



PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, NORTH WODEN

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9-10 January, The Baptism of the Lord (Year B)

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 Curtin, 5.30 pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Maree Spillane, 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

Marilyn Pugh, 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.

HE IS HONOURED, WE ARE CALLED ANEW

To leave home is a part of growing up, a rite of passage. An appreciation of the cultural significance of Jesus doing so is manifest in his baptism that we celebrate today. But why did Jesus present for baptism? Did he see John's baptism of renewal as preparing the way for the Messiah? Probably. Some suggest that Jesus was initially a follower of John and only after his beheading did Jesus strike out on his own. Perhaps. What we can be sure of is that in the "*ancient Mediterranean world family is one of the central social institutions. Individuals have no identity or meaningful existence apart from family. Middle Eastern audiences would not miss the significance of Jesus' symbolic break with family ties. What will he do now? A person not embedded in a family is as good as dead. Jesus seems to have taken a very shameful step away from his family*" (John J Pilch). **However, it is in his baptism that Jesus receives a new identity. As he comes out of the water, God intervenes and proclaims: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'.** Moreover, "*in the ancient world with its primitive understanding of reproduction, it was impossible to prove who was the actual father of a child. For this reason, only when a father acknowledged a baby as his own did that boy or girl become a son or daughter. We know that Joseph, by agreeing to marry Mary who was not pregnant by him, performed precisely the same task on behalf of Jesus. . . . Now that Jesus has symbolically left family and village behind, none other than God personally acknowledges him as a beloved and obedient son*" (Pilch). **Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus**

does not mention a crowd. Mark intends that those who hear the passage – including us - would be the crowd of witnesses to let others know that Jesus is honoured as no less than the beloved Son of God. Again, “in the ancient Mediterranean world, Jesus’ true identity was a critically important matter. A son of an artisan from a backwater village has no legitimacy as a public figure (“Where did this man get all this? . . . and they took offense at him” [Mark 6:2-3]). But the legitimacy of the son of God as a public figure is incontestable” (Pilch). **Over the coming liturgical season of ‘Ordinary Time (Year B)’, drawing principally from Mark’s Gospel, we will prayerfully engage anew with the earthly ministry of Jesus.** As always, our reflections will be sifted through our personal and communal circumstances. Remember, “*God comes to you disguised as your life*”. As disciples or followers of Jesus, we are called to journey into the graced days ahead. Now, that is both a comfort and a challenge, as was Jesus’ ministry in response to his Father’s will.

Fr John

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.

THANK YOU to those who prepared the morning tea to farewell Fr James and those who contributed to a farewell gift.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEMEBERSHIP: Perhaps you might consider being a member of the PPC? Any parishioner or regular worshipper would be most welcome to attend the ‘**Discernment Night**’ (tba) when the rationale for the PPC and a discernment process will be offered to see if membership is for you. Further info is available from the Parish Office. Meanwhile, the copies of the PPC’s ‘**Parish Pastoral Plan**’ and the initial ‘**Transfiguration Newsletter**’ are available in the foyer.

ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND RETREAT commencing the evening of Thursday 25 through to Sunday 28 March. Contact Geoff (chantel1997@hotmail.com, 0451 013 772).

CLAIM THE DATES 2021: In anticipation of your diaries filling up with appointments for the coming year, please note the following dates for the Sacraments of Initiation in 2021:

Term 1	First Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 16 February 2021, 6pm via Zoom Sacramental Celebration – Thursday, 25 March 2021, 6pm in Holy Trinity Church
Term 2	Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 4 May 2021, 6pm via Zoom Sacramental Celebration – Tuesday and Thursday, 15 and 17 June 2021, 6pm in Holy Trinity Church
Term 3	First Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 27 July 2021, 6pm via Zoom Sacramental Celebration – Saturday-Sunday, 4-5 September 2021

If you have any enquiries regarding these Sacraments please contact the Parish Office.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: for those who ordered calendars, they are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

PARISH BULLETIN: is available online at <http://cg.org.au/wodennorth> alternatively if you would like to receive a copy via email please contact the Parish Office and provide your contact details to wodennorth@cg.org.au.

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: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 16-17 January, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)			
<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Curtin Sun. 9.30 am	Curtin Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Gary Parker	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Volunteer required	Alan Grinsell-Jones	Robert Rice
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Claire Frazer	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Lesley Kettle	
Communion to Sick	St Andrew’s: Nedra Kelaart	Fred Ward: Margaret Ryan	Homes: Volunteer required
Collectors	J David	Volunteer required	G Nash
Collection Counters	M Higgins		

Parish office hours: Monday 9am-3.30pm, Wednesday 9am-4.30pm and Friday 9am-3.30pm (excluding public holidays).