



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

✠ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1

R. Happy are they who follow the law of
the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, /
who follow God's law! / They are happy those
who do his will, / seeking him with all their
hearts. R.

2. You have laid down your precepts / to be
obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm /
to obey your statutes. R.

3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and
obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may
consider / the wonders of your law. R.

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes /
and I will keep them to the end. / Train me
to observe your law, / to keep it with my
heart. R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the
ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have
reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age,



it is true, still less of the masters of our age,
which are coming to their end. The hidden
wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries
is the wisdom that God predestined to be for
our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom
that none of the masters of this age have ever
known, or they would not have crucified the
Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls:
the things that no eye has seen and no ear has
heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that
God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit
reaches the depths of everything, even the
depths of God.

✠ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your
virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes
and Pharisees, you will never get into the
kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does
kill he must answer for it before the court. But
I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his
brother will answer for it before the court;

'You have learnt how it was said: You must
not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a
man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already
committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors: You must not break your oath, but
must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say
this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say
is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no;
anything more than this comes from the evil
one.'

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form 5:17-37

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Breaking Open the Word

HONOURING THE TORAH

As we continue to hear Jesus' teaching in
Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount', we now
move into a very Jewish-oriented section.
Matthew's audience were Jewish followers
of Jesus. They were very familiar with the
teachings of the Old Testament, from the
Torah (the 'Law') and the Prophets. Jesus now
reflects on these teachings stressing that he has
come, not to abolish them, but to 'complete
them'. In other words, Matthew is not
rejecting the Jewish teaching heritage of the
audience but deepening it. This preservation
and honouring of the Torah is central in Jesus'
teaching.

In fact, the one who keeps and teaches others
the injunctions of the Torah will be regarded as
'great' in God's Kingdom. Matthew moves to
explicate some of the key moral injunctions of
the Torah. Each begins with the same formula:
'You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors...' Then follows Jesus' interpretation
of the Torah for Matthew's Jewish listeners.
It is important to note how this teaching is
presented. The usual translation has '...But I
say to you...' This is not what the Greek text
has. There is no contrast, no 'but', between
what the ancients said and what Jesus teaches.
There is no contrast between the old (the
Torah) and the new (Jesus' teaching), and no
rejection of Judaism or its ancient wisdom
summed up on the Torah.

Jesus deepens the meaning behind these
different aspects of Jewish law concerning
murder, adultery and oath-breaking, getting
to the heart of each. Undergirding each is
the invitation to integrity of relationships.
This, too, is the invitation to us, to live with
a wholeness of being to others, God and the
world.

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
Ac/N: 743 713 570, please reference your name.
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 at Morning Tea.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND/HOSPITALISED

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

RECENT DEATHS

Patrick Kennedy and Geof Jones may they rest in peace.

BIRTHDAYS

Anna, Alex and Angel Nguyen and Anne Darbritz 12/2

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

John Nelson 11/2, David Bowdidge 18/2/ Bronte Stewart 20/2 and Ivy Eaton 20/2

BAPTISM LAST WEEKEND



Last Saturday, Liam Jinezan was baptised at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie. Here he is with his proud parents, His sister and Fr. Errol.

WALK IN FAITH

May you – in spite of your fears – walk boldly in faith. May you know in the depths of your being how “for you” God is! May you embrace your sense of purpose with tenacity and hope. And may you walk so intimately with God that he is able to divinely interrupt your day whenever it suits him.

THE WEEK AHEAD

JANUARY /FEBRUARY

Mon 16	Week 6 9.30am SX
Tue 17	Week 6 - 5.30pm
Wed 18	Ash Wednesday- 7.00am
Thu 19	Thursday after Ash Wednesday - 7.00am
Fri 20	Friday after Ash Wednesday - 7.00am
Sat 21	Saturday after Ash Wednesday- 9.30am recon at 11.00am
Sun 22	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SAVE THE DATES

21 Feb 10.00am Menzies Community Mass

CHILDREN'S ADORATION AND SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

Adoration for children has resumed. It is run by the Missionary 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.

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 not attending Catholic schools. Classes are at no charge.

For those children (not attending Catholic Schools) who wish to be confirmed this year, can their parents please phone the MC Sisters - 90 918938 or the Parish Office 08 00 212100 to register their child's interest to receive this Sacrament.

FIRST AID SUPPLIES APPEAL FOR THE NEEDY

We are commencing an Appeal for our parishioners to donate unused medical supplies. Can we ask that you check through your First Aid Kits at home or in the car, to see if you have any surplus items to donate such as bandages, gauze, antiseptic wipes, gloves, masks and other basic medical essentials so that you make a meaningful difference?. These items will be collected and distributed to needy people in our neighbouring country of Papua New Guinea, helping provide care where access to medical supplies is extremely limited .All donations can be delivered to the Parish office or phoning Nancy MacKenzie 0456 681 010 to arrange pick up of your donated items.

SEASON OF LENT

This year, our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, 18 February, the day we celebrate as *Ash Wednesday*. As we receive ashes on our foreheads, we are reminded of our call to "repent and believe in the Gospel." Lent is a season of grace, inviting us to step away from the noise of the world, refocus our hearts on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and prepare our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows:

7am St Mary's, Kalgoorlie

(9am John Paul College

9:30am* St Mary's, Kalgoorlie

9:30am* All Hallows, Boulder

7pm St Mary's, Kalgoorlie

7pm St John Vianney, Kambalda

** Please note that students and staff of St Mary's Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School will join the celebration of these Masses.*

To help us enter more fully into this penitential season, the Church provides the following guidelines:

Ash Wednesday (18 Feb 2026) & Good Friday (3 April 2026) are days of Fasting and Abstinence.

Fasting: Those from age 18 until the beginning of their 60th year are required to fast. This means eating only one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Abstinence: Everyone aged 14 and older is required to abstain from eating meat.

Fridays of Lent: All Fridays of the year (including those in Lent) are days of penance. While the traditional practice is to abstain from meat, the Australian Bishops allow us to substitute this with another form of penance, such as:

Prayer: Attending Mass, reading Scripture, or the Rosary.

Self-Denial: Giving up a particular food, drink, or luxury.

Charity: Helping the poor, sick, or elderly.

Please note that the law of fasting and abstinence does not bind those for whom it would be detrimental to their health (e.g., the sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, or those with physically demanding jobs).

Lent is also a time for Almsgiving. In Australia, we express this through Caritas Australia's **Project Compassion**. By contributing to the Project Compassion boxes or envelopes, we support those living in poverty and help build a more just world.

The Parish clergy and religious wish each of you a very blessed Lent when it arrives.

CARITAS 2026

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home. You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for Uniting Against Poverty with us this Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us at 6.30pm next **Friday 20th February** at **All Hallows' Church Boulder** and 6.30pm at **St John Vianney Church Kambalda** for **Stations of the Cross**.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE

Just a reminder when placing suitable empty bottles, please remove lids and place your containers in the appropriate pods (as marked) in St Mary's Church carpark Kalgoorlie

All funds raised from the Program goes towards our Christian Outreach Program, which provides food hampers to the needy in the community. Your donations to this initiative are most appreciated.

POSITION VACANT

St Mary's Primary School have a vacant part time position for a Maintenance Person who is reliable, practical and hands-on to keep their school grounds, clean, safe and welcoming.

To apply for this position, please send a brief note about your experience and availability addressed to the Principal, Mrs Jenny Gorman, to admin@stmkalg.wa.edu.au. Applications close on the 18th February 2026.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Diocesan Pastoral Council information session is being held next **Saturday 21st February 2026 at 9.45am – 11.45am** in St Mary's Parish Hall. Our Parish's Pastoral Council will be involved in this important session on the Diocesan Pastoral Council process and all interested parishioners are invited to attend. The Most Reverend Donald Sproxtton, Auxiliary Bishop in the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth will also be in attendance. For catering purposes please RSVP your attendance to this session by phoning our office during business hours.

FR. THAI'S RECENT LETTER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Just a reminder if you would like to register your interest in joining one or more of our new committees (Liturgy Committee, Finance Committee, Hospitality Committee and Maintenance Committee), please talk to a Priest after Mass regarding this and provide your contact details.