



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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12-13 Dec., The Third 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: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

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Recently Deceased: Jack Stewart, 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),.

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

Eileen Cooper, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, 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.

PROPHETS NOT MESSIAHS

The other morning I watched a caterpillar move with that backward-forward motion to the edge of our back porch. Would he/she go over? At the edge the caterpillar stopped, as if no way, go back. But then the intrepid caterpillar returned to move about a quarter of the way over, surveying the drop of some three metres and deciding to move away finally, to become a butterfly flying free hopefully. Perhaps God looks on us journeying and hopes that we too choose that which is life-giving? We are hard-wired for God and there is a deep down dis-ease or disquiet if we thwart or burden ourselves or others. Our Gospel reading today and for most of this Year B is from Mark. Tradition has it that Mark was a companion of Peter in Rome and his Gospel reflects the teaching of Peter. **Addressing a peasant audience in the main, John the Baptist speaks of remission of debts (translated as 'remission of sins'), as did Jesus, "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matt 6:12; Lk 11:4). This was good news to peasants who could be subject to taxes of up to 40 percent of production (John J Pilch).** Of course, debts or burdens are not only monetary in character; we are often morally burdened or weighed down by choice and, or circumstance. To prepare a way for the Lord is to be active, not docile. Where am I being called to 'lift burdens', and thereby prepare a way for the Lord's coming? While we might begin with where we have burdened ourselves and seek the balm of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so too

we need to be watchful and willing to unburden others weighed down by our individual or collective actions or their personal choice, and, or circumstance. **Like John the Baptist we are not the Anointed of God, the Messiah but we can be prophets of his coming.** Fr. John

PARISH GATHERING for any and all who identify with the parish and in particular those who have assisted with any ministry over the past year will be held next Saturday after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Centre. Come along for a chat, a drink and some Christmas cake.

GOOD NEWS: FR JAMES will remain in residence with us until early March.

YOUTH MINISTERS GRACE (Holy Trinity Parish School) **and MADDIE** (Ss Peter and Paul Parish School) have had their contracts renewed and will continue their great work in 2021. Besides their school ministry and assistance with sacramental programmes and children's liturgy, they are conducting regular weekend gatherings; one being held in the Parish Centre, 4.30pm this Sunday.

ADVENT – PREPARING A WAY

Please note the remaining and extended **RECONCILIATION (Confession)** times during Advent:

10-10.30am, Tues 8, 15 and 22 December and 4.30-5.30pm Sat 5, 12 and 19 December

EXPOSITION, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:

7.30-8.30pm, Fri 4, 11, 18 December

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Vigil: 6pm (On the HT school grounds) and 9pm HT, **Christmas Day** 8am HT and 10am HT

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS to Isabella A, Amelia W, Charlotte M, Elise L (6pm Vigil); Jackie B, Charlie D, Archie K (9.30am Sun); Miguel G, Ruby T, Ashton B (5.30pm Sun) who gather with their families to celebrate First Holy Communion this weekend.

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.

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.

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 61:1-2, 10-11; 1Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8'19-28.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 12-13 Dec., The Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Servers			Ava & Ella Morris
Reader	Helen Crain-Welsby	Tania/ Stana Fernandez	Graham Anderson
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
Welcomer		Juliana Maher	
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	T. Fitzgerald	G. Nash
Collection Counters	Margret Wilson & Michael Higgins		