



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

22 MARCH 2026

FIRST READING

Ezek 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v. 7

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord, hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to the voice of my pleading. R.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord, who would survive? / But with you is found forgiveness: / for this we revere you. R.
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord / more than watchman for daybreak. / (Let the watchman count on daybreak / and Israel on the Lord.) R.
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will redeem / from all its iniquity. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possess the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been



justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies
he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the
Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to
come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that
came straight from the heart, 'Where have you
put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus
wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved
him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He
opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not
have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing,
Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a
stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the
stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord, by now
he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied
'Have I not told you that if you believe you will
see the glory of God?' So they took away the
stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent
me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud
voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man
came out, his feet and hands bound with bands
of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to
them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit
Mary and had seen what he did believed in
him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form, 11:1-45

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Breaking Open the Word

OUR SOURCE OF LIFE

As we come to the last Sunday of Lent, we
celebrate the central meaning of Jesus' life—
his gift of life. The story involves Lazarus
and his sisters, Martha and Mary. These are
Jesus' friends who are from the village of
Bethany. When Jesus gets the message about
Lazarus' dire illness, strangely, he does not go
immediately to be with them but only after
two days have passed.

The evangelist's words at this point link to the
story from last Sunday: One 'can walk in the
daytime without stumbling because he has the
light of this world to see by.' It is this Light,
Jesus, that then goes to Bethany, to bring the
dead Lazarus to life. The interchange that
Jesus has with Martha before he comes to
Lazarus' tomb summarises a theology which
John wants readers to transcend. Rather than
wait for the general resurrection at the end
time, Jesus is 'the resurrection and the life'
now. Faith in him will bring people to life.

Space prevents a detailed examination of the
narrative dynamic at play and the depths of
the Gospel's symbolism behind the dialogues
Jesus' weeping, the various reactions to Jesus
Jesus' command to Lazarus to come from
the tomb and the order to unbind Lazarus
On this final Sunday in Lent our gaze is
squarely on Jesus. He is our source of life
now and into eternity. Today's Gospel invites
us into a deeper communion with Jesus, who
is 'the resurrection and the life'.

Fr Michael Trainor

We warmly welcome you too the
Parish of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

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SUNDAY Mass Times

Kalgoorlie (St Mary)	6:30pm (Sat), 10am (Sun)
Boulder (All Hallows)	8am (Sun), 5:30pm (Sun)
Coolgardie (St Mary)	4pm (Sat)
Kambalda (St John Vianney)	9am (Sun)
Norseman (St Joseph)	12:30pm (Sun)

Notices

PARISH FINANCE

First Collection - Fr. Thai Vu BSB: 086 136
 Ac/N: 743 713 570, please reference your name.
Second Collection: Kalgoorlie Boulder Parish
 BSB: 036 125 - Ac/N: 790 100, reference your name.

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WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

If you are returning to Church, or if you have just relocated to our Parish, we warmly welcome you and encourage you to introduce yourself to Fr after mass or at Morning Tea over a cuppa and a bite to eat. We are delighted to welcome you into our faith community here in the Goldfields.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND/HOSPITALISED

Simon D'Monte, Wendy D'Monte, Teresa L., Chad Miller, Nina Andinach, Rodney Braham, Noel Hicks, Ron Coumbe, Lynette Hogan, David and Pam Lavender, Janet Bartle, Gerhardt Novak, Lyn Stewart, Gianne, Lolita, Teresa Quilanita Tores, Steve Lutua and Mad Ted.

BIRTHDAYS

Maya Anderson 19/3 and Kelly Brown 20/3 (please let us know of any up and coming birthdays).

RECENT WEDDING

On Thursday 19th March, Tim Stafford and Amy Miller married in St Mary's Star of the Sea, Esperance Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND IN OUR PARISH

This weekend we pray for **Raven McKenzie Collins, Harry Crockett, Rory Crockett** and **Delilah Cameron** who will all be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

MOTIVATED AND PURPOSEFUL

May you be motivated to exercise, organize, and prioritize. May you embrace the grace to tend to the important things so they don't become urgent things. May God bless you with focus, clarity, and inspiration to live an anointed and purposeful life starting today. And may abundant grace and startling clarity be yours!

THE WEEK AHEAD

/MARCH

Mon 23	Week 5 of Lent 9.30 am SX Chapel
Tue 24	Week 5 - 5.30 pm
Wed 25	The Annunciation of the Lord - 7.00 am 5.30pm - 6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation
Thu 26	Week 5 of Lent 7.00am
Fri 27	Week 5 of Lent - 7.00 am
Sat 28	Week 5 of Lent- 9.30 am recon to 11.00 am
Sun 28	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 28 March Menzies Mass
Sunday 24th May Kalgoorlie Community Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at **6.30 pm** at **St Mary's Church Kalgoorlie** and **6.30 pm** at **St John Vianney Church, Kambalda**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY MASSES

Our Annual Community mass timetable is as follows:

Kalgoorlie	24 th May 2026
Norseman	28th June 2026
Menzies	19th July 2026
Kambalda	2nd August 2026
Coolgardie	20th September 2026
Southern Cross	25th October 2026
Boulder	1st November 2026

ALL HALLOWS' CHURCH BOULDER

Recently LED downlights were installed at All Hallows Church Boulder. Our gratitude to Daniel Hick from PMH Electrical for his services. Please refer to Fr. Thai's enclosed letter advising of other improvements at All Hallows Church.



CATHOLIC Q & A

Worrying about past confessions.

I spent a lot of time worrying about past confessions, especially those I made as a child or young teen. As a child, my confessions weren't always honest but, I did try to straighten things out later. After years I recalled another sin much like the ones that I had confessed. Is it necessary to go back to confession again? I really worked hard trying to clear the slate.

Isn't it unfortunate that the sacraments of forgiveness, which our Lord obviously meant to be a source of peace and appreciation of his mercy, sometimes become a cause of worry and fear?

The first and most important thing to remember about the sacrament of penance, in fact, about all our relationships with God, is that he looks into our hearts and knows what is there. As a father who loves us, without limit he knows and accepts what is there far better than we do ourselves.

It is true that for a good confession, we should mention any action of ours that we are certain was a mortal sin.

However, God knows we are human; he does not expect us to be computerised data retrieval machines. Our memories slip, and sometimes our motives look impossibly mixed up as we try to evaluate what we have done wrong.

From your letter, it seems clear to me that you are like many others who have similar concerns about previous confessions, especially those that go back many years. I don't think that there is any question that you have tried to be honest with God in your confession and in your sorrow. You are trying to live and good Christian and Catholic life. That is what God sees, and that is what is important. In other words, don't worry about what is past. When you receive the sacrament of penance, renew your sorrow for whatever wrongs you have done in your life and focus your attention and prayers on the present and the future, which is what this sacrament is all about.

FAREWELL COLLECTION FOR FR ERROL

A reminder that a 'special collection will take place at our weekend Masses as a farewell and appreciation gift for Fr. Errol.

NORSEMAN FAREWELL



Last weekend Fr. Errol travelled to Norseman to celebrate Mass and farewell our Norseman faithful. Here is with them enjoying their warm

hospitality at morning tea after the mass.

RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION OF WA

Many of you will be aware of the 'born equal' bill introduced by an Upper House Parliamentarian in recent months. This bill is intended to recognise children born after attempted abortions as human beings. It also seeks to make it mandatory that these children be given the right medical care any child would receive following their birth.

The Right to Life Association of WA supports this bill. Unfortunately, this bill has so far been ignored and this is where you can help. A petition has been created which will force the government's hand if it is strongly supported by Western Australians.

Please click on the link below and sign the petition <https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/LCePetitions.nsf;petitions/26-0007>.

Show your support of these children by adding your name to the petition and please share the link with your friends.

HOME VISITATIONS/HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you would like one of our Priests to visit you and your family, this can be arranged by phoning our Parish Office - 90 212100 during the week.

MENZIES MASS

Our next Menzies Mass will take place at **10.00am** Next **Saturday 28th Menzies** In the Community Hub on Shenton St Menzies, followed by a delicious morning tea sponsored by the Menzies Shire. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please note that attending this Mass does meet your weekend mass obligation.

CLERGY CHANGE

As announced previously, Fr. Errol will be leaving Kalgoorlie-Boulder after the Second Sunday of Easter. The Archbishop has appointed him as Assistant Priest at **Our Lady of the Mission (Whitfords) Catholic Parish** in Perth. Please pass on your best wishes and thanks to him after any of the parish masses.

Fr. Nicholas Diedler has been appointed as the next Assistant Priest at Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Fr. Nicholas comes to us from the Mater Christi (Yangebup) Parish, where he has been serving since his priestly ordination on 12th April 2023. He will be joining the Parish Clergy team together with Fr. Thai Vu (Parish Priest) and Fr. Quoc Tran (Assistant Priest).

NEW ZIMBABWEAN CHOIR

Our newly formed Zimbabwean Choir will be gracing us with their unique talents next **Sunday 29th March** at the **8.00am** Mass at **All Hallows, Boulder.** at **8.00am.**