



# THE SAVING WORD

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) / C

2 NOVEMBER 2025

## FIRST READING

Isa 25: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*The Lord will destroy Death for ever.*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us.

✱ The word of the Lord.

**RESP PSALM** Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. v. 3

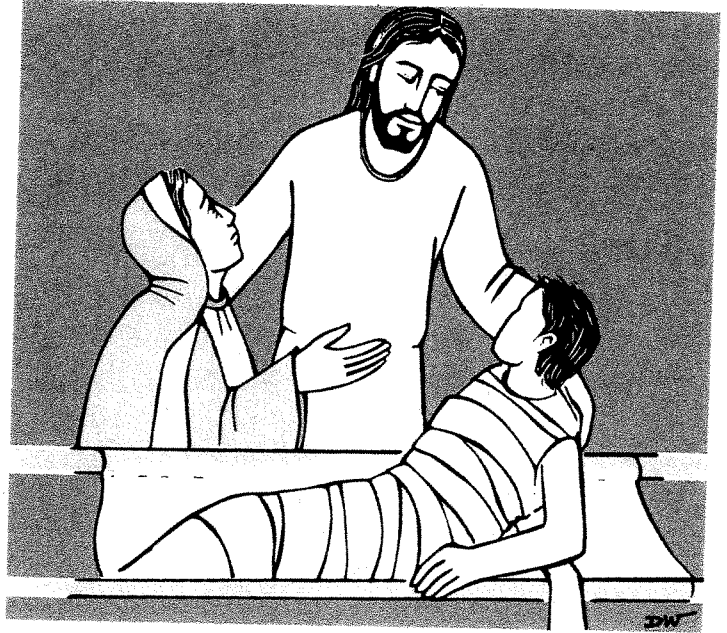
**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom  
shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my  
life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for  
this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, /  
all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness  
of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have  
mercy and answer. / It is your face, O Lord,  
that I seek; / hide not your face. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /  
in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold  
firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**



## SECOND READING

Rom 5: 5-11

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

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved  
from God's anger through him.*

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God  
has been poured into our hearts by the Holy  
Spirit which has been given to us. We were still  
helpless when at his appointed moment Christ  
died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even  
for a good man – though of course for someone  
really worthy, a man might be prepared to die –  
but what proves that God loves us is that Christ  
died for us while we were still sinners. Having  
died to make us righteous, is it likely that he  
would now fail to save us from God's anger?  
When we were reconciled to God by the death  
of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we  
have been reconciled, surely we may count on  
being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely  
because we have been reconciled but because  
we are filled with joyful trust in God, through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have  
already gained our reconciliation.

✱ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 39

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, / that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, / and that I should raise it up on the last day. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Young man, I say to you, get up.*

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

• The Gospel of the Lord.

## A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST. PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Email: sales@stpauls.com.au Scripture readings taken from The Jerusalem Bible, © 1966 Hodder & Stoughton Ltd. All rights reserved. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward isj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2025. No 2114. Website: [www.stpauls.com.au](http://www.stpauls.com.au)

# Breaking Open the Word

## OUR BELOVED DEAD

Today we remember our Beloved Dead. We also carry them into today's liturgy, just as the widow's son in today's Gospel is carried into the presence of Jesus. The story begins with Jesus gathering near the gate of Nain with his disciples and others. This happens at the same time as a 'the only son of his mother' is being carried out on a bier for burial. We note two things about the situation: The deceased is an only son and she is widowed. These two facts elevate the story's tragedy. The woman is domestically and economically abandoned her tears palpable. At the gate of the town, life and death meet.

Jesus, the agent of healing and life, responds to her: 'When the Lord *saw* her he felt sorry for her.' Jesus' *seeing* impels him to act. In an earlier Lukan parable (Lk 10), a Samaritan 'sees' a half-dead robbery victim. Unlike the other characters in the parable who pass by and look sideways, the Samaritan is impelled to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus responds similarly.

The title 'Lord' suggests that this is the act of God's emissary. The translation, 'felt sorry', robs the power of the Greek which literally means, 'felt his innards respond'. This visceral response brings Jesus to restore the young man to life, an act acclaimed as God's 'visitation' of the people. Like the woman, we carry our dead before Jesus today. He responds deeply to our sadness. Through him God also 'visits' us.

**Fr Michael Trainor**

We warmly welcome you too the  
**Parish of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**

(Boulder, Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, Kambalda, Norseman)  
Office: [kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au) - 9021 2100  
Bulletin Editor: [bulletin.kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:bulletin.kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au)  
Fr. Thai Vu 0423 511 227 - [thai.vu@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:thai.vu@perthcatholic.org.au)

**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, were so glad you're here! Please visit the Parish office (15 Porter S Kalgoorlie) during the week and introduce yourself.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Kyran O'Donnell 29/10 (please let us know of any future birthdays)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND/HOSPITALISED**

Logan Armstrong, Sharon Bennett, Des Aitken, Steve and Wendy D'Monte, Logan Hughes, Brian Landers, David and Pam Lavender, Janet Bartle, Gerhardt and Eve Novak, Lyn Stewart, Gianne, Lolita, Teresa Quilanita Torres, Peter Allen, Desmond McColl and Mad Ted.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Nezlia Dez Posapw 13/10 Felice Magrelli, Giacomo Magrelli and Maria Magrelli and Neil Jarvis 10/11

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Robert Radosevich, Noeline Duncan, Troy McClean, Aldo Battaglia 11/10, Damasita Reyes 22/10 and Michelle Leahy

*The Lord your god is living among you. He is a mighty saviour. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*

**ZEPHANIAH 3:17 NLT**

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER**

Last Monday it was announced that St Joseph's Primary School Boulder has WON the 2025 Quality Catholic Education Award for Catholic Identity: Primary.

To read more about this award and

this achievement, please see their website - <https://www.stjosephsboulder.wa.edu.au/>



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**NOVEMBER 2025**

Mon 3	Week 31 - 9.30am SX Home
Tue 4	Week 31 - 5.30pm
Wed 5	St Charles Borromeo Memorial 7.00am
Thu 6	Week 31 - 7.00am
Fri 7	Week 31 - 7.00am
Sat 8	9.30am Mass Reconciliation - 11.00am
Sun 9	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>

**SAVE THE DATES**

7 Nov	Goldfields Youth Ministry night.
4 Dec	Miners Memorial 6.30pm at the Museum of the Goldfields Courtyard

**SOUTHERN CROSS COMMUNITY MASS**



Our Annual Southern Cross Mass was held last Sunday and it was a huge success. We thank Fr. Matthew and his parishioners for their warm hospitality by hosting the delicious lunch that followed the Mass.

Special appreciation to Jono White for driving the bus last Sunday. Thank you also to those parishioners who were on the bus, for their contribution of \$165.00 to our Christia Outreach Program from the surplus petrol funds.

**GOLDFIELDS YOUTH MINISTRY**

The next gathering for our Youth is happening next **Friday 7 November from 6.30pm - 8.30pm** in our St Mary's Parish Hall, Brookman St. Youth from years 7 - 12 years are most welcome, and can bring a friend. New members must be signed in by their parent before participating.

**BOULDER MORNING TEA**

As one of our valued volunteers who assists with morning tea on Sundays after the 8.00am Mass is relocating to Perth in mid November, we are in need of volunteers to assist in this regard. If you can help.



**CATHOLIC Q & A**

**Blessing after childbirth**

*What has happened to the “churaching of women ceremony? Years ago in my parish it was given often during the year but no parish that I know of does it now. Is it still given anywhere?*

Part of your answer lies in the history of the ceremony. The churaching of women or the Blessing after childbirth, apparently entered Christian practice as a carry-over from the Jewish ceremony of purification. Under Jewish law a number of actions incurred spiritual contamination or uncleanness. Among these were any that involved sexual unclean actions, either legal or illegal. A woman, was unclean for example after birth, for seven days if the child were a boy and 14 days if the child were a girl. This uncleanness was formally removed by an appropriate rite of purification. The purification of Mary after the birth of Jesus is still celebrated by the church as part of the Feast of the Presentation on 2<sup>nd</sup> February).

In its Christian form, the ceremony took more the theme of thanksgiving for the safe birth of the child and petition for God’s blessings on the mother and the child. One reason the blessing after childbirth is not more widespread among Christians is that many of its features, prayers and blessings are already implied or included in the rite of baptism. The newly revised baptism rite contains numerous references to the parents and to what it is in their hearts and prayers concerning their new child. The Catholic Book of Blessings includes a blessing for mothers unable to be at their child’s baptism so they might “benefit from the blessing that in the rite of baptism prompts the mother and all present to thank God for the gift of the newborn child”.

**NEW INITIATIVE – PRAYER INTENTION BOXES**

Beautiful wooden Prayer intention boxes are now available at the entrance to all the Churches in our Parish to receive your written prayer intentions, which will then be offered up at that weekend mass. Please keep your personal details on your prayer intention note ‘private’. A special thank you to Frances Braham for crafting and donating the beautiful boxes.

**HOUSE NEEDED TO RENT ASAP**

A valued member of our Goldfields Catholic Community is in need to rent/lease a 2/3 bedroom house in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

If you have a house/unit available or know of one that is available, please phone our parish office – 90 212100 so we can put you in contact with this parishioner. We pray that we can help in this regard.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Throughout the month of November, we invite you to add the names of your deceased loved ones to our book of Remembrance. This book will be placed at the entrance of all our churches and all names will be remembered in our prayers during Mass. Let us honour their memory together.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

During November we also encourage you to make a mass offering for your loved ones who have passed away. These special intentions will be included in our Masses throughout the month, providing a beautiful way to pray for their souls. Special envelopes are available at the entrance of all our churches.

**ANNUAL SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Our Annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon is being Held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00pm** at the **Overland Motel Restaurant**.

As it is almost time to mail out the invitations, please advise us if your address details have changed or let us know if you would like to add a Senior citizen, who lives in the Goldfields to our invite list.

**PIETY STALL**

A reminder that our Piety Stall is open every Sunday After the 10.00am Sunday Mass at St Mary’s Kalgoorlie for that special gift item. The Stall can also be opened by special request during the week. Prices of all items have been reduced and EFTPOS is now available too. Remember by supporting our Piety Stall you are assisting with the many outgoings our Parish has.

**ST BARBARA’S PARADE SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

We are in need of loaning a small truck to use as our Parish’s float for the Annual



St Barbara’s Parade this year. If you have a similar small truck available or can put us in contact with someone who can help us in this regard, please either phone our office – 90 212100 or speak to Fr. Thai Fr. Errol or Fr. Quoc after Mass. We also will be looking for children from our Parish to be part of our float. Details to follow.

**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