



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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17-18 April, Third Sunday of Easter, (Year B),

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30am 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, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: John Flanagan, Ofelia Ancheta, Prince Philip, Richard Tarlinton, Hans Kung, Michael Horton, Bernice Wilton, Carla Zampatti, Tommy Raudonikas, victims of US shootings, Caterina Res, Fr Harold Baker MSC, Bill Coyle, Bruno Wolnicki, Phil Smith, Bryan Kennedy (brother of Fr Bill Kennedy), Nora Brown, Jill O'Connor, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Bette Sullivan, Bishop Bede Heather (former Bishop of Parramatta), Jim McMahon, Kathleen Hogan, Felicity Bearder, John Mason, Jim Daly, Janet Swan, Denis Lenihan, Archbishop Philip Wilson, Katerina Imsivovic, Fr Lino Zamperoni, Dave Barrow, Fr Tim Cahill, Maria Italiano, Maree Spillane, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Ellen Thompson, June Barrett, Audry Stilling, and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Anna Vigone-Shaw, Veronica Beath, Wendy Egan, Malcolm Allison, Cecily Howden, Keith McLaughlin, Richard Pugh, Joe Caruana, John Frawley, Jack Perry, Desmond Lilley, Patsy Edwards, Sylvia Cronin, George Pugh, Francesco Iacovetta, Kevin Wilson, Chris Perkins, Joanne Binutti, Peter Marlow, Margaret Frawley, Canico Gusmao Belo, John Holtzapffel.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Jim Molan, Elsy Poulse, Eleanor Dorman, Frank Boyle, Margaret Jones, Marilyn Pugh, Fred Schinkel, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID.

IDENTITY POLITICS VS COMMUNION IN DIVERSITY

The relationship between Jews and Christians is much better than it was. For centuries Christians had caricatured and demonised Jews, blaming them for the death of Jesus. Since the Second Vatican Council, interreligious dialogue and a more informed and therefore nuanced approach respecting theological difference augers well for the future. Indeed, our First Reading (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19) makes the point that the 'ignorance' of those who condemned Jesus was a part of God's plan for the story of salvation. Again, our Second Reading (1 Jn 2: 1-5) speaks of love, founded in intimacy with God and

expressed in love of God and neighbour as being the litmus test of the claim to 'know God'. Those who claim to know God yet harbour a prejudicial attitude and sometimes perpetuate violent action towards others are, we would say, 'kidding themselves'. **Finally, the Gospel (Lk 24:35-48) recounts another post-resurrection appearance of Jesus. The corporeal nature of the incident is at odds with the sensibilities of our scientific age. Or is it? Perhaps the abiding message is to encounter the risen Lord precisely in our individuality, in our relationships, not in some ethereal reality far removed from the ruck of life?** After the Oval Office was stormed by Trump supporters, one commentator noted that they were one of many faces of the people of the US. Australians are a mixed bag too. *"We prize identity more than citizenship. We look to what divides us; define ourselves in opposition to each other . . . it is like we are hardwired for this; we form our tribes and we go to war"* (Stan Grant, 'Australia Day', 2019, p. 5). Whereas in truth, *"we are a creole garden that we call a nation"* (ibid., p. 7). **Guided by the Spirit of God's love we are called beyond myopic and debilitating identity politics. As Christians we are called to reflect and to celebrate the unity in diversity of our triune God.** With respect to reconciliation, let alone many other challenges, the sentiments if not the exact words of Grant are prophetic in the scriptural sense of speaking to the truth of our situation. *"I am the conquered and the conqueror, the coloniser and the colonised, black and white – and somewhere among all of that contradiction is an Australian and if I cannot be an Australian I am not sure I can really be anything"* (ibid., p. 9). **Formed in community, and never apart from it, we gather in response to the One who calls us to be 'a sign and instrument' of communion. Now there's a vision!**

Fr John

MINISTRY ROSTERS: Thank you to all who give of their time and talent in serving the community through rostered ministries. If you foresee that you will be unable to fulfil your duty (rosters are published a week in advance at the bottom of the bulletin), please arrange a swap. Thank you.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL will be made at all Masses the weekend of 24-25 April. Your support will assist the formation of our two seminarians, Eden and Mark and perhaps in time those now considering a call to ordained ministry.

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED, MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE over two Sats, 9am-3pm. Presentations by married couples followed by couple and group discussion. Contact Pru 0451 670 041.

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: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 24-25 April, Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Gary Parker	Mark Murphy
Servers			
Reader	H Honey	A L Kimpton	Volunteer required
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Eysers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: J O'Connor & M Crane	Homes: J & B Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	<i>27 Apr.</i>	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>21 Apr.</i>	Leader of Prayer: Lijoy Lukose	Eucharistic Minister: Sarin Sebastian