



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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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 (cancelled for Christmas day); Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord; may his will for me be done. 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: 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: 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.

MOVING ON IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

We are almost at Christmas. Four candles of the Advent Wreath are lit, one to go. It has been a challenging year for all, especially the elderly. COVID and the desire to gather for Christmas remind us of an abiding truth: **we exist in relationship and we need one another.** Mary was a teenager when asked to be the mother of God! What did she think and feel after saying 'yes'? **We don't know.** Meanwhile, her kinswoman Elizabeth is pregnant also. What were Mary's thoughts as she made the hazardous journey up into the hill country to assist Elizabeth? **We don't know.** However, we do know that there was rejoicing on her arrival. This would have confirmed Mary's act of faith in the promise made to her. Mary's response was the great prayer of the **Magnificat.** This prayer highlights the underdogs, whom God favours (cf. "*Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah*" in our First Reading). Mary would have got on with assisting Elizabeth, and Elizabeth would have shared the wisdom of her experience, and no doubt they had a few laughs. **Sometimes we are subject to challenges and woes that are all too much. Sharing is part of the solution, as is founded hope.** The Season of Advent is a Season of Hope. It is a time to slow down and to identify with our deepest longings. It is a time for perspective, a time to prepare for the Messiah's first coming, conscious of his return or second coming. **Remember the notion of 'in-between time'? We are not there yet, even if we think we**

are on top of Christmas preparations! **We walk in faith, hope and love.** After losing the 1945 British election Winston Churchill's wife apparently suggested that defeat may well be a blessing in disguise. *"Madame, if this a blessing, it is indeed well disguised,"* he replied. Churchill was back in office six years later. **Lord, that I might be graced with the gifts of perspective, hope and humour as I put my trust in you – and like Mary – get on with it.** *Fr John*

WE PRAY FOR Matthew James Graham and Samuel Mossop who will gather with their families to celebrate their First Eucharist.

THANK YOU to those who prepared the 'goodies' and to those who popped into the Pariah Centre last Sat pm or Sun am for the annual get together before Christmas.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Extra times will be Mon 20, 10-10.30am; Wed 22, 7.30-8.30pm; Thurs 23, 6.00-6.30pm. This Sat's (Christmas Day) 5pm Confessions are cancelled.

<i>Christmas Mass Times:</i>	
<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>
6pm Holy Trinity School Grounds, Curtin	8am Holy Trinity Church, Curtin
9pm Holy Trinity Church, Curtin	10am Holy Trinity Church, Curtin

GOOD SAMARITAN SISTERS: Australia's first congregation of religious women and the first religious in Canberra (1927), the Good Sams commitment to education in our archdiocese commenced at Braidwood (1877). The recent retirement of Sr Sue Hallams, after 17 years ministry at St Francis Xavier, Florey, brought the curtain down on 144 years of Good Sams commitment to schools of our archdiocese. Like me, there are many very grateful former students of the Good Sams.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL will again support the ecumenical and international Christmas Bowl Appeal; the Dioceses of Otuokpo, Nigeria, Thamarassery, India and Gizo, Papua New Guinea, as well as the La Salette Matha Province of India in its work with the poor, and needy students at Bethlehem University. **Thank you in anticipation. Your support helps bring home the message of Christmas.**

GLOBAL GIFTS: Caritas Australia is inviting you to consider the purchase of a gift card for the furthering of education, health or water needs of the poor and marginalized. See the foyer material or order online at www.globalgifts.org.au.

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>.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Cash donations can be made through the poor box or by envelope available in the Church foyer. Food suitable for hampers also welcome (please place under the right-side overhead screen).

PLANNED GIVING: Credit card planned givers please note that December deductions will be made on Tues., 21 Dec.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: 6pm, Wednesdays in the Parish Centre. 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: 25-26/12, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); **Isaiah 9:1-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14.**

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte		Stafferd Fernandez	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	V Ciuffetelli	Juliana Maher	K Anderson
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: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: J O'Connor & M Crane	Homes: Therese and Peter Wynter
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	Volunteer required
Collection Counters	<i>29 Dec.</i>	Rosemary O'Mally, Bryan Stevens	
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>22 Dec.</i>	Prayer Leader: John and Alex Eysers	
		Eucharistic Ministers: Emma Fairfax	