



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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28-29 Nov., the First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Andrea Wheeler, Nicola Sheehan, Ida Field (housekeeper to former PP of Garran, Msgr John Kelly), Steve James, Gordon Channell, Nell Stenning, Billy Jo Shaver, Alexis Saaghy, Andy Quaine, Patricia Barass, Louise Tarlinton, Fred Deananeas, Tess Clarke, Kevin Robinson, Florian Falez, Susan Ryan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Helen Reddy, Joan Allan, Sebastian Webb, John Fahey, Tony Patterson, Maria Pullin (sister of Bishop Pat), Kevin Fitzpatrick, Barbara Koren, Janette Edwards, Joan Maher, Toni Clark, Mary Grech, Sr Mary Paul OLHC, Victims of Beirut port explosion, Victims of the Corona virus, Barbara Develin, Kathleen O'Shea, Pat Carter, Hilary Halpin, Gabriella Bufalo, Mary Flanagan, Brendan Laurie, Peter Hackwill, Leo Langtry, Lidia Montagner, Eileen Schofield, Cecilia Read, Fr Noel Connolly.

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Marlow, Margaret Frawley, Canico Gusmao Belo, John Holtzapffel, Lewis Mesaros, Peter Majer, Domenica D., Oreste Trinca, Friedrich Lueth, Helen Day, Nick Dulay, Jose Infante, Valerie Mills, Pat Ryan and Jack Ryan, Melanie Swan, Jeanette Webster, Nicanor Pazcoguin, Paul Murphy, Sr John Keenan RSM, Sr Germaine RSM, Marie Pugh, Marjory Swan, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Dewhurst, Arthur and Doreen Job, Peter Crane, Ron Beath, Antoine Chuc Nguyen, Anne Perkins.


MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, John O'Connor, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, 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.

ADVENT: LOOKING FORWARD AND LOOKING BACK

“Are we there yet?” That question will be asked of many parents over the coming holidays. During the four weeks of the Advent Season we are called on a journey too. Initially, the call is to prepare for the Lord's return or second coming at the end of time. Then the Church turns our focus to prepare for his first coming, which we celebrate at Christmas. In Christ's life, death and resurrection we have been reconciled to God *“but as far as the outward conditions of present existence go we still have much to long for . . . [including] the achievement of a decent human existence for the majority of human beings”* (Brendan Byrne). **As the people of the Old Testament longed for the first coming of the Messiah, we now long for the Messiah's second coming or the full realisation of what the Messiah's coming heralded. In summary, we can say the kingdom of God is a present reality but not yet fully realised.** Today's Gospel calls for the servant to stay awake and be ready to welcome the master. Where and how am I called to 'be awake' and make present the light and life we long to welcome in its' fullness? That is a very personal question but the liturgy and more especially the candles of our **Advent Wreath** are a symbol of waiting in founded hope for the dawning light. The symbols on our **Jesse tree** call to mind God's fidelity to the people of the Old

Covenant as they waited in hope for the one born of the line of David, from the root of Jesse. So too the **images of the pregnant Mary** on the overhead call to mind her trust and God's hope to be born anew in our lives. The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal box** is for the receipt of non-perishable food items for local distribution, a tangible sign of hope. **We are a people on a journey of founded hope because our loving God has been and is faithful. With Mary we say 'yes' to his call, walking with her in faith and manifesting love in action. We are not there yet but we are on the way hopefully.** Fr John

✠ Please note: **NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Light of your Life - Sunday 6 Dec. (during 9.30am Mass)** 

ADVENT DEVOTIONS AND RECONCILIATION: At 7.30pm on Friday 4, 11 and 18 you are invited to gather for a holy hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction. Reconciliation times in Advent will be 10-10.30am, Tues 1, 8, 15 and 22 Dec and 4.30-5.30pm, Sat 5, 12 and 19 Dec.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: 6pm Vigil (outside on school grounds), 9pm, 8am and 10am Christmas Day.

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS to Christian H, Lucy D, Audrey B, Edie R (6pm Vigil); Tom O, Theo M, Alice M, Adelaide C (9.30am Sun); Ethan R, Fletcher B, Nikolai H, Olivia S (5.30pm Sun) who gather with their families to celebrate First Holy Communion this weekend.

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS STALL, 8am-5pm, 28-29 November, Belconnen Fresh Food Markets.

NORTH CANBERRA NATIVITY FESTIVAL, collaboration of Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church communities of the inner north, 9AM-5PM, 10-13 Dec, St Margaret's Hall, cnr. Antill St and Phillip Ave, featuring over 200 nativities from 40+ countries. Gold coin donation.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION COORDINATOR: Applicants should access job description at www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au and forward application to Fr Mark Croker PP, recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au by this Fri, 4 December.

'**ADORE**' is the Diocese of Wollongong's booklet of Advent reflections. As the parish has purchased a limited number of copies, please take one if it will assist your personal or perhaps group reflection.

PALMS: For nearly 60 years they have prepared and placed Catholics from across Aust & NZ in 40 countries assisting the development of 408 communities. An Orientation Course in Jan 2021 will prepare skilled and committed applicants for cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities (COVID permitting). See www.palms.org.au or contact Roger, 0431 995 058.

HOME SOLAR POWER: South Belconnen Parish are offering a free information session on the 'how to' of connecting solar power, 5.30-6.30pm, Tues., 8 Dec., St Brigid's Parish Hall, 2 Bancroft St, Dickson. RSVP by 6 Dec., Vikki, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au / 0437 876 487.

'**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS**': The Spring edition featuring 'Pilgrimage' is available in the foyer.

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 5-6 Dec., the Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte		Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Bev Cains	Margaret Ryan	Athena Cains
Commentator	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
Welcomer	Jacque Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
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	Volunteer required	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		