



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

18 JANUARY 2026

## FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his  
servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back  
the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends  
of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.



## RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he  
stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He  
put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our  
God. R.

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, /  
but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust  
and victim. / Instead, here am I. R.

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written /  
that I should do your will. / My God, I delight  
in your law / in the depth of my heart. R.

4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great  
assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you  
know it, O Lord. R.

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

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

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,  
together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings  
to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy  
people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take  
their place among all the saints everywhere who  
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their  
Lord no less than ours. May God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and  
peace.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE LAMB OF GOD

The historical memory between John the Baptist and Jesus identified in last Sunday's Gospel from Matthew continues in today's Gospel from John. Themes from last week continue: John the Baptist declares Jesus' pre-existence (1:30), a central theological motif in the Gospel, as God's chosen one, and as the bearer of God's Spirit (1:33). The Baptist also publicly attests to Jesus' holiness using Jewish expressions drawn out of the Passover and Exodus story. Jesus is called 'the lamb of God' (1:29). This evokes the memory of the Passover lamb. This was the lamb sacrificed in the Exodus event (Exodus 12:1-13) whose blood daubed the lintels of the doors identifying its Jewish residents as God's protected ones as the Angel of Death passed over them.

In John's Gospel, Jesus' blood will also become the life-giving and liberating agent that creates the new community formed around the Mother of Jesus and the Beloved Disciple at Jesus' death (19:26-35). At the beginning of this Gospel and in today's reading, John the Baptist becomes the Gospel's witness to the holy and elevated status of Jesus as God's representative who can 'take away the sin of the world' (1:29). In other words and again drawing on a Jewish atonement ritual performed on one of the holiest days in the Jewish Calendar, *Yom Kippur* (literally, 'the Day of Atonement'), Jesus becomes the scapegoat for people's sins to release them from the burdens they carry and bring them to life and freedom—another theme of John's Gospel. All these insights associated with today's Gospel are key for us: we look to one who can represent us before God, release us of sins that weigh us down, and offer us life and spiritual agency.

**Fr Michael Trainor**

We warmly welcome you too the  
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Sun 25	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>

**SAVE THE DATE**

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## CATHOLIC Q & A

### Bow or Genuflect?

***I have seen some people, including Priests, bow before the altar and the blessed Sacrament instead of genuflecting. Shouldn't we genuflect if we believe in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?***

Genuflection, bending on one or both knees as an act of reverence, happens to be the act of reverence, that Catholics of our time and country are most accustomed to. But a profound and devout bow can be just as reverent. Until perhaps 300 years ago, bowing was the common way of showing reverence to the Eucharist or the crucifix. It was considered proper, in fact, for young girls to curtsy to the Blessed Sacrament. Our practice of genuflection derives mainly from practices of imperial Rome and later courts of Europe.

### CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

Do you love to sing? Our Choir is looking for new voices to join them. Practice takes place on Thursday evenings at 5pm in St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie. Practice is short and to the point. No audition or prior experience – just a love of music and faith.

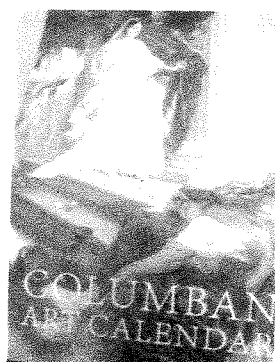
### INVITATION TO A BOOK LAUNCH

#### "THE GOOD SISTERS OF BOULDER"

The Goldfields Historical Society is hosting a book launch for the story of the Diocesan Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart at Boulder, Western Australia 1897 – 1912 expertly written by Sue Sondalini on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, starting at 7.00 pm (at their office – Hamilton St Boulder). If you would like to attend this event please RSVP to [eghs@kalgoorliehistory.org.au](mailto:eghs@kalgoorliehistory.org.au)

### COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

We have a limited number of Columban Art Calendars for 2026 for sale at \$10.00 each. They are available from our Piety Stall or from the Parish office.



### CHILDREN'S ADORATION

Adoration will resume on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**. Run by the Missionaries 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 finishing at 11.30am. It is a great way for children to learn how to pray and also learn more about the Catholic Faith.

The MC Sisters' Sacramental Classes will resume on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - details to follow next week.

## INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Would you like to have a Mass said for a special intention, or for a loved one, living or deceased? Mass intentions are a beautiful way to pray for someone's special needs, recovery or in thanksgiving. Please fill out a form from the back of any of our Churches.

### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE!

A reminder that if you have any suitable empty cans/ bottles 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 provide essential food hampers to needy individuals and families in the Goldfields throughout the year.

### ROSTERS FOR MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH 2026

Laminated copies of our rosters for reading and Cleaning St Mary's and All Hallows' Church are available At the back of the Churches. If you are a new volunteer, please send us an email so that we can email you a Safeguarding Declaration that needs to be completed. Also, if you would like to volunteer for cleaning or Reading from July onwards, please email our office with your details and preferred ministry.

### A.A. MEETING

A.A. meetings are held in our St Mary's Parish Hall Brookman St Kalgoorlie, every Wednesday 12.00pm – 1.00pm (throughout the year – except Christmas). New members are always welcome.

### 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)

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