the distribution of ashes last Wednesday. Lent is a time of 'stepping aside' (for personal prayer), of 'letting go' (through fasting) and 'reaching out' (in acts of charity, especially through Project Compassion). In other words, Lent is a time of 'repentance'; a time to turn and be guided anew by the Spirit's light to the celebration of our new life in Christ over Holy Week-Easter. On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis said that Lent was "*the right time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is time to turn off mobile phones and connect ourselves to the Gospel.*" In a veiled reference to social media he said, "*It is time to give up useless words, idle chatter, rumours, gossip*" and speak intimately with the Lord. **The late Jean Vanier was revered as manifesting the life of the Risen Christ. The founder of L'Arche for intellectually disabled adults, which today has 154 communities (including one in our parish) in 38 countries, was last week outed for sexually abusing several women, all adults and none disabled.** The editorial of La Croix International noted: "*It is difficult to accept that this much admired man committed such evil. But the good he taught us – the way he changed our attitudes to the disabled – is still good. We must try now to continue doing the good work, by keeping our eyes open to our own fragility in the face of evil.*" **Individually and collectively we are a mixed lot, often succumbing to "our own fragility in the face of evil".** The Season of Lent calls us to acknowledge that. May our humble openness to the Spirit purge that which clings and hinders, and move us to prayerfully and otherwise support

one another. **To assist our Lenten journey, we welcome John and Joan Warhurst who at all Masses this weekend will address the work of Caritas and this year's Project Compassion Appeal under the theme, 'Go Further Together'.** As you know, the Australian Church calls us to fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all other Fridays of Lent and throughout the year being days of penance. The law of fasting obliges those aged between 18 and 60 and the law of abstinence (from meat) obliges those 15 and older. **Locally, besides the alternate celebration of Stations of the Cross or Exposition from 7 – 7.30pm on Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 March, with our parish hosting the Rite of Reconciliation for parishioners of Weston Creek and North and South Woden on Wednesday, 8 April, there are copies in the foyer of Fr. Ron Rolheiser's OMI 'Daybreaks, Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter' (gold coin/s donation requested).**

Fr John

### 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

**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 'Bread n Putter Bistro' Queanbeyan Golf Club, Sat 14 March at 7pm. Enquiries please call Lyn 0400 265 926.

**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST:** Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will host a breakfast at St Vincent's Aranda Parish Centre to celebrate International Women's Day, Fri 6 March. Speaker Andrea Dean (*The Impact of the Bushfires on our Understanding of God*). \$20 contribution. RSVP 0487 388 873 / <http://bit.ly/FiresFaithBreakfast>

**St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service, Marist College Senior Hall, 12pm, Saturday 14 March.** Dublin born David Caldicott, Emergency Medical Consultant at Calvary John James, Snr Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine ANU and drugs harm reduction advocate is guest speaker. All welcome.

**Tribunal of the Catholic Church:** Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. Phone 6239 9813 / [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Planned Giving and Loose Collection:** \$862.10.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 7-8 March, the Second Sunday in Lent, Year A</b>			
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Garran Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gary Parker	Sean Perera	Darryl Kite
<b>Servers</b>	Rose Jaram		
<b>Reader</b>	Helen Crain-Welsby	Tania/Stana Fernandez	Graham Anderson
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Cecil Wagstaff	Ted Frawley	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee	Sue Phillips, Mary Henry, Amy Doszpot	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: John Fulop	Fred Ward: Mary Gellatly	Homes: Margaret & Ted Frawley
<b>Collectors</b>	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		

