



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

15 MARCH 2026

## FIRST READING

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Eph 5:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

# Breaking Open the Word

## 'WE ARE NOT BLIND!'

The rich theological symbolism evident from last Sunday's Gospel of John continues in today's drama between light and darkness. Jesus meets a man born blind and tells him to wash in the sanctified pool of Siloam south of the temple. The blind man returns able to see. Over several scenes in one of the most dramatic and engaging stories in all the Gospels, the man who now has vision is consistently interrogated by the religious authorities who, though they are supposed 'to see', move into spiritual blindness.

The dynamic evident in the story is that each time the man is interrogated, he goes back to his experience of being healed by Jesus. Each reflection moves him to a deeper realisation of what has happened and who Jesus is: at first he calls Jesus simply 'a man', then later, that Jesus is 'from God', until finally, the man worships him. This movement of faith into light is accompanied by a similar movement into darkness by the religious leaders. They fail to see that they have become blind to Jesus and his deeds of healing (which John calls 'signs'). 'We are not blind, surely?' they retort.

This drama is acted out in our day. Jesus' final words to his antagonists and John's audience are forever relevant. 'Blind?' questions Jesus, 'If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.' This clarity of understanding and insight is important in a world where truth is camouflaged as falsehood and lies proclaimed as truth. We need to journey with the man born blind, to reflect on our experiences, to be with Jesus and 'see'.

**Fr Michael Trainor**

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man'.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

### The Gospel of the Lord.

*Longer form, 9:1-41*

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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.

### Christian Outreach Bank A/c

BSB: 086 554 A/c No 564153619 P

### 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, Wendy 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

Leonie Harris 15/3 (please let us know of any upcoming birthdays and wedding anniversaries).

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Barry 10/3 and Louise Cairnduff 16/3

### JOY AND STRENGTH

*May God Himself fill you with pure joy amidst your trials.  
May you understand that He's developing perseverance in you so you'll be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.  
May you see the blessing in your battles. Instead of becoming self-aware and wondering why so many arrows are aimed at you, may you simply become a better warrior.  
May you lay hold of the generous amounts of wisdom God has offered you in this place so that when it's all said and done, you're still standing.*

*"As you seek a virtuous spouse, it is fitting that you should be the same"*

St Bernadino

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### /MARCH

- Mon 16 Week 4 of Lent 9.30 am SX Chapel
- Tue 17 St Patrick - 5.30 pm
- Wed 18 Week 4 of Lent- 7.00 am
- Thu 19 St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mar 7.00am
- Fri 20 Week 4 of Lent - 7.00 am
- Sat 21 Week 4 of Lent- 9.30 am recon at 11.00 am
- Sun 22 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 28 March Menzies Mass**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Kalgoorlie Community Mass**

### MENZIES MASS



Fr. Quoc travelled to Menzies for the Community Mass held there on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Here he is with our parishioners and altar servers.

### LET US JOURNEY TOGETHER TO EASTER

We are on a beautiful journey toward Easter. Stations of the Cross are going very well, and it is a joy to make this journey together.

Let us not forget that Lent is a time that we are invited to prayer, abstinence and alms giving. During this period, God invites us back to him through the Sacrament of reconciliation because He desires to heal us, strengthen us and free us from the chains of our enslaving habits.

### GOLDFIELDS YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth members enjoyed a fantastic evening, a couple of weeks ago, painting Easter eggs. Here they are together with our Youth Leaders and Fr. Quoc.



## COME EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY DURING LENT

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** or or arrange it with any of our three Priests either before or after Mass at any of our Churches.

## EASTER TRIDDUUM TIMETABLE 2026

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	St Mary's Kalgoorlie All Hallows', Boulder & St John Vianney, Kambalda	Mass of the Lord's Supper with Rite of Washing of the Feet followed by Night Adoration	<b>7.00pm</b> (Fr Thai) <b>7.00pm</b> (Fr Errol) <b>7.00pm</b> (Fr Quoc)
<b>Good Friday</b>	St Mary's, Kalgoorlie, All Hallows', Boulder & St John Vianney, Kambalda St Mary's, Kalgoorlie All Hallows', Boulder & St John Vianney, Kambalda	Stations of the Cross  Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	<b>9.00am</b> (Fr Thai) <b>9.00am</b> (Fr Errol) <b>9.00am</b> (Fr Quoc) <b>3.00pm</b> (Fr Thai) <b>3.00pm</b> (Fr Errol) <b>3.00pm</b> (Fr Quoc)
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	St Mary's, Kalgoorlie All Hallows', Boulder St John Vianney, Kambalda	Vigil Mass	<b>7.00pm</b> (Fr Thai) <b>7.00pm</b> (Fr Errol) <b>7.00pm</b> (Fr Quoc)
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	St Mary's, Kalgoorlie All Hallows', Boulder St Mary's, Coolgardie & St Joseph's, Norseman	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	<b>10.00am</b> (Fr Errol) <b>8.00am</b> (Fr Quoc) <b>9.00am</b> (Fr Thai) <b>12.30pm</b> (Fr Thai)

## CLERGY CHANGE

Last weekend, it was announced that Fr. Errol will sadly be leaving our Parish after Easter. A 'special collection' will be taken at all of next weekend's Masses as a farewell gift and to express our appreciation to Fr. Errol, and it will be presented to him before his departure.

As Fr. Errol will still be with us for a few more weeks: Please take the opportunity to say farewell and pass on your best wishes after any Mass in our Parish or at any of our Sunday morning teas.

## SHALOM TIDINGS

Copies of the latest Shalom Tidings publication are available this weekend in all of our churches for free! It is a worldwide Catholic family lifestyle magazine that provides insights into how to lead a life of faith, even in the midst of our daily struggles and current global conflicts. Please feel free to take one home.

## MORNING TEA, CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to assist with providing morning tea on the first Sunday of each month at St Mary's Kalgoorlie. If you can help in this regard, please phone our Parish office for more details. Donations of savoury or sweet plates to share at any of our morning teas are always welcome and are much appreciated and can just be left on the serving tables in our Halls before or after Mass.

## 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.

## MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY MASSES

Our Annual Community mass timetable is as follows:

Kalgoorlie	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Norseman	28th June 2026
Menzies	19th July 2026
Kambalda	2nd August 2026
Coolgardie	20th September 2026
Southern Cross	25th October 2026
Boulder	1st November 2026

## NORSEMAN VISITORS

Last Sunday, Fr. Quoc And our Norseman stalwart, Pat Hogan Snr had the pleasure of welcoming Daryl and Madonna who are visiting Western Australia from MacKay, Queensland to the Sunday Mass at St Joseph's in Norseman.



## VISITATION/HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like one of our Priests to visit you and your family, this can be arranged by phoning our Parish office - 90 212100 during the week.



## 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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