

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders
of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

A UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Matthew's Gospel addresses Jewish/Israelite followers of Jesus living in troubled and confusing times in the later part of the first century. The Temple, the centre of Jewish religious life, is destroyed; Matthew's audience seeks confidence and direction anew. All it has is the Torah (the Old Testament teaching from the first five books of the Bible). The evangelist offers the Torah, the Jewish Scriptures, refracted through the teaching of Jesus, as foundational to engage their future with confidence.

Matthew is also aware that the future of the Jesus movement will have to be open to other peoples and cultures—like the missionary thrust of the Church today. Today's Gospel of the Magi following a star and seeking the birthplace of the 'king of the Jews' anticipates the Gospel's future universal growth. The Magi, perhaps Syrian astronomers, come seeking what they astrologically read in the cosmos, the one who rules over everything. But to know the exact place they also need the help of the Scriptures, offered by Herod's priests. These two aspects, science and God's Word, collaborate to give meaning and direction to the Magi's quest.

The star leads them to a *house*. Here they come to the end of their search as they worship the child Jesus and offer gifts worthy of a king. This third element, the domestic and household setting of the child's birth, adds a final dimension to a theologically rich story. Within our own local and domestic lives, we embark on a search to discover Jesus anew, assisted by the science of our world and the Scriptures that we treasure, listen to each Sunday and upon which we meditate.

Fr Michael Trainor

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FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-13 R.v.11

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts/ shall pay him tribute./ The kings of Sheba and Seba/ shall bring him gifts./ Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,/ all nations shall serve him. **R.**
4. 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.**

THE SAVING WORD

4 JANUARY 2026



SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

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)

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.

MASS 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.

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 or returning to Church, we're so glad you're here! Please visit the Parish office (15 Porter St Kalgoorlie) during the week and introduce yourself.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND/HOSPITALISED

Nina Andinach, Noel Hicks, Aimylie Potts(child), 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 Tores, Peter Allen, Desmond McColl and Mad Ted.

RECENT DEATH

Joachim Tran Huy Toa RIP 22nd December 2025

RECENT BIRTH

Dominic Mamora 16th December 2025 Congratulations Ed. Joseph and Marie.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please take note that our Parish office will re-open this Monday 5th January 2026.

STAND ON HIS PROMISES

May the Lord awaken you to fresh and powerful revelations of his love. May he stir in you a deep desire to read his word and stand on his promises. May he lift you up so you can see your life from his perspective. May he put joy in your heart that makes you glad and others smile. And may you wrap yourself up in his wonderful truth. Absolutely nothing can separate you from his love.

A PRAYER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear Lord, thank You for the opportunity to begin again. As this New Year unfolds, wash away the stains of my past and renew my heart. Let me walk into each day with hope, courage, and unwavering faith in You. Help me embrace new chances with humility and grace. Let every new day bring a deeper relationship with You and new opportunities to serve others in love. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

JANUARY

Mon 5	Weekday of Christmas time 9.30am SX Chapel
Tue 6	Weekday of Christmas time 5.30pm
Wed 7	Weekday of Christmas time 7.00am
Thu 8	Weekday of Christmas time 7.00am
Fri 9	Weekday of Christmas time 7.00am
Sat 10	Weekday of Christmas day 9.30am reconciliation 11.00am
Sun 11	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
	SAVE THE DATES
Sat 17 Jan	Menzies Community Mass

A MESSAGE FROM FR. THAI, FR. ERROL AND FR. QUOC

We warmly welcome friends and families who are visiting the Goldfields during the festive season and we pray that everyone who is travelling during the holiday period reaches their destination safely.

Fr. Thai, Fr. Errol and Fr. Quoc would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families, blessings of joy, hope, love, good health and the spirit of togetherness in the New Year.

SIMBANG GABI 2025

We were blessed to celebrate the Filipino Catholic tradition of Simbang Gabi - nine consecutive Masses held from December 15 to 23 in preparation for Christmas, honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Our sincere thanks to the Simbang Gabi team, facilitators, readers, choirs, altar servers, acolytes, sponsors, and all who helped make these celebrations meaningful. Please



refer to our Facebook page for a full list of Sponsors and photos of the 9 nights.

May this beautiful tradition continue in our parish for many years to come.

Here is a photo from the amazing banquet held on the last evening in our St Mary's Parish Centre.

ST JOSEPH'S NORSEMAN NEWS



Congratulations to Des for beating lung cancer, Jean on becoming an Oi Oi Oi (An Australian citizen) and Mardie on becoming a permanent resident. Last but not least, Pearly on your recent birthday. Amazing Christmas presents for these Norseman families

ST JOHN VIANNEY, KAMBALDA NEWS



Here is **Fr. Thai** with the children being reverent who attended the Christmas Day Mass at St John Vianney, Church Kambalda.

SANTO NIÑO NOVENA AND FIESTA 2026



Piety Stall.

The Annual Santo Niño Novena will commence in mid January. Details of the program will be available in the coming weeks. Everyone is invited to attend the Novenas and Fiestas. In preparation for Señor Santo Niño we have a limited number of originally handcrafted Statues from Cebu City for Sale (30cm) at a bargain price of \$100 in our

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE!

Just 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 sessential food hampers to needy individuals and families in the Goldfields throughout the year.

ROSTERS FOR MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH 2026

Rosters for cleaning and reading in our St Mary's and All Hallows' Churches have been emailed out this week. The rosters are for the next 6 months only. We sincerely thank those parisioners for making this commitment and volunteering their time and efforts.

Our Parish relies heavily on the generosity and talents of the people in our parish community. It could not funtion effectively without them.

If you can spare some time and would like to go on any of these rosters from July onwards, please email our Office – kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au and let us know which ministry you would like to volunteer for. Let us give God our best!

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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