

THE SAVING WORD

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / A

28 DECEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Sir 3:2–6, 12–14

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,

he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 127:1–5. R. cf. v.1

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord/ and walk in his ways! / By the labour of your hands you shall eat. / You will be happy and prosper. R.

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine/ in the heart of your house; / your children like shoots of the olive, / around your table. R.

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed/ the man who fears the Lord. / May the Lord bless you from Zion/ all the days of your life! R.



compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Col 3:12–21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Col 3:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, / and the fullness of his message live within you. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:13–25, 19–23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

LIVING OUT ISRAEL'S HISTORY

With today's feast we return to one of Matthew's special heroes, Joseph. As we have already seen, Matthew's Joseph is like the Old Testament patriarchal figure—he is a 'dreamer' who leads God's family. In this Gospel Joseph has a dream, a privileged religious experience of divine communication. In this dream, an angel, the Gospel's representation of the presence of God, appears and again directs Joseph. This time it is to escape into Egypt; Herod is out to execute the child Jesus. Like ancient Israel through the Old Testament story of the other Joseph who goes to Egypt, Matthew's Joseph leads Mary and the child into Egypt and safety, paralleling the story of Israel.

For Matthew, Jesus is the symbolic representation of Israel's story and sums up in his being the desire of God to free the people from disaster. After Herod dies, Joseph—perhaps now an insomniac!—gets another dream to go back to Israel. Instead of returning to his hometown, which in Matthew is Bethlehem, he takes the family 'into exile' to Nazareth because of the murderous intent of Herod's son, Archelaus. In this last movement, Jesus completes the cycle of Israel's story—being called, to Egypt, to the exodus and finally, into exile. It is from this perspective that the rest of Matthew's Gospel unfolds. The evangelist, writing to Jewish followers of Jesus, is keen to show how Jesus is a true Israelite, living out Israel's history.

Two things might be reflectively helpful for the contemporary family: God always accompanies the family of Jesus in its journey, no matter where it leads; trust one's dream. God can communicate in different and, sometimes, unpredictable ways.

Fr Michael Trainor

We warmly welcome you too the

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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 please reference your name.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

If you are new to the Goldfields or just visiting, we're so glad you're here! Please visit the Parish office (15 Porter St Kalgoorlie) during the week and introduce yourself.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND/HOSPITALISED

Nina Andinach, Noel Hicks, Aimylie Potts(child), Lynette Hogan, Steve and Wendy D'Monte, Logan Hughes, David and Pam Lavender, Janet Bartle, Gerhardt and Eve Novak, Lyn Stewart, Gianne, Lolita, Teresa Quilanita Tores, Peter Allen, Desmond McColl and Mad Ted.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni 'John' Nicoli 31/12

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please take note that our Parish office is closed until **Monday 5th January 2026**.

AT REST

May you have time today to pause, be still, and to dream with God. What does he have for you in the days ahead: May you move the clutter out of the way and make room For Jesus to change your life and establish you in his purposes for you. May the constant flurried activity be replaced by memories of how God has come through for you and absolute clarity about the things he has for you in the future. Always remember, He is the greatest treasure of all.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father, I seek Your guidance as I enter this New Year. Illuminate my path, give me wisdom in decisions, and help me align every action with Your will. Grant me discernment to follow Your direction, courage to face challenges, and patience to trust Your timing. May Your Spirit lead me in all matters, guiding my steps toward peace, purpose, and fulfillment. I surrender this year to You, confident that You will direct my path in righteousness and blessing. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Mon 29	5 th Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. 9.30am SX Chapel
Tue 30	6 th day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. 5.30pm
Wed 31	7 th day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. 7.00am
Thu 1 Jan	Mary, the Holy Mother of God Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 9.30am (public holiday).
Fri 2 Jan	St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen - 7.00am
Sat 3 Jan	Saturday before the Epiphany 9.30am Mass & Reconciliation - 11.00am
Sun 4 Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SAVE THE DATES

Sat 17 Jan Menzies Community Mass

A MESSAGE FROM FR. THAI, FR. ERROL AND FR. QUOC

We warmly welcome friends and families who are visiting the Goldfields during the festive season and we pray that everyone who is travelling during the holiday period reaches their destination safely.

Fr. Thai, Fr. Errol and Fr. Quoc would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your outpouring of love and support during this Christmas season. Your kindness and generosity, inspires and strengthens them remind them of the warmth and unity that define our parish. May this festive period continue to bless us all with joy, peace, and the spirit of togetherness. Thanks to all of you who donated their time and talent to make Christmas masses beautiful.

May God bless you abundantly. Wishing you and your loved ones continued happiness and good health as we look forward to the year ahead. Let us carry the spirit of Christmas into every day, sharing kindness and hope with all we meet.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY 2026

As this is a public holiday there will be a 9.30am Mass at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie.

SIMBANG GABI 2025

We would like to sincerely thank all of our altar servers and acolytes and our sponsors who contributed in so many ways to the very successful Simbang Gabi celebrations this year. Please refer to the Parish Facebook page (**Mary Kalgoorlie**) to see the full list of sponsors and photos.

CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to **Witness Muchengi** on completing her journey of Christian Initiation through the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish Witness and her husband Euvencio Majuta the best as they leave Kalgoorlie-Boulder to begin the next chapter of their lives in Alice Springs. Here they are with their friends and Fr Errol after the Confirmation Mass on 22nd December 2025 at All Hallows' Church, Boulder.

THANK YOU

We sincerely thank Glenn and Anna Briers from Westralia Homes who contacted us this week to advise that they had purchased 50 x \$40 Spudshed gift cards. Westralia Homes specifically asked if the Parish could distribute these to



needy Senior citizens in Kalgoorlie-Boulder to bring some Christmas cheer and joy. The gift cards were very well received and appreciated. Here are some of the staff from Westralia Homes with the gift cards.

SANTO NINO NOVENA AND FIESTA 2026

The Annual Santo Nino Novena will commence in January. Details of the program will be available in the coming weeks. Everyone is invited to attend the Novenas and Fiestas.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE!

Just a reminder that if you have any suitable empty cans/bottles (lids removed), please place them in the specially marked pods situated in the back of the carpark of St Mary's Church Kalgoorlie. Proceeds from the return of the bottles/cans support our Christian Outreach Program, which provides essential food hampers to needy individuals and families in the Goldfields throughout the year.

ROSTERS FOR MINISTERIES IN OUR PARISH 2026

Please send us an email – kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au if you would like to be added to any of our rosters in our Churches (cleaning, reading, flower arranging and morning teas). Please also let us know if you have been on one of our rosters this year and are unable to assist next year so that we can make adjustments to the various rosters. New rosters will be emailed out after Christmas.

We would sincerely like to acknowledge and thank all of our readers, cleaners, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Sacristans, flower arrangers, gardeners, morning tea hosts, social committee members, Choir members, projector operators, fundraising committee and Christian Outreach volunteers who all assisted in these very important Ministries in our Parish this year.

We must also acknowledge and thank everyone who kindly decorated at Mary's Church Kalgoorlie and All Hallows' Boulder for our Christmas celebrations.

PIETY STALL

Our Piety Stall is open every Sunday after the 10am Mass at St Mary's, Kalgoorlie for all your devotional gift needs. Our stall can also be open by special request during the week or on Saturday. Please phone our Parish office – 90 21200 during the week to arrange this. If we don't have what you are looking for, please let us know and we can do a special order for you. An EFTPOS facility is also now available. All purchases from our Piety Stall support our Parish's many outgoings.

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) **Carmel O'Neil: 0437 902 812** and **Carmel Salmon: 0428 240 086**