



# THE SAVING WORD

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## FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

**A reading from the book of Sirach**

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge  
who is no respecter of personages.  
He shows no respect of personages to the  
detriment of a poor man,  
he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.  
The man who with his whole heart serves God  
will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives he is inconsolable,  
nor will he desist until the Most High takes  
notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
And the Lord will not be slow,  
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

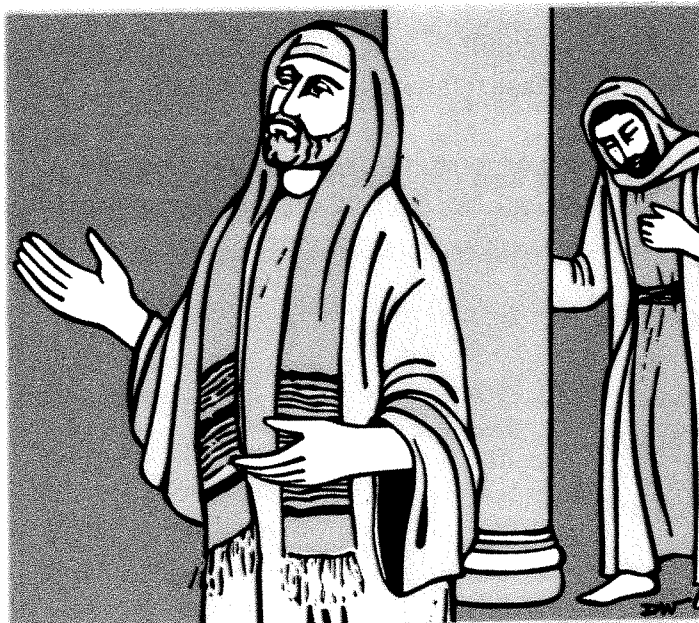
Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise  
always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall  
make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be  
glad. R.

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked /  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth. /  
The just call and the Lord hears / and rescues  
them in all their distress. R.

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; /  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. /  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. /  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. R.



## SECOND READING

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul  
to Timothy**

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness  
reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a  
libation, and the time has come for me to be  
gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I  
have run the race to the finish; I have kept the  
faith; all there is to come now is the crown of  
righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord,  
the righteous judge, will give to me on that  
Day; and not only to me but to all those who  
have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,  
there was not a single witness to support me.  
Every one of them deserted me – may they not  
be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood  
by me and gave me power, so that through me  
the whole message might be proclaimed for all  
the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from  
the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from  
all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to  
his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever  
and ever. Amen.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world  
to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he  
has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke.

*The publican returned to his home justified; the  
Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## PONDERING OUR ATTITUDES

Today's Gospel presents us with a mirror to help us reflect on the way we regard others. It is especially pertinent when we feel assured that our religious attitude and approach to our Faith and God is correct. It is even possible that out of this attitude we can regard others, especially those from other faith traditions, as uninformed or perhaps targets of divine condemnation.

Jesus offers Luke's audience an opportunity to reflect on similar attitudes. It takes the form of a parable focused on two people: a person of religious scrupulosity and a public sinner. The first is called a 'Pharisee', an identification that requires nuanced historical understanding. For Luke writing in the mid-80s of the first century in the period after the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, Pharisees enabled Judaism to survive and grow. They represented its leadership. To followers of Jesus at that same period they represented those who were critical of the Jesus-movement and didn't join in. In the time of Jesus, in the 30s, the situation was very different. They were very attuned to Jesus' mission and, like him, concerned about authentic Jewish faith and Torah practice.

In the story in Luke's Gospel, Jesus compares a 'Pharisee' (in this later historical understanding) to a tax-collector judged a sinner, collaborating in Rome's oppressive taxation system. This 'sinner' recognises his need for God's mercy; the Lukan Pharisee, self-assured about his religious credentials, arrogant and without any need for God, is self-focused. These parable characters invite us to ponder our attitude to God and others.

**Fr Michael Trainor**



## CATHOLIC Q & A

### Illegitimate Child's Father

*Our unmarried teenage daughter had a child more than a year ago. Our Catholic Pastor, a Catholic social worker and a lawyer said that the child's father need not appear on the birth certificate or the baptism certificate.*

*We moved shortly before the baby was born. The parish Priest at the new church insisted that our daughter name the biological father or he would not baptize the child.*

*She was upset but wanted the child baptized, so she named the father. This still upsets her and wants to have this man's name removed from the official church records. The biological father was not Catholic and has in fact, never seen the child.*

You had the correct advice in the beginning. The father's name does not have to appear on the birth certificate or the baptism.

To my knowledge, all states only require the name of one parent on the birth certificate.

Neither is the name of the child's father required on the baptism certificate. In fact, any name could be given, which could seriously result in serious injustice to innocent people, so in such circumstances the father's name should never be on a baptism record.

There appears to be only one thing that can be done and that is to write to the Bishop and explain the situation. It is possible however that at this time even the Bishop could not have the name removed.



### NEW INITIATIVE – PRAYER INTENTION BOXES

As of today, beautiful wooden Prayer intention boxes will be available at the entrance to all the

Churches in our Parish to receive your written prayer intentions, which will then offered up that weekend. Please keep your personal details on your prayer intention note private. A special thank you to Frances Braham for crafting and donating the beautiful boxes as displayed by Sr. Anndiya and Sr. Patricia.

### BOULDER COMMUNITY MASS

Our Annual Boulder Community Mass is being held at **8.00am on Sunday 2nd November** (All Souls Day) at All Hallows Church, Boulder. The very talented JPC Choir will be joining us at this Mass, followed by a free sausage sizzle in the courtyard and morning tea.

### ALL SAINTS PARADE – SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite Saint at the 10.00am Mass at St Mary's Church to commemorate All Saints Day.

## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you wish to have Mass offered for your deceased relatives and friends in November, there are envelopes available in all our churches.

You can hand them to one of the priests or place them in the Offertory Collection and the priests will be offering Masses in November for your deceased loved ones.

Due to the large number of names that we receive, it won't be possible to announce every name but we will announce the names of those who have passed away recently or have their anniversaries in November.

## ST JUDE AND ST SIMON FEAST DAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### FACTS ABOUT ST JUDE AND ST SIMON



1. **St Jude** is also called Thaddeus.
2. Jude is not the same person as Judas Iscariot,
3. who betrayed Jesus
4. St. Jude is typically depicted holding an image of Jesus in his hand. When a local king asked Jesus to cure his leprosy, he sent for an artist to bring him a drawing of Jesus. Impressed with the king's show of faith, Jesus then placed a cloth to his face, leaving his image. Jesus then gave this image to St. Jude, who used it to cure the king of his leprosy.
5. St. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless causes.
1. **St. Simon** was the son of Cleophas, the brother
2. of Joseph, making him Jesus' cousin.
3. Simon is not the same person as Simon Peter
4. known as St. Peter
5. He is called Simon the Zealot, a name that probably relates to being associated with, or at least, being sympathetic toward, the Zealot movement that wanted a revolutionary overthrow of the occupying Romans.
6. The East claims Simon died a peaceful death at Edessa. In the West, Simon is said to have preached in Egypt, then travelled to Persia with Jude (who had been working in where they were both martyred).
7. St. Simon is the patron of woodcutters

### 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. 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



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 Account** Fr. Thai Vu BSB 086 136 Account No 743 713 570 please reference your name.

**Second Collection Account-** Kalgoorlie Boulder Parish BSB 036 125 Account No 79 0100 please reference your name.

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER**

If you are new to the Goldfields or just visiting, were so glad you're here! Please visit the Parish office during the week and introduce yourself.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Ana Maka 24/10 (40<sup>th</sup>), Bruna Meyers 26/10 (please let us know of any future birthdays)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND**

Des Aitken, Steve and Wendy D'Monte, Logan Hughes, Brian Landers, David and Pam Lavender, Janet Bartle, Gerhardt and Eve Novak, Lyn Stewart, Gianne, Lolita, Teresa Quilanita Torres, Peter Allen, Desmond McColl and Mad Ted.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Edmund Felix Vormwald - 19 October  
Felice Magrelli, Giacomo Magrelli and Maria Magrelli.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Troy McClean, MacAldo Battaglia 11/10, Damasita Reyes 22/10 and Michelle Leahy

*"Be kind hearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can. Thank God for all the benefits he has bestowed upon you, that you may be worthy to receive greater".*

*St Louis IX.*

**FEAST DAY MASSES**

**All Saints Day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

9.30am – St Mary's Kalgoorlie

6.30pm – St Mary's Kalgoorlie

Blessing of graves will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 11.00am at the Kalgoorlie Cemetery

**All Soul's Day Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

8.00am & 5.30pm All Hallows' Boulder

10.00am St Mary's Kalgoorlie

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**OCTOBER 2025**

Mon 27	Week 30 – 9.30am SX Home
Tue 28	St Simon and St Jude – 5.30pm
Wed 29	Week 30 – 7.00am & Rosary at 5.30pm
Thu 30	Week 30 – 7.00am
Fri 1	Week 30- 7.00am
Sat 2	All Saints Day (All Hallows Day) – 9.30am
Sun 3	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>

**SAVE THE DATES**

2 Nov	All Hallows' Community Mass 8.00am All Saints Parade by the children at St Mary's Church Kalgoorlie 10.00am
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**ONGOING WORK AT ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Work has commenced on restoring the ageing kneeler in St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie. Sincere thanks to Joh



Campbell for donating \$1500 which is going towards the cost of materials and consumables required. Special thanks also to James Anderson who is undertaking this important work. Here is a photo showing the 2 kneelers that have been completed so far.

**CANDLE LIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION MASS**

To mark the end of the month of October ((which is dedicated to the Rosary) we are holding a candlelight procession in honour of Our Lady at St Mary's Church Kalgoorlie at **6.00pm** this **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October** followed by some refreshments and supper in the Hall. Please bring a plate of sweet or savoury food to share.

**BOULDER MORNING TEA**

As one of our valued volunteers who assists with morning tea on Sundays after the 8.00am Mass is relocating to Perth in mid November, we are in need of volunteers to assist in this regard. If you can help, please phone the Parish office so that we can put you in touch with the parishioners involved. Many hands make light work!