

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form: 4: 12-17

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Breaking Open the Word

REPENT

Last Sunday's Gospel from John, though critically important for our spiritual reflection, seemed unusual in this year of Matthew. So, today, we return to Matthew. In the past two Sundays, John the Baptist has been central in the Gospel selections. Today he is no longer with us, having been arrested. Our focus is squarely now on Jesus. He moves from his hometown of Nazareth to Capernaum. Both towns are on the fringe. The first, Nazareth, is the symbolic place of exile in Matthew. When Mary, Joseph and Jesus returned from Egypt they could not go back to their hometown of Bethlehem because of the vengeful ruling presence of Herod's son Archelaus. They go to live in Galilee, to Nazareth. They, like the Israelites several centuries earlier, are in exile. It is from here that the rest of Matthew unfolds.

Jesus next moves to Capernaum located geographically close to pagan and Gentile territories. It is a fishing village and a taxation collection centre at the crossroads of two major E-W and N-S highways. It is here that Jesus proclaims the great clarion cry in the Gospel: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand' (4:17). This cry 'to repent' (Greek *metanoia*) is an urge to have an openness of heart. It comes with a conviction that God is already present and active in the world ('the kingdom of heaven is close at hand').

Finally, after Jesus calls four fishermen to be his first disciples, our Gospel proclamation ends with a note about Jesus' teaching and healing ministry. The first-called disciples will model for Matthew's audience how to be repentant and live out the conviction of God's presence in their lives and world.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

25 JANUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 8:23–9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

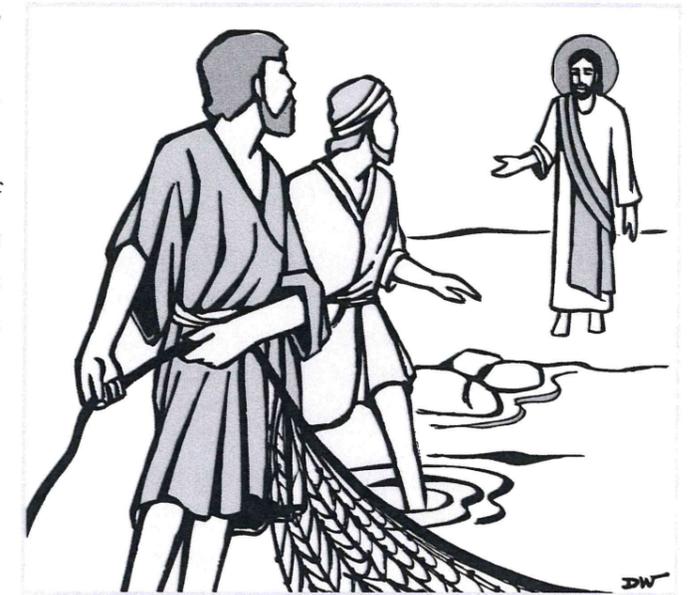
Ps 26:1, 4,13–14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; /
whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I
shrink? R.

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, /
for this I long, / to live in the house of the
Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour
the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his
temple. R.

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /
in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold
firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! R.



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10–13,17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

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
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Second Collection: Kalgoorlie Boulder Parish
 BSB: 036 125 - Ac/N: 790 100, reference your name.

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 after mass or call into the Presbytery during business hours (Mon-Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND/HOSPITALISED

Nina Andinach, Noel Hicks, Aimylie Potts (child), Lynette Hogan, Steve and Wendy D'Monte, David and Pam Lavender, Janet Bartle, Gerhardt Novak, Lyn Stewart, Gianne, Lolita, Teresa Quilanita Tores, Peter Allen, Steve Lutua and Mad Ted (please let us know of anyone who may be sick and in need of prayers).

BIRTHDAYS

Milliene Ceballos – 19th January, Jayden Coulsen 25/1 J (10), Jayden Annakutty 19/1 (10) lmy Lecompte 23/1, Ivy Lecompte 23/1 and Noeleen Lecompte 10/2.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Conchita Alfonsa, 18/1 Leandro 21/1
 Geoffrey Raynes 25/2

Praise the Lord my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PSALM 10:3-1-5 NIV

THE CROSS

"Whenever you are given a cross, be sure to embrace it with humility and gratitude. If God, in his infinite goodness, favours you with a cross of some importance, be sure to thank him in some special way".

CATHOLIC Q & A

THE WEEK AHEAD

JANUARY /FEBRUARY

Mon 26	Week 3 - 9.30am SMK (public holiday)
Tue 27	Week 3 - 5.30pm
Wed 28	St Thomas Aquinas - 7.00am
Thu 29	Week 3 - 7.00am
Fri 30	Week 3 - 7.00am
Sat 31	St John Bosco - 9.30am recon to 11.00am
Sun 1	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	SAVE THE DATES
Mon 2 nd	Presentation of the Lord (blessings of Candles) Mass at 9.30am SX Chapel
Tue 3 rd	St Blaise Feast Day (blessings of throats) Mass at 5.30pm St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie.
Sat 21	10.00am Menzies Community Mass

10th ANNIVERSARY SANTO NIÑO NOVENA AND FIESTA



We have been blessed to be able to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Santo Niño – nine consecutive Novenas, the motorcade yesterday through the streets of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and finishing with the final Mass at St Mary's Church, 10.00am this Sunday, followed by a outdoors Fiesta in the carpark of St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie. Everyone is welcome to attend this special celebration in the car park. Special thanks to the organising committee, and everyone who made this celebration so successful indeed.

CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

Our choir is asking for new members to join them. Chor Practice takes place on **Thursday evenings at 5pm in St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie.** Practice is short and to the point. No audition or prior experience – just a love of music and faith.

Our Parish has booklets for people to use at Mass. Until recently these booklets contained the readings from the Bible for Sunday Mass. Now they do not. For those of us raised with the notion that the ideal was to use a missal and follow the priest at Mass, it is puzzling when we're told we should not be reading at Mass, even the readings from the Bible.

The main reason for our puzzlement is that we have largely lost sight of the fact that hearing the Word of God is a liturgical act, an act of public worship. When the Mass was in Latin, meaningful hearing of the word was, of course, impossible. After English translations of the Mass became permissible around the beginning of the 20th Century, we followed what the Priest was saying by reading the English version.

When the lector (reader, deacon or Priest) proclaims the Word of God at the celebration of the Mass, he performs an act of worship; and we perform an act of worship by listening attentively and prayerfully to the Word. Thus, the church's directives discourage, whenever possible the printing of the Scripture texts in Mass booklets.

The liturgical instructions for Mass put it well. "When the scriptures are read in the church. God himself is speaking to his people and Christ, present in his own word, is proclaiming the Gospel. The readings of God's word must therefore be listened to by all with reverence". Obviously, this doesn't mean that private reading of Scripture is unimportant or discouraged. It's simply that the solemn proclamation of the

INVITATION TO A BOOK LAUNCH "THE GOOD SISTERS OF BOULDER"

The Goldfields Historical Society is hosting a book launch for the story of the Diocesan Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart at Boulder, Western Australia 1897 – 1912 expertly written by Sue Sondalini on Thursday 5th February 2026, starting at 7.00 pm (at their office – Hamilton St Boulder). If you would like to attend this event please RSVP for catering purposes to eghs@kalgoorliehistory.org.au

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

We have a limited number of Columban Art Calendars for 2026 for sale at \$10.00 each. They are available from our Piety Stall or from the Parish office.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE?

Couples planning to get married are required to complete marriage preparation. Please contact the parish office (90 212100) to initiate the process and schedule a meeting with one of our Priests. Let us support you as you prepare for this beautiful sacrament.



RESPECT NURSING HOME MASS

Mass is held once a month for the residents at Respect Nursing Home (previously known as Amana Living). Here is Fr. Quoc at a recent Mass.

CFE COURSE ON SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Fr Errol will be presenting the course on the Synoptic Gospels for the Centre for Faith Enrichment. It will be held ONLINE over four Tuesday evenings, starting **3rd February 2026.** For more information or to register, please visit www.cfe.org.au

The course also serves as a pathway to attain a formal Undergraduate Certificate in Theology (UGCertTheo) or a Diploma of Theology (DTheol), which will be awarded by UNDA.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION AND SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

Adoration will resume on **Saturday, 14th February.** Run by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters, the morning begins with Rosary, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.00am in St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie, followed by a Catechism lesson in the Parish Hall finishing at 11.30am. It is a great way for children to learn how to pray and also learn more about the Catholic Faith.

The MC Sisters' Sacramental Classes for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will resume on **Wednesday 18th February 2026** at 3.45pm -4.45pm in St Mary's Parish Hall, for those children attending State Government primary schools. Classes are at no charge.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE!

A reminder if you have any suitable empty cans/ bottles please place them in the specially marked pods in the car park of St Mary's Church Kalgoorlie. Proceeds from the return of the bottles/cans support our Christian Outreach Program, which provides food hampers to the the Goldfields throughout the year.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to the safety and security of all children, the elderly, and any other vulnerable people in our Parish. If you have any safety concerns, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer(s)
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