



*Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.*

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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25-26 December 2021, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, 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 (cancelled for Christmas day); Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin, 5.30pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: 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.

MY FAMILY - OUR FAMILY

You think Christmas, you think family. How appropriate therefore that in the Season or the Octave ('the eight days') of Christmas we today celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The appearance of Jesus in the Temple might be more immediately understood as his 'coming of age'. Up until puberty boys were nurtured or more truly doted on in the company of their mother and other women. At puberty the expectation was that they would no longer be 'mummy's boy' but accept the need to 'man up' in male company. This background helps to situate the 'lost Jesus'. Women and pre-pubescent boys travelled together, as did older boys and men. Not being with the men on the return journey from the Passover celebrations, Joseph probably sighed as he concluded that Jesus could not yet make the transition to all male company. Mary might have proudly concluded the opposite; he was travelling with the men. **Being later found in the temple with male teachers is Luke's way of affirming that Jesus had transitioned to the male world. Hereon, he is very much about doing his Father's will. The notion of**

family has changed. Recently thousands of Australians participated in the online rendition of Katie Noonan's Christmas carol, **'All is Love'**, *"Family is the bond that keeps us safe. Chosen, birth or rainbow, all is love."* John J Pilch comments wisely: *"Raising children has never been easy in any culture. Sometimes the only thing that parents can do is to ponder the mystery and hope the child will (continue to) grow in wisdom, maturity, and favour among human beings and with God."* **Meanwhile, we look forward to the other major feasts of the Christmas Octave.** When 26 December is not a Sunday, we celebrate the **Martyrdom of St Stephen**, on Monday 27 we celebrate the **Feast of St John the Apostle**, on Tuesday 28 we celebrate the **Martyrdom of the Holy Innocents** and on the octave day of the Nativity, New Year's Day, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.** **These celebrations variously remind us that in darkness and joy God is with us, all of us.** The Second Vatican Council expressed this truth beautifully: *"The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts."*

Fr John

WE PRAY FOR Lady-Sapphire and Onyx Winterstein who gather with their family to celebrate their First Eucharist.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, 'Bethlehem Amazement' is available in the foyer. **THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL** will support the ecumenical and international Christmas Bowl Appeal; the Dioceses of Otuipo, 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 for your support.**

'The First Christmas' is the title of an article by John Alonso Dick, Belgium, published in the online news service *La Croix International*, 21 December. The article helps to situate our celebration of Christmas. **'Christmas'** is an Archdiocesan summary of this season. A reminder that copies of Fr Peter Day's article, **'Simplicity, Contemplation, Service'**, also published in *La Croix International*, 6 December, are in the foyer too.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Thanks to all who generously supported the appeal with cash or food. You have helped to affirm that God is with those in need.

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.

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>.

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: 1-2/1, Mary, The Epiphany of the Lord; **Isaiah** 60:1-6, **Eph** 3:2-3, 5-6, **Mt** 2:1-12.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>1st Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Long Nguyen
Servers			William and Samuel Cains
Reader	Tony Butler	Volunteer required	Greg Nash
Commentator	Alex Evers	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Margaret Wilson	Maureen Jeffrey	
Ministers of Comm.	David Swan, Mary Gellatly	Volunteers required	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Helen Crain-Welsby	Fred Ward: Julia Carter	Homes: Jenny & Brendan Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
Collection Counters	4-5 Jan. B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		
Wednesday Liturgy	29 Dec. Prayer Leader: John O'Connor		Eucharistic Minister: Marianne O'Connor

