



Lord, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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7-8 January 2023, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, 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

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.

BAPTISM: We welcome Xavier Johnstone into the faith community.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, John Suckling, Pele, Fr Desmond Purcell, Yongrae Lee, Connie Vella, Kate Madden, Romano Ippoliti, Henry Keough, Katie Smith, Bill Byrne, Dao Jensen, Margaret Linden, 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, victims of war in Ukraine and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Noel Lane, David Power, 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, Bali bombing victims, Denzil Gomez and victims of COVID.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Peter Hewitt, Francis Politano, Stephanie De Jongh, Shaun Clancy, Patrick 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, 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.

TO THE CHRIST-CHILD

The Epiphany rounds out our celebration of Christmas. The visit of the magi or so-called 'wise men' symbolises human wisdom and aspiration deferring to the wisdom and good news of 'God-with-us'. Their egos give way in the presence of the mystery. Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh acknowledge the status and destiny of the Christ-child. However, to have the epiphany engage us in the twenty-first century, I would like to cite Bishop Robert Barron of the US Bishops Conference in the course of a book for which he was interviewed by John L. Allen ('To Light A Fire On The Earth', Image Books, 2019). While not referencing the Feast of the Epiphany as such, I believe Barron offers insight to enable us to do so. Barron notes that Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar "*speaks often of the 'Theodrama' . . . This is the drama written and directed by God, and involving every creature in the cosmos, including those sometimes reluctant actors, human beings. On the great stage which is the created universe and according to the prototype which is Christ, we are invited to 'act', to find and play our role in God's theatre.*" However, Barron claims that most of us "*live our lives in what Balthasar called the "egodrama". We think that we are the directors, writers, and above all, stars of our own dramas. The rest of the world just provides the pleasing backdrop, and other*

people function as either supporting players or, at worst, the villains.” Barron continues, “Of course, our dramas are always uninteresting, even if we are playing the lead role. The key is to find the role that God has designed for us, even if it looks like a bit part . . . When, through faith, we see every moment and every creature as ingredient in the divine plan, when we know that there is a gracious providence at work in the universe, we live in joyful surrender and with a great sense of wonder. When we decentre the ego, and live in exciting and unpredictable relationship to God, we realise very clearly that our lives are not about us. And that’s a liberating discovery.” **As the new year gets underway and after the example of the truly wise magi who followed the star, might we too be drawn in faith, wonder and awe to the source of life and experience graced liberation.** Fr John

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Since the 1989 decree of our Archdiocesan Synod, every parish of the archdiocese is to have a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). It is where the ‘rubber hits the road’ in furthering the discerned good of the life of our parish. In recent months there was a call for the renewal of the PPC membership. To date, only two parishioners have expressed a willingness to come on board with the three continuing members. While grateful to those individuals, it is a disappointing response. **If you would like to consider the matter, please contact me before Thursday, 2 February when the PPC will meet for the first time in 2023.** Fr John

MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED is a mentoring programme for the recently married aiming to develop relationship skills in living the sacrament of marriage. Info at <https://bit.ly/NewlyMarried> or call Ralph and Angela, 0401 994 081. Registrations close 13 January.

CATHOLICARE RETIREMENT VILLAS – ARANAD AND CAMPBELL. If you would like more information re vacancies in either complex, contact Dominica McNamara, property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au or 6162 6100.

SS PETER AND PAUL’S GOULBURN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Join another volunteer for 2 hours per month to welcome visitors to the beautifully refurbished and only greenstone church in the world. Sign up via the QR Code [bit.ly/3FIKWRq] or E: goulburn@cg.org.au www.stspeterandpauls.com.au



CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB PERKINS: At the recent national meeting of the Knights of the Southern Cross held in our parish, Bob was awarded the Supreme Knight’s Award for 24 years outstanding service as National Executive Officer. Well done Bob, and we wish another parishioner, Brendan Long all the best as the new Executive Officer.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Fr Emil Milat has been appointed Vocations Director for the Archdiocese as of 6 February. Cinnil Thomas will next year join our seminarians Mark Ha and Bran Gric at Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush. Walking together in faith, we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Archbishop Christopher noted that after 60 years in Canberra the Dominicans will be leaving the Watson Parish at the end of November 2023.

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 MISION - THE THREE FUNDAMENTALS OF EVANGELISATION’ is available at the exits. Evangelisation is the mission of the Church and therefore all of us.

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: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 15/1; Isa 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK:			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Mnth</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Anthony De Salis	Darryl Kite
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Volunteer required	Alan Grinsell-Jones	Robert Rice
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Volunteer required	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Volunteer required	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Marie O’Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
Collection Counters	<i>16 Jan.</i> Michael Higgins		
Wednesday Liturgy	<i>11 Jan.</i> Prayer Leader: Sr Angela Jordan	Eucharistic Minister: Kath Holtzapffel	