

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

1 MARCH 2026

## GOD'S BELOVED

On the Second Sunday of Lent the focus is on Jesus' transfiguration. This speaks into the experience in Matthew's audience of suffering and even death. With Jerusalem and Jesus' imminent suffering looming, he takes Peter, James and John on to a 'high' mountain, the place of divine encounter. The reference to 'high' celebrates the mountains' divine closeness. Here, alone, they are in the presence of God who comforts Jesus before what will shortly unfold in the Sacred City.

Two Old Testament figures appear, Moses (the traditional author of the Torah—the first five books of the Bible) and Elijah (the first recognised prophet of the Old Testament). Their appearance confirms that what is about to take place for Jesus will reveal God's protective presence. That presence is confirmed by the 'cloud [that] covered them with shadow' and the heavenly voice that attests that Jesus will always be God's Beloved and delightful One. The disciples' response to this experience is palpable. They are overcome with 'fear' – a deep sense of reverential awe in what they have just witnessed and experienced with Jesus, even though Peter earlier wanted to capture it by building three tents.

The scene is not a literal 'twitter-feed' of what actually or historically happened to Jesus. It is a story of theology and religious meaning for disciples aligned with Jesus who know the experience of suffering and death in their own day. At those times, we, too, must go up on to our 'high' mountain, accompanied by faithful friends, and allow God's presence and word to accompany us. We, too, need to hear that we are God's Beloved and delightful Ones.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

### A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and  
all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves  
justice and right / and fills the earth with his  
love. R.

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, /  
on those who hope in his love, / to rescue  
their souls from death, / to keep them alive in  
famine. R.

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord  
is our help and our shield. / May your love be  
upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in  
you. R.

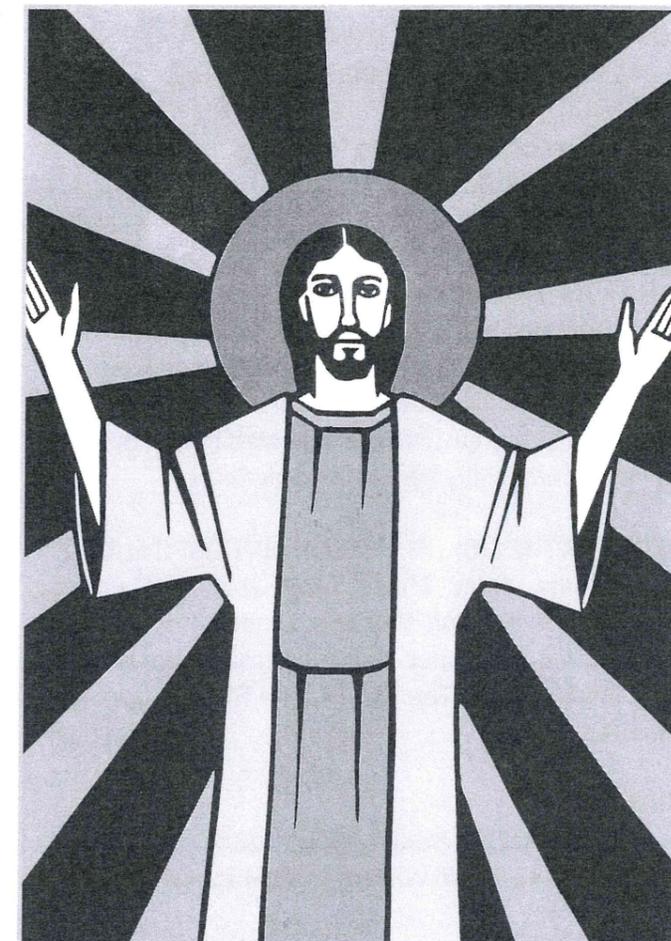
## SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

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

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of  
the Good News, relying on the power of God  
who has saved us and called us to be holy – not



because of anything we ourselves have done  
but for his own purpose and by his own grace.  
This grace had already been granted to us, in  
Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but  
it has only been revealed by the Appearing of  
our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death,  
and he has proclaimed life and immortality  
through the Good News.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice  
is heard:**

**this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

We warmly welcome you too the  
**Parish of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**

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**SUNDAY Mass Times**

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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.  
**Christian Outreach Bank A/c**  
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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, 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**

Carmel O'Neil (22/2) Daniel Walsh 23/2, Yuan Taylor Mamora 21/2 (14), Ericah William 11/3, Matthew O'Neil 9/3

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Amanda Zosimo, Gabriel Morey 24/2 and Lindsay Eaton 5/3 Norma Henneker 8/3 and Tom Barry 10/3

**BAPTISM LAST WEEKEND**



Last Saturday, Fr. Quoc baptised Jack Saville at All Hallows' Church in Boulder. Here is Jack with his proud parents and godparents.

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NLT

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**/MARCH**

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| Mon 2 | Week 2 of Lent 9.30 am SMK                |
| Tue 3 | Week 2 of Lent - 5.30 pm                  |
| Wed 4 | Week 2 of Lent- 7.00 am                   |
| Thu 5 | Week 2 of Lent - 7.00 am                  |
| Fri 6 | Week 2 of Lent - 7.00 am                  |
| Sat 7 | Week 2 of Lent- 9.30 am recon at 11.00 am |
| Sun 8 | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>               |

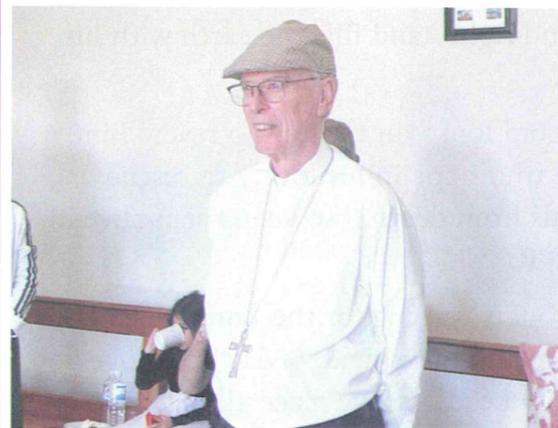
**SAVE THE DATES**

Sunday 1 March Holy Hour at St Mary's Church 6.00 pm  
 Friday 6 March Youth Night in St Mary's Parish Hall 7.00 pm

It's been a very busy week in our Parish.

**BISHOP DON'S VISIT**

Last weekend, we were delighted that the Most Reverend Bishop Don Sproxtton visited our Parish, which coincided with his 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Priest and 24<sup>th</sup> year as a Bishop. It was indeed an honour that he chose to celebrate these milestones with us in the Goldfields.



**SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

During February 2026 Fr Errol Lobo delivered four sessions on the Synoptic Gospels. The sessions were held face to face Monday evenings at St Mary's Parish Hall Kalgoorlie followed by online sessions Tuesday evenings. Such was the interest, all sessions were well attended.

Our gratitude to the CFE, Fr Errol and to everyone who attended these enriching sessions.

**CATHOLIC Q & A**

**Reverence for the Gospel**

*Just before the reading of the Gospel at Mass, the Priest touches his head, his mouth and his breast. Then most of the people do the same. What does this mean?*

The Priest and people make a small sign of the cross on their forehead, their lips and breast. The action is a prayer that the Good News of the Lord that they are about to hear may always be in their minds, their lips and their hearts.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS**



Last Sunday Eleanor O'Neil and Aurora Zanetta joined our team of Altar Servers. Here they both are with our Acolyte, Frank

Andinach and Joachim and Joshua Bayiri and Bailey and Harley Zanetta at All Hallows' Church, Boulder.

**GOLDFIELDS CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our next Youth Night for those students in years 7-12 is being held next Friday night **6<sup>th</sup> March**, led by Fr. Quoc and the Youth Ministry Team is at **7.00pm - 8.30pm** in the St Mary's Parish Hall. New members (who are in years 7-12) are most welcome, but their parents must sign them in on the night. On offer will be lots of games and activities, followed by Pizza! Please note the change in start time is due to Stations of the Cross. The Youth members are also invited to attend Stations of the Cross beforehand if they wish.

**MORNING TEA**

Due to the long weekend, there is no Morning Tea after the 8.00 am Mass at All Hallows, Boulder and after the 10.00 am Mass at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie, this Sunday. Donations of savoury or sweet plates to share at our morning teas are most welcome and are much appreciated. We sincerely thank those parishioners who volunteer in this important ministry in our Parish.

**EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY**

Don't wait to experience the healing power of God's forgiveness. Confession is a beautiful opportunity to start anew in his Grace. It is available every **Saturday 11.00am at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie.** If you are unable to attend at this time, please phone our Parish office to arrange a different time and day.

**NEW CHOIR AT ALL HALLOWS' IN BOULDER**

Last Sunday we had the pleasure of welcoming the new Zimbabwean Choir to All Hallows' 8.00am Sunday Mass. The Choir showcased their voices superbly throughout Mass and, they will be joining us at that mass time on the last Sunday of every month. We thank them sincerely for joining our community at All Hallows' Church Boulder.

**BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED AT BOULDER**



Last Sunday, the newly formed Zimbabwean Choir sang Happy Birthday to our parishioners, Carmel O'Neil and Daniel Walsh, during morning tea in the All Hallows' Parish Hall. Please let us know of any future birthdays.

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026 MASS**

As **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, is a public holiday (Labour Day) Mass will be held at **9.30 am** at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie (and not the Southern Cross Nursing Home Chapel).

**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.

**HOLY HOUR THIS SUNDAY**

This **Sunday, 1 March 2026**, at St Mary's, Kalgoorlie (**3 pm-4pm**) We will join parishes across Australia in a coordinated nationwide Holy Hour to mark the start of the Year of Prayer in the lead-up to the International Eucharistic Congress that will take place in Sydney in 2028. On this Sunday, we hear proclaimed the Gospel of the Transfiguration. As the Lord revealed His glory to the disciples on the mountain, so too we pray for a Eucharistic transfiguration in our own lives and within our communities. United in prayer across the nation, may we listen again to the Father's voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." For more information on IEC28, visit <https://eucharist28.org/>