



## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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**25-26 January, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

### WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am 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 Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant let your faces not be abashed.

### **MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY**

**Recently Deceased:** Victims of the bushfires, Victims of the Corona virus, Eric Fitzsimmons, Margaret Yvanovich, Nicholas De Grave, Ilario Ciacio, Yolanda Viovicente (mother of Fr Loi PP North Belconnen), Peter Macnicol, the victims of Australian bushfires and victims of Indonesian floods, Dea Cairns, Roger Morrissey, Therese Lees, Lorna Wharton, Victims of NZ volcano eruption, Pat Smith, Teresa Couacaud, Christopher Perkins, Elsie McIntyre.

**Anniversaries of Death:** George Pugh, Desmond Lilley, Sylvia Cronin, Policarpio Barawid, Frank Williams, Kevin Walsh, Kevin Wilson, Pat Macnicol, John Page, Frank Williams Bryan Docherty, Noel Lane, Joanne Binutti, William Johns, David Power, Falzon family members, John Holtzapffel.

### **MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS**

John Chesworth, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, Dick Barry, Gary Pertzelt, Luke Ward, Eric Reiher, John Vincent, David Parker, Mark Shepherd, Violet Webster, Catherine Peachey, Lucy Duncan, Rod Duncan, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Stephen Evans, Dermott Cummins.

### **TURN AND LISTEN**

**The Gospel reading on this Australia Day weekend is timely.** Following the death of John the Baptist, Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee. He calls the people to repent for the Kingdom is close at hand. We can balk at the call to repentance, though it is life-giving. **To 'repent' is to be more than sorry for sin. "Full biblical repentance means being prepared to look at one's life and one's hopes for the future in a totally new way, open and receptive to the - usually surprising - action of God" (Brendan Byrne SJ).** When Jesus began his public ministry people were somewhat despairing: they understood the influence of evil spirits and the occupation of the Romans as cause for thinking that God had abandoned them. They hungered for God's presence to be powerfully manifest as it had been at the Exodus from Egypt and on their return home from Exile. **However, central to the kingdom and before political and material well-being there was to be a divine claim on people's hearts. "The Kingdom was, then, about the gathering of a renewed and transformed Israel – a community in which God could truly dwell ('Emmanuel'). So, as his first public act, Jesus begins to gather this renewed Israel by calling the first four of those who, later to become the Twelve, will be the pillars of the People of God" (Byrne).** As in the time of Jesus, so now Australians can be discouraged by all manner of happenings. Where is God? **God is not in the habit of intervening and preventing what life throws up but rather supporting and reassuring at all times.** Surely the spontaneous and gratifying community spirit in the wake of recent natural disasters affirms the movement of God's Spirit? What might we and our community be like if in the midst of 'the ordinary' and not just the

extraordinary we, like the fishermen, had an openness to God's call? Perhaps we need to realign our perspective, **"to look at one's life and one's hopes for the future in a totally new way, open and receptive to the - usually surprising - action of God."** Before presuming to address any number of situations in our lives and nation (e.g. climate change and the ongoing significance of Australia Day), we should turn to and listen to the one who says, **"Follow me"**.

Fr John

### Prayer in time of Bushfire and Drought

**Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created and sustain us.**

**We ask you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land now ravaged by bushfires.**

**Send abundant rain and restore our parched land.**

**Sustain us as we come to terms with the havoc caused by bushfires.**

**Renew your people.**

**Renew the face of the earth.**

**Mary, Help of Christians – Pray for us.**

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.**

### PARISH MATTERS

**Plenary Council Discussion:** Discussion of the next three themes will be held in the Parish Centre in turn at **10am and 7.30pm on Friday 31 January, 7 February and 14 February**. All welcome.

**Ride-On Mower:** Would you be willing to volunteer to drive the ride-on mower to maintain the grass around Ss Peter and Paul Church? If so, please contact the Parish Office.

**VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL** will be taken up by way of a retiring collection after all Masses in response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference call for the same. Receipts will be available for those requesting them. N.B. The **ANNUAL VINNIES DOORKNOCK APPEAL** will **NOT** be conducted this year due to possible smoke hazard for collectors.

**WHAT IS PRAYER?:** Fr Michael Lim is offering a series of talks on prayer beginning Sunday, 16 Feb., after 9am Mass, St John Vianney Church, every week until 5 April, enquiries 8331 7611.

**PEOPLES CLIMATE ASSEMBLY:** You are invited to join "The Big Rally" encircling Parliament, Tuesday, 4 Feb., 10am for 12noon rally.

**CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE:** in St Christopher's Cathedral at 8pm, 11 February.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE SEEKS A CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER** to manage the operations of the various portfolios of the Conference. For further information, Contact Kathy McLean, of Fish & Nankivell, 0414 376 698.

**'FROM GANMAIN TO ROME AND BACK'** is the title of an engaging reflection on the life of our former Archbishop Francis (Frank) Carroll. Frank emphasised the 'Church of the Baptised' in his 23 years ministry amongst us (1983 – 2006). See Fr John in the foyer (\$20 each).

**Prayer Circle Support:** Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

**Planned Giving and Loose Collection:** \$1271.50.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40.

<b>LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 1-2 February, the Presentation of the Lord, Year A</b>			
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month</i>	<b>Curtin Sat. 6pm</b>	<b>Garran Sun. 9.30 am</b>	<b>Sun. 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Anthony De Salis	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
<b>Servers</b>			William and Samuel Cains
<b>Reader</b>	Alex Eyers	Denis Howden	Greg Holland
<b>Commentator</b>	Alex Eyers	Alan Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Jacque Mullen	Max Grinsell-Jones	
<b>Ministers of Comm.</b>	David Swan, Mary Gellatly, Cecil Wagstaff	Denis Howden, Kevin Lea	Gael Nicholls, Anne Maher, Karen Anderson
<b>Communion to Sick</b>	St Andrew's: John Eyers	Fred Ward: Emma Fairfax	Homes: Rita Reilly
<b>Collectors</b>	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	G Anderson, G Freebody, P Hughes
<b>Collection Counters</b>	M Stumpf, B Carmody, Joanne Mitchell		