



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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1-2 February, The Presentation of the Lord, 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: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Victims of the bushfires, Victims of the Corona virus, Kobe Bryant, Eric Fitzsimmons, Margaret Yvanovich, Policarpio Barawid, 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,

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.

TO SELF-DEDICATE

Of late our Sunday Gospels have compared and contrasted Jesus and John the Baptist. Today's celebration, forty days after Christmas, has Jesus being presented in the Temple. The nature of his mission and the potential cost to those who identify with him are outlined. By rights the young peasant family did not have to present their child at the temple; they could have simply paid an offering to 'redeem' or buy back their first-born, thereby acknowledging that all life was a gift from God. However Luke has combined that custom with the one which did require a mother to present and make an offering at the temple for her purification forty days after childbirth. The family from Nazareth make the offering of the poor, *"a pair of turtle doves and two young pigeons"*. This identification with the poor is further highlighted by the acknowledgement of the child's significance by the elderly Simeon and Anna. In Simeon's *Nunc Dimittis* the coming of the Lord is not spoken of as a terrifying event (First Reading) but rather the presentation of the light not just for the Chosen People but for the Gentiles too. The fulfilment of this offering will be manifest on the cross when Jesus, identifying with the human condition in all things but sin, offers himself (Second Reading). This self-offering will require Mary to in effect hand her son back so that he might be *"about his Father's business"*. For this a sword will pierce her heart. ***"In so many respects, then, this feast is about offering and self-dedication: that of Jesus, that of Mary – and that of all who seek to make their lives something 'pleasing to the Lord'" (Brendan Byrne).*** As our school year begins and following my celebrating Mass with and later addressing the great staff of our two parish schools on Friday, might I

ask that you pray for them as they self-dedicate to the good of young hearts and minds. So too let us remember the parents of those children for they are their 'first teachers'. **If parents and teachers self-dedicate after the model of Jesus and Mary then there will be a healthy and consistent formation in life and faith. "Every education teaches a philosophy; if not by dogma then by suggestion, by implication, by atmosphere. Every part of that education has a connection with every other part. If it does not all combine to convey some general view of life, it is not education at all" (G. K. Chesterton).**

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

VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL: Thank you to all who contributed to the retiring collection last week, totalling \$3,560.80.

Plenary Council Discussion: Discussion of the next two themes will be held in the Parish Centre, **10am or 7.30pm on Friday 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.

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, 8pm, 11 February.

LENTEN CONCERT – 'ASHES TO EASTER': with Peter Kearney. Sunday 15 March, 2-3.15pm, St John Vianney's Church, 87 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga.

CALVARY JOHN JAMES HOSPITAL: is looking for Eucharist Ministers to fill some gaps on its roster. Phone Samantha Thirkettle on 6281 8112 or Samantha.Thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au for more information.

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.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$901.80.

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 8-9 February, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Sean Perera	Darryl Kite
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	Bob Perkins	Jane Hunt	Z Seselja
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Juliana Maher	
Welcomer	Cecil Wagstarr	Juliana Maher	
Ministers of Comm.	Melissa Bray, Sarah Buchanan, Dan Lee	Marie Docherty, Tania Fernandez	Pat Wadsworth, Cushla Sheehan, Barb Mills
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: Nancye & Dan Lee	Homes: Lyn Granlund
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		

