



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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2-3 January, The Epiphany of the Lord (Year B)

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 (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Curtin; 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.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Ellen Thompson, June Barrett, Audry Stilling, Tom Hayward, Eileen Cooper, Marisa Chupin, Mungo MacCallum, Jim Neill, Jack Stewart, Andrea Wheeler, Nicola Sheehan, Ida Feld (housekeeper to former PP of Garran, Msgr John Kelly), Steve James, Gordon Channell, Nell Stenning, Billy Jo Shaver, Alexis Saaghy, Andy Quaine, Patricia Barass, Louise Tarlinton, Fred Deananeas, Tess Clarke, Kevin Robinson, Florian Falez, Susan Ryan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Helen Reddy, Joan Allan, Sebastian Webb, John Fahey, Tony Patterson, Maria Pullin (sister of Bishop Pat) and victims of COVID.

Anniversaries of Death: Kevin Wilson, Chris Perkins, Joanne Binutti, Peter Marlow, Margaret Frawley, Canico Gusmao Belo, John Holtzapffel, Lewis Mesaros, Peter Majer, Domenica D., Oreste Trinca, Friedrich Lueth, Helen Day, Nick Dulay, Jose Infante, Valerie Mills, Melanie Swan, Pat Ryan, Jack Ryan.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Fred Schinkel, Fr Greg Beath, Fr Michael Mullen, Jeffrey Harris, Peta Doyle, Nick Palethorpe, Mark Williams, Michael Baker, Andrea Miller, Grayham Rundle, Kyra Berger, Ian McDonald, Jim and Maureen Daly, Mark Tirrikainen, Fr Laurie Blake, Emma Lowe, Rose Winstanley, Joseph Garside, those afflicted with COVID, Bella Davidson, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo.

TO SEE, LOVE AND FOLLOW THEE, DAY BY DAY

Matthew's is the only Gospel account of the visit of the Magi that we celebrate in today's Solemnity of the Epiphany. *"No other ancient documents corroborate the account as actual, historical fact. . . . Mediterranean people, however, maintain a very porous boundary between reality and appearance, fact and impressions. The appearance or impression is always considered much more significant than reality or the fact. This, of course, is all driven by that culture's overarching concern for honour, that is, public recognition and affirmation of proclaimed worth" (John J Pilch).*

The religious truth of the story is that the Magi or wise men from the East represent the best of human wisdom deferring to the child born in a manger. This child is the long hoped for epiphany, that is, the 'breaking in' or 'revelation' of God's love and truth. Matthew prefaces the story with the genealogy of Jesus affirming his status as being of the line of David. Drawn by a star, consistent with the ancients understanding of special natural phenomena heralding the birth of a great leader, the Magi's gifts symbolically affirm his status and mission. This king (cf. their gift of gold and frankincense) born in a manger, to be rejected by those he seeks to serve, will be vindicated in conquering even death (cf. gift of myrrh). **The universal significance of that encounter is not without parallel in our personal**

lives. Can we use our gifts of faith and reason to ‘see’ the presence of God in our lives? To ‘see’ within the everyday is the beginning of spirituality. As we begin a New Year, might we all reflect that every day and each stage of life is both a gift and a call:

Childhood

a time of wide-eyed wonder
of imagination
of exploration
of laughter and giggles

Youth

a time of new understandings
new relationships
deepening our knowledge
moving between dependence and independence

Adulthood

a time for self understanding
for intimacy for self-giving,
creativity and generativity
for selflessness and responsibility

Old age

a time for patience and stillness
a time of wisdom
a time of loss
a time of deep peace
a time for giving thanks

For each time and for all times, let us give thanks *(Author unknown)*.

Fr John

THANK YOU to parishioners from Fr James and myself for cards and Christmas gifts. **FAREWELL FR JAMES:** All are welcome at the post 9.30am Mass for a cuppa in the Parish Centre to farewell Fr James.

COVID UPDATE: With the parish having the Check In CBR app and social distancing reduced from four to two (2) square metres, a congregation of up to 250 is permitted in Holy Trinity. ALL must sign in before entering the Church or to attend Mass

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP meet weekly. Details Vikki McDonough, mulvaney@netspeed.com.au or 0437 876 487.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Readings for next Sunday: Is 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 9-10 January, The Baptism of the Lord (Year B)			
<i>2nd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30am	Curtin Sun. 5.30pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Long Nguyen	Darryl Kite
Servers	Rose Jaram		
Reader	G Jaram	Bianca D’Rosario	Rita Daniels
Commentator	Rachel Smith	Margaret Frawley	
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	
Communion to Sick	St Andrews: Morna Falkland	Fred Ward: No visit.	Homes: Jenny Ryan
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	P Kelly, Ava & Ella Morris
Collection Counters	Michelle Wilson, J Eyers, Michael Duffy		

