



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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15-16 February, the 6th 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: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Rod Frazer, Mary-Anne McGrath, Patsy Edwards, Gary Pertz, 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.

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

Richard Arnel, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, Dick Barry, 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.

ALL CONNECTED

The Corona virus (COVID-19) and the bushfires have starkly reminded us that we are all connected. So too today's Gospel confirms that our behaviour, our morality impacts the common good. Jesus cites the Torah (the law) but then like the prophets of old offers an extended, even radical understanding. And so, to be reconciled with another "takes priority over the duty of worship" (Brendan Byrne SJ). Or again, the prohibition on adultery sees Jesus in a very contemporary manner ask whether a woman is an object of male lust "or is she a fellow being with whom dealings in any area, including the sexual, must be based upon equality of relationship, fidelity and consent? When the latter prevails, the old prohibition simply becomes unnecessary." Byrne notes that which draws the "pronouncements of Jesus together is a sense of human life as essentially relational: it flourishes where respect, faithfulness, and consideration of the other prevail." In view of Jesus's expanded understanding of the letter of the Torah, last week's release of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation *Querida Amazonia (Beloved Amazonia)* is timely and challenging. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, noted that "the Amazon is remote from us but the issues are not." Indigenous culture (cf. this week's report to Parliament on closing the gap) and an integral understanding of ecology are moral issues that challenge us too. So too in view of the Plenary Council the need for all the baptised to play their role for the Church to be an effective witness to values which respect and build up each and all.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Parish Masses scheduled for Wednesday 26 February:

Curtin: 9.30am

Garran: 12noon

Curtin: 5.30pm

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 Wed 8 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.

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.

'Evenings for the Engaged': Couples married over ten years are invited to commit two Saturdays and two hours on two other Saturdays to assist engaged couples prepare for marriage. Inquiries to Pru 0451 670 041.

Christians for an Ethical Society Forum 'Values and Voices in the Public Square', 7.30pm. this Wed 19 Feb, ACCC, Blackall Street, Barton. Info: www.ces.org.au

Vinnies Canberra and Goulburn Christmas Appeal raised **\$322,898**. Our parish support for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal realised over **\$3,500**. This is in addition to the **\$5,000** from the parish funds for the archdiocesan support of bushfire affected parishes.

AMICUS: Support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics; next gathering Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant, Pearce Shops, Sat 22 Feb at 7pm. Enquiries please call Paul 0419 411 691.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build capacity and skills of their people. Enquiries contact Roger 0422 472 567, email palms@palms.org.au or www.palms.org.au.

MERICI COLLEGE: Enrolling now for 2021 and beyond. Visit www.merici.college for dates and information about Open Day, Talks and Tours.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$1083.20.

Readings for Next Sunday: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 22-23 February, the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A			
<i>4th Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Long Nguyen	Sean Perera	Darryl Kite
Servers			
Reader	Desmond Strusz	Brendan Ryan	Mark Murphy
Commentator	Nedra Kelaart	Denis Howden	
Welcomer	Margaret Williams	Jeannette Clarke	
Ministers of Comm.	Tony Butler, Rachel Smith, Alex Evers	Jane Hunt, Peter Wynter	Anne Hitchings
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Liz Anderson	Fred Ward: Volunteer required	Homes: Jenny Ryan
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	Alex Reynolds
Collection Counters	Rosemary O'Mally, Maureen Jeffrey, Bryan Stevens		

