



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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1-2 January 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C.

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; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Adrian Roberts, Tony Spinks, James (Jim) McErlean, Ian Collis, Margaret Maher, Peter Mulholland, Victims of Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, Stan O'Donnell, Mitchell Power, Stan O'Donnell, Brian Brown, Martin Spillane, Dagmar Shepherd, Victims of Tasmanian school tragedy, Victims of US tornadoes, Victims of Haiti petrol tanker explosion, Sr. M Anne Guthrie RSJ, Valma Dowse, Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle), David Coffey, Kevin McKay, Maureen Daly, Maureen Maguire, Dianne Kennett, Bishop Baislio Nascimento (Timor Leste), Max Stahl, George Harris, Bert Newton, Catherine Lloyd, Clem Helmers, Agostino Luongo, Maureen Connelly, June Slater, Denzil Gomez, Wilfredo Riosa (father of Fr Anthony, Assistant Priest Gungahlin), Helen Douglass, Heinz Ritzberger, Maureen Sheehan, Joshua Dryden, David Vickers, Fred and Trish Jones, and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Noel Lane, Eileen Cooper, Bill McKinnon, Peter Phillips, Barney Crowe, David and Annie Jones, Joanne Binutti, Dave Power, Trudy Dinn, Johan Holtzapffel, Christopher Perkins, Joe Caruanna and family members, Busuttill and Formosa family members, Peter Majer, Anna, Ellen Stenning, Judith Whittaker, Teresa Couacaud, Lewis Mesaros, Margaret Frawley, Fr Phil Buckley, John Nguyen, John Bowen Smith, Oreste Trinca, Theresa Clarke.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Peter McDade, Kaungyun Lee, Carolyn Wightman, Chris Begley, Greg Geering, Sonja, Oscar and Maggie Hammond, Dianne White, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero, Mary Kencross, Gwenda (NB No surname was given), Veselko Kelava, Karuna Hettiarachchi, Kathy Hailey, Rosa Winstanley, John Verrell and those afflicted with COVID.

WE ARE ALL SEEKERS

Epiphany means 'revelation' or 'manifestation'. It is the Christmas of the Eastern Churches. Drawing on the prophecies of the later Isaiah (see today's First Reading from Ish. 60), Matthew's Gospel begins on a universal note in affirming that Israel's Messiah is the Saviour of all. **The visit of the Magi to the Christ-child and their offering gifts reveals or manifests this truth.** The event also reflects the ancient world's belief "that the birth of persons destined for greatness, especially as rulers, was signalled by extraordinary manifestations in the heavens" (Brendan Byrne). **The Magi have followed a "star" and it led them to Jerusalem where they consult with the wisdom of Israel to locate the actual place of birth, David's city, Bethlehem. "We see here a pattern whereby revelation springs from a combination of**

natural wisdom and biblical prophecy” (Byrne). We might summarise their encounter with the Christ-child as one of faith and reason. By faith and reason we seek meaning and purpose and above all relationship. The magi “are for us the image of seekers, people who try to find God. We too are called to be seekers of God. Do you think we have found him once and for all? Keep seeking and you will find Christ in a deeper and richer way. Keep seeking and you will know and love him more. He is here with us. Encounter him” (Camilo J Mairvoet). Trusting in the graced moments and relationships of our lives we can respond ever anew to God’s initiative in seeking relationship with us. It is all God’s initiative ultimately. It is always invitational. Grace seeks a response. St Augustine reflected: “He who made us without our help will not save us without our consent.” The mission of the Church is to respect, to invite and to engage as together we seek in faith and reason to discover, name and celebrate God’s presence amongst us. As Matthew’s Gospel begins with the universal significance of the Messiah, so it ends with the Lord commissioning his disciples to go and “make disciples of all nations, . . . ” (28:16-20). We are all seekers. May the slower pace of these days and our seeking in the coming busyness of 2022 further our individual and communal flourishing. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR William Robb and Regine Rivera who gather with their family to celebrate their First Eucharist.

CATHOLIC MISSION: Thanks for your support in November. Our parish forwarded \$1032 to support the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters with mothers and babies in Thailand.

ARCHBISHOP’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Our parish forwarded \$1514 from the Christmas Day collection at all Masses. The remainder of the monies received will support the parish and the clergy of the archdiocese. Again, thank you for your support.

THANK YOU to all who in any way assisted with the beautiful Christmas liturgies. My personal thanks to those who passed on expressions of Christmas greetings.

TRANSFIGURATION NEWSLETTER: Latest edition, now in a bigger and brighter A3 format, is available in the foyer.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 22-26 June 2022: The next triennial World Meeting of Families will be celebrated in Rome and concurrently in every diocese at the invitation of Pope Francis. The theme is “*Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness*”. For more info re planned gatherings in the Canberra, Eastern and Western Deaneries, contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au M: 0429 192 869.

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM offers concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of ‘integral ecology’ as described in Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical. See: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/> and <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays via Zoom. All welcome. Contact Vikki, 0437 876 487 or mulvaney@netspeed.com.au.

GOLD BANGLE found outside the Church. Contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 8-9/1, The Baptism of the Lord, Year C, First Sunday in Ordinary Time ; **Isaiah** 40:1-5, 9-11, **Titus** 2:11-14, 3:4-7, **Luke** 3:15-16, 21-22.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	G Jaram	Bianca D’Rosario	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Margaret Ryan	Ted Frawley	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan	Sue Phillips, Mary Henry, Amy Doszpot	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Julia Carter	Homes: Thérèse & Peter Wynter
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	10 Jan.	Michele Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy	
Wednesday Liturgy	5 Jan.	Prayer Leader: Margaret Ryan	Eucharistic Minister: Sr Francis Fitzpatrick