



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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17-18 December 2022, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

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 (including Anointing on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am and 5.30pm Curtin

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Saturday 24 December

- Vigil Mass, 6pm, outdoors
(weather permitting)

- Night Mass, 9pm

Sunday 25 December

- Dawn Mass, 8am

- Morning Mass, 10am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Shooting victims in Qld, Mary Milton, Robynne Morton, Ramil S. Cruz, Roderick M. Pagdanganan, West Java earthquake victims, Sharon Woods, Fr Peter Maher, Nessa Delaney, Scott Roberts, Leodegario Alimangohan, Veronica Sen, Adam Ryan, Laurence Patrick Bennett, Greg Cusack, victims of Korean 'crush', victims of Indian bridge collapse, Peggy Down, Maynell Lindsay, Mary Phillips, Karene McEachin, Janet Coombs, Claire Sankey, Susanna Kopsiewicz, Doug Fitzpatrick, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Dix and Keily families, Margaret Cusack, Brian Brown, Joanne Binutti, Judith Whittaker, Jodi Johnson, Christopher Perkins, John Holtzapffel, Peter Malow, Vincent Huang, Ellen Stening, Peter Majer, William Joseph Madden, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez, Josh McKinnon, Nicostrato Dulay, Melanie Swan, Frank and Gerry Smith, Pat and Jack Ryan, Paul Murphy, Alan Jones, Leo Morrissey, Barney Crowe, Winifred Mona Spargo and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Shaun Clancy, Patrick and Margaret Jones, Julianna Maher, Jack Kennelly, Susie Menadue, Philomena Fisher, Rajan Fernandez, Kathleen Belfanti, Ljubica Gotovac, Jose Arquero, Olga Johnson, Patricia Zorzi, Wendy Altimore, Karen Lloyd, David Swan, John O'Connor, Grant Brookes, John Grant, Rosa Winstanley, Bill Byrne, John Manning, John Della Libera, Iole Cicolini, Gaie Ross, James Biddle, Carolyn Wightman, Peter McDade, Lorraine King, Greg Geering, Chandrika, Anselm and Venura Grero and those afflicted with COVID.

BEING PART OF THE DIVINE THREAD

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus which precedes today's Gospel, women feature only four times. *"Tamar, whom Judah violate: Rahab, who had been a prostitute; Ruth, the Moabitess; and the wife of Uriah (Bathesheba), who King David adulterously took to himself. In each case a note of sexual impropriety or irregularity attends the reference - not so much because of what the women themselves have done but because of what has been done to them. The genealogy shows how the divine thread of salvation has run through much unsavoury human history"* (Brendan Bryne). **It is this background which situates Mary's precarious situation of being pregnant, not through a wilful act but "through the Holy Spirit" (V.18). No one knew this besides Mary, not even Joseph, and under the Mosaic Law the penalty was stoning (cf. John 8:1-11).** Joseph, the "righteous" man wants to spare Mary public shame and decides to divorce her informally. *"In this he "models" keeping the Law in the way that Jesus will commend, giving priority to values such as forgiveness, mercy and compassion (the "weightier matters of the Law" [23:23])"* (Byrne). Then reassured by the messenger of God in a dream, "he took his wife to his home". The child is to be the long-awaited saviour, 'Emmanuel' or 'God-with-us'. *"Emmanuel' indicates not so much a fresh name but the role the child is to*

have for Israel and the world. In the person of this child, God will be 'with' the people in a unique way . . . After his resurrection, he will continue to be 'with' his Church in its communal life (18:19-20) and world-wide mission to the end of time (28:19-20)" (Byrne). As we prepare to celebrate the saviour being with us, all of us, might we prepare room in our hearts and minds to welcome him. We give expression to this in our gathering to give thanks at the table of the Lord, around our home tables with loved ones and in our commitment to the well-being of others, especially the most needy.

Fr John

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS: While Christmas Masses will be celebrated over Saturday 24 and Sunday 25, the times are different to our usual weekend Mass times. Besides, a number of parishioners will be away. **Might you therefore add your name to the Christmas Masses Roster in the foyer, noting also, the need for assistance with setting up for the outdoor Mass at 2pm, Christmas Eve.**

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022 will support the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal, diocesan projects in Nigeria, India and PNG, as well as the La Salette Matha Province in India and students attending Bethlehem University.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S TALK ON 'ENCOUNTER, DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION - THE THREE FUNDAMENTALS OF EVANGELISATION' is available at the exits. Evangelisation is the mission of the Church and therefore all of us.

CATHOLICCARE (CC), along with Marymead and St Vincent de Paul, are institutional manifestations of the archdiocese's commitment to provision of social welfare in keeping with the Gospel. Sr Noeline Quinane (noelene.quinane@catholiccare.cg.org.au) on behalf of CC offers parishioners particular thanks for support of MacKillop House for homeless women. An upgrade to the security system and refurbishing of 25 single rooms is underway.

CHRISTMAS TRANSFIGURATION NEWSLETTER is available at the exits. Pick up a copy today and read of some parishioners work behind the scenes and 'front of house'.

UKRAINE APPEAL: You can contribute at the end of Mass or on the Qkr app..

ST VINCENT De PAUL: Christmas Appeal is now open. Food suitable for hampers will be most welcome. Cash donations can be made through the poor box or by envelope found in the church foyer. It is expected that 70 large hampers will be needed during this difficult cost-of-living time.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER VIGIL: This initiative of the Marian Movement of Priests will be held at St Brigid's, Bancroft Street, Dickson, commencing at 8pm and concluding with Benediction before midnight. All welcome.

PARISH YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR: Are you interested in working with PYC's in developing youth and young adult faith formation initiatives, building pathways into the life of the local parish community? For info go to www.cg youth.org.au or E: youth@cg.org.au

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: the monthly BPOINT deduction for credit card planned givers falls on Christmas day; please note that the December deduction will be made on Wed., 21 Dec. 2022. Thanks to all who support the initiative by attending or by donation.

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

PRAYER CIRCLE SUPPORT: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: 24-25/12, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: PLEASE REFER TO CHRISTMAS MASSES ROSTER VOLUNTEER SHEET IN THE FOYER				
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6 pm	Curtin Sat. 9pm	Curtin Sun. 8am	Curtin Sun. 10am
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Anthony De Salis, Melissa Bray	Dan Mackay	Gary Parker
Server				
Reader	John Evers	Margaret Ryan	K Anderson	Dennis Granlund
Commentator			Emma Fairfax	
Welcomer		Margaret Bekema	Jane Hunt	
Ministers of Comm.			Brendan Ryan	Lyn Granlund
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: John Evers	Fred Ward Volunteer required		Homes: Volunteer required
Collectors				
Collection Counters	28 Dec.	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens		
Wednesday Liturgy	21 Dec.	Prayer Leader: Lijoy Lukose		Eucharistic Minister: Deepthi Mathew