



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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8-9 February, the Fifth 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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Rod Frazer, Patsy Edwards, Nance Kenny, Dorothy Hennessy, 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, Victims of Indonesian floods, Dea Cairns, Roger Morrissey, Therese Lees, Lorna Wharton,

Anniversaries of Death: Rosario Suazo, Gary Woods, Jack Perry, George Pugh, Desmond Lilley, Sylvia Cronin, Policarpio Barawid, Frank Williams, Kevin Walsh, Kevin Wilson, Pat Macnicol, 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 Kololo, 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.

A MIXED BAG

Herod was an interesting character. On the one hand, he was attracted to the person and message of John the Baptist. On the other hand, he was full of his own importance, and more so at a (bawdy) banquet with his colleagues. **Of course, there are similarities between Herod and ourselves: responding to the movement of the Spirit on the one hand, yet contrary to our better judgement prone to self-indulgence on the other.** The latter can take many and varied forms. We each pick our own poison. Problem is we can think that until I get 'my act' together, God is not interested. After a while we can think why bother. **I will never be 'good enough'. Correct. You will never be good enough. But that is not the point. The point is to let God encounter you where you are.** As in the Gospels, where Jesus met people where they were, so too for each of us. Fr James Martin SJ puts it thus (emphasis added): ***"If God meets you where you are, then where you are is a place to meet God. You don't have to wait until your life settles down, or the kids move out of the house, or you've found that perfect apartment, or you recover from that long illness. You don't have to wait until you have overcome your sinful patterns, or you're more "religious" or you can pray "better." You don't have to wait for any of that. Because God is ready now."***

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

After discussion with the Parish Liturgy Committee and Parish Pastoral Council, **during Lent there will be 7-7.30pm Tuesday Stations of the Cross alternating with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 March**, with our parish hosting the Regional 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Tues 7 April. During the year the PPC will host a **series of talks** in the Parish Centre which will be of interest to all parishioners. Details to follow. Finally, keep in your prayers **the beer and pizza night conversation the PPC will host with some post school parishioners around their take on faith, the Church etc.**

Plenary Council Discussion: Discussion of the last theme, “Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform”, will be held in the Parish Centre, **10am and 7.30pm on Friday 14 February**. All welcome.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Enrolments close on Wednesday 19 February. Baptised children in Year 3 and above are invited to enrol. Information has been distributed to the Parish Schools and is available at 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.

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.

JESUIT SPIRITUAL RETREAT: The retreat in daily life is for: young and old; men and women; married or single. For more details or to express interest in attending: <https://www.clausastralia.org.au/australian-capital-territory/> or 0407147540.

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: \$1291.50.

Readings for Next Sunday: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 15-16 February, the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			Ava & Ella Morris
Reader	Volunteer Required	Therese Keily-Wynter	Dennis Granlund
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Michael Wilcock	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Margaret Ryan	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Anne Perera, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund, Cecil Wagstaff
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Pam Lange	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	G Nash
Collection Counters	Margaret Wilson, M Flinn, Michael Higgins		