



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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25-26 JULY 2020, Seventeenth 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 Curtin, 5.30 pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, I love your commands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Brendan Laurie, Peter Hackwill, Leo Langtry, Lidia Montagner, Eileen Schofield, Cecilia Read, Fr Noel Connolly, Barney Crowe, John De Salis, Peter Tarantello, Fr Frank Morrissey OMI, Maria Phan Thi Nhung, Paul Rollings, Fr Michael O'Dea, Hannah Sowry, Ruth Dunn, Colleen Cotter, Sr Mary Agnes (Carmelite Convent, Red Hill), Alec Reynolds, Cecil Wagstaff, Denis Hogan, Victims of the Corona virus.

Anniversaries of Death: Ron Beath, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Anne Perkins, Gerald Whittaker, Patrick Kiely, Tano Travia, Ellen Woods, Kathleen Majer, Molly Poole, Brian Lacey, Vonnie Beath, Margaret Joyce, Wendy Egan, Cecily Howden, Frank Williams, Kathleen Rowe, John Frawley, Doris Falzon and Falzon family members.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Nicola Sheehan, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Hilary Halpin, Margaret Wilson, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with Corona virus, Bella Davison, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista.

'I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD'

The winter solstice was 20 June. We have turned the corner. The days are getting longer. Back on 11 April we celebrated the Easter Vigil. In fact, due to COVID, we viewed it online. The ceremony begins with the 'Service of Light'. The Easter Candle is signed, then lit from the Easter fire before being processed into the darkened church and the hymn of Easter joy, the Exultet is sung. Easter celebrates the victory of life over death. The darkness cannot overcome the light of the Risen Lord. Alleluia!

I had planned to 'sign' and light our Easter Candle when full congregations resumed. However being limited to 100 for the foreseeable future, I think that it is now appropriate to liturgically introduce our 2020 Easter Candle. Besides, this weekend we are introducing votive candles in the recess adjacent to the statue of Our Lady and in front of the windows of saints. The Easter Candle and votive candles are very much connected. The former is a part of our liturgy or public worship, the latter a time honoured expression of personal devotion. The Church understands personal devotion being inspired by and leading back to the liturgy, especially the Mass (*'Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy', 2002, n. 58*). I commend to you an article available in the foyer, *'A History of Votive Candles', by Fr William Saunders, Virginia USA.*

In essence, a candle attracts our eyes as it dispels darkness and affords us purpose and hope as we move forward. As Jesus proclaimed, "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark; he will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). The parables in today's Gospel affirm as much with their stress on the kingdom being "essentially future; it is not yet something one can 'possess'. People who really catch a glimpse of it from Jesus' preaching know they have come on a treasure that will fulfil lifelong desires and aspirations. He cannot yet 'deliver' it

to them or place them within it but the glimpse of it that he communicates fills them with such joy that they have the freedom to 'sell all' in order, one day, to gain it" (Brendan Byrne SJ). **As the attraction of the kingdom relativises everything else, detachment from lesser lights is proper to the disciple.** The light of Christ enlightens all and calls for transformation, akin to that sought by Solomon who chose not riches but a discerning heart that he might know and do God's will (First Reading). In our Second Reading St Paul speaks of what Brendan Byrne SJ refers to as "an inexorably unfolding divine plan that is already underway". **The unfolding light of Christ is both cosmic yet very personal. Might our Easter Candle and possibly a votive candle afford us new purpose in the midst of a pandemic and whatever else darkens our horizon. Might they also inspire us to pray for and to be that light for others, as were Mary, 'the first disciple', and all the saints.**

Fr John

ALL PARISH MASSES HAVE RECOMMENCED WITH A CEILING OF 100. To register for a Sunday Mass, that is, the Sat 6pm Vigil, the Sun 9.30am (at Curtin not Garran for now due to physical distancing regulations) or the Sun 5.30pm, you can do so online at <https://www.trybooking.com/> following the prompts. Claim the places(s) you want, if still available. Alternatively, you can notify the parish office (6281 3999) leaving your name, the number of places requested and your contact details. If the places are not available you will be notified and asked to consider an alternative Mass. There is no need to register for a weekday Mass. Please note that the Sunday Mass obligation still does not apply. Live streaming of 11.00am Sunday Mass from St Christopher's Cathedral continues. Go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

ENROLMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION: Parents of children eligible for the **Sacrament of Confirmation (usually in Year 6 and above)** must attend the Parent Information Night (PIN) on Tues 28 July, being conducted online via Zoom, followed by Home Group preparation before celebration of Confirmation on Tues 15 and Wed 16 Sept. **Please first enrol via the Qkr app** or contact the Parish Office on 6281 3999 or wodennorth@cg.org.au .

TAX RECEIPTS (2019-20) are available on request from the Parish Office on 6281 3999 or wodennorth@cg.org.au .

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COVID-19 APPEAL, in lieu of the Winter Appeal and in response to increasing need as a result of the pandemic, seeks your support. You can donate at www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling 13 18 12.

National Men's Gathering, 15 August is an online event of four pre-recorded sessions suitable for individuals or groups of men offering inspiration for discipleship in the family and beyond. Register from Mon 29 June at bit.ly/cm2020event

National Prayer Crusade for Vocations, 6 September – 28 November organised by Knights of the Southern Cross to pray for chaplains to serve in the ADF. Each participant is to select one week in which they will pray the Crusade Prayer each day: **"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide them with sufficient Chaplains to meet their needs as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."**

Young Adults Spring Ball: This is being organised by Canberra students and young professionals for 9 October (or later depending on COVID). They are seeking expressions of interest by end of July, <https://cgatholic.org.au/canberraspringball/> More info on Canberra Spring Ball Facebook page or via Belle Joseph, 0412 689 976.

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP continue to meet. Details from Vikki McDonough, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487 / **Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8: 35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 1-2 August, the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	A Evers	Volunteer required	Greg Holland
Commentator	Alex Evers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
Welcomer	Jacquie Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Kevin Lea, Volunteer required	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher, Karen Anderson
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: No visits at this time	Fred Ward: No visits at this time	Homes: No visits at this time
Collectors	J David	Ted Fitzgerald	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		

NOTE: We will continue to publish the rosters mindful not all are attending Mass at this time. You might need to step up in the absence of a rostered parishioner.