



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

7 DECEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Isa 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

• The word of the Lord.

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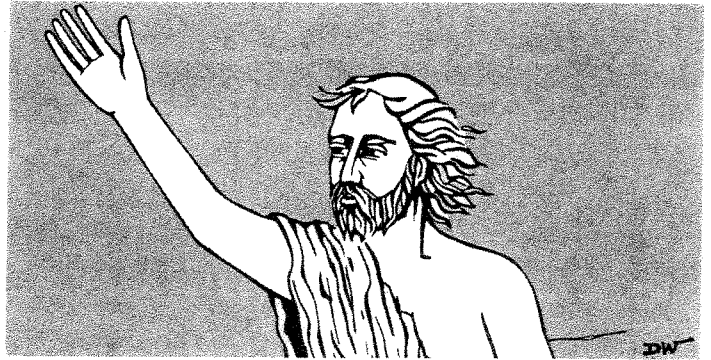
Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v. 7

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, /
to a king's son your justice, / that he may
judge your people in justice / and your poor in
right judgement. R.

2. In his days justice shall flourish / and
peace till the moon fails. / He shall rule from
sea to sea, / from the Great River to earth's
bounds. R.

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry /
and the needy who are helpless. / He will have



pity on the weak / and save the lives of the
poor. R.

4. May his name be blessed for ever / and
endure like the sun. / Every tribe shall be
blessed in him, / all nations bless his name. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

• The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight his paths: all people
shall see the salvation of God. / Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

CHANGE ONE'S THINKING

Today, John the Baptist arrives to assist us in our Advent preparation. Matthew presents him as a figure from Israel's wilderness. From this setting John invites Matthew's audience, and us, to repentance. There are three things about the Gospel's opening verses that are important to note. First, the 'wilderness' was a place of nothingness. Israel encountered God in its forty year's desert wanderings. Often our own lives are filled with desert wanderings and nothingness. We sometimes feel the loneliness of our lives and perhaps, at times, directionless. Contemplating our personal wilderness can be a fruitful place to begin our Advent preparation.

Second, from the wilderness comes the call to repentance. John says, '*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*' This is a powerful message. The word, 'repent' comes from the Greek, 'metanoia', a combination of two Greek words, 'meta' + 'noia'. 'Meta' is the basic root word in English linked to 'change' (metamorphosis, metabolism). 'Noia' is the root for the English 'knowledge'. In other words, John's first call to 'repent' literally means (from the Greek) to 'change one's thinking', to be open minded and not hard hearted. It is a challenging call to us as we enter into this new time of the year.

Third, John reminds us to be aware that 'the kingdom of heaven has come near'. It is not distant but close and present; it is among us, a repetitive theme throughout the Gospel, flagged in two Sunday's time, in the birth of the child called 'Emmanuel', 'God with us'. We need today, more than ever, this God to be with us.

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 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Neta Kaufuti 12/12 (Please let us know when it's your birthday)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND/HOSPITALISED

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 Torres, Peter Allen, Desmond McColl and Mad Ted.

RECENT DEATHS

Wayne Byron (RIP)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Carlito Algabre RIP - December

Felixberto Abarquez RIP - December

Linda Hossie RIP - December

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Ariah Hope Lambert 7/12 at St Mary's Kalgoorlie

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Mass Schedule cards will be available from all of our Churches this weekend. Please feel free to take one home and extras for your family and friends

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please take note that our Parish office will close for Christmas from **Wednesday 24th December** until **Monday 5th January 2026**.

"A single act of pure love pleases me more than a thousand imperfect prayers".

St Faustina (from a vision of Jesus)

THE WEEK AHEAD

DECEMBER 2025

Mon 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am SX Nursing & 6.00pm SMK
Tue 9	2nd Week of Advent 5.30pm
Wed 10	2nd Week of Advent 7.00am
Thu 11	2nd Week of Advent - 7.00am
Fri 12	2nd Week of Advent - 7.00am
Sat 13	St Lucy - 9.30am Mass & Reconciliation - 11.00am
Sun 14	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAVE THE DATES

8 Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 9.30am and 6.00pm

WELCOME BACK OUR ACYF PILGRIMS



We warmly welcome back Fr. Errol and our ACYF Pilgrims from their very successful trip to Melbourne. Here they are in front of the beautiful St Patrick's Cathedral. Special thanks to our Youth Leaders (who all took time off from their busy lives) for their guidance throughout the trip.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Please place grocery and festive food items in the specially marked baskets in St Mary's Church Kalgoorlie and All Hallows' in Boulder before and after weekend masses (non-perishable foods or chocolates please). Any donations after this weekend can be delivered to the Parish office next week

These items will then be placed in our Christmas Hampers which are being made up next Friday 12th December, in preparation for collection and delivery on Saturday 13th December.

If you or anyone you know could benefit from receiving a Christmas hamper, please phone our parish office with the details.

We sincerely thank everyone who has donated to this worthy Appeal and to the students and staff from St Mary's PS, John Paul College and St Joseph's PS for contributing to their individual School's Appeals which are donated to our Parish for our Christmas hampers.

CATHOLIC Q & A

My son, a Catholic before this, married a non-Catholic divorced woman who had two children, and they had two sons of their own. My son is willing to have his sons baptized, but won't raise them as Catholics, he doesn't go to Mass even on Easter and Christmas.

I am worried if it would be all right to have the children baptized in some other religion. That way they would at least be Christians.

A child should not be baptized into any Christian community unless at least one of his or her parents is committed to that faith and intends to raise and educate the child in that religion.

Merely having children baptized does not make them fully Christian unless they are entering a Christian community (their family and a larger Christian community) that will nurture that Christian faith and make it a reality in their lives as they grow.

From your letter it seems obvious that your son and his wife do not consider themselves Catholic. In fact, unless you have omitted something important, it doesn't seem that they have any religion at all. Arranging for the children to go through a baptism ceremony will not solve either their parents' problems or their own.

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Mass for this Feast will be held this Monday at **9.30am at the SX Nursing Home Chapel** (everyone is welcome to attend) and at **6.00pm** that night at **St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie**.

During the 6.00pm Mass, our much-loved parishioners, Shuie and David will be getting married by Fr. Errol Lobo. Everyone who attends this Mass is invited by the happy couple to join them in the Parish Centre afterwards for light refreshments and appetizers.

Please keep David and Shuie in your prayers for a lifetime of future love and happiness.

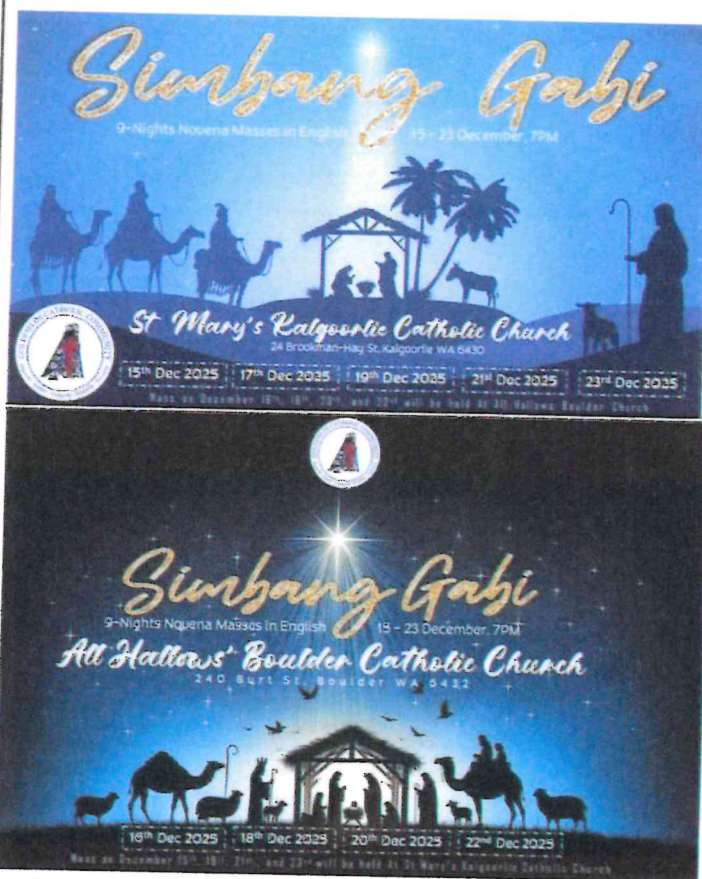
CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

A Christmas craft stall will be held after the 8.00am Mass this **Sunday 7th December at All Hallows Church Boulder**. Your support of this stall would be most appreciated (cash only).

A second stall will also be held after the **10.00am Mass on Sunday 14th December at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie** (cash only sales). Donations of hand-made Christmas craft items, baked goods and home grown produce would be most appreciated and can be delivered to the Parish office or brought to next Sunday's stall. All proceeds from both stalls will support our Christian Outreach Program which provides food hampers to the needy throughout the year.

SIMBANG GABI 2025 SAVE THE DATES

Simbang Gabi is a nine day Novena series of nightly Masses. Many believe that by completing the entire series of nine Masses it will bring blessings. It is a tradition of Filipino Catholics in honour of the Virgin Mary, anticipating the birth of Jesus. It is celebrated from 15th December to the 23rd December to spiritually prepare for Christmas and to reconnect with God in the days leading up to the birth of Jesus. Everyone is encouraged to attend our Parish's Simbang Gabi nine day Masses.



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