



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / A

29 MARCH 2026

FIRST READING Isa 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. R.

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! R.

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who

fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him on high / and gave him a name above all other names. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mt 27:11-54

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and

the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. They said:

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. **Let him be crucified!**

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. **Let him be crucified!**

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:

C. **His blood be on us and on our children!**

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

C. **Hail, king of the Jews!**

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had

reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

C. **So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!**

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.**

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J. **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?**

N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C. **The man is calling on Elijah,**

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. **Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.**

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. **In truth this was a son of God.**

Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66

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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

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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, Chad Miller, Nina Andinach, Rodney Braham, Noel Hicks, Ron Coumbe, Lynette Hogan, David and Pam Lavender, Janet Bartle, Gerhardt Novak, , Gianne, Lolita, Teresa Quilanita Tores, Steve Lutua and Mad Ted

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Tonka Loncar 3/4

RECENT DEATHS

Lyn Stewart (ex Norseman parishioner) 23/3/2026

BIRTHDAYS

Rose Vie and Imelda Aslett 25/2, Alex Alfred 29/3 (18)

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we pray for **Evie Hughes**, who will be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday morning at All Hallows' Church, Boulder.

BAPTISM LAST WEEKEND

Last Sunday, Delilah Cameron was welcomed into the Catholic Church at her baptism at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie. Here is she is with her proud parents, Jade and Kaleb.



THE WEEK AHEAD

/MARCH/APRIL

Mon 30	Holy Week 9.30 am Mass SX Chapel
Tue 31	Holy Week 5.30pm Mass
Wed 1	Holy Week- 7.00 am Mass and (5.30pm-6.30pm Adoration and Reconciliation)
Thu 2	Holy Thursday - 7.00pm Mass (The Last Supper) Adoration until 12.00am
Fri 3	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 9.00am, Commemoration 3.00pm
Sat 4	Holy Saturday - Reconciliation at 11.00 am Easter Vigil 7.00pm
Sun 5	EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A

KAMBALDA FAREWELL



Last Sunday our Kambalda faithful enjoyed the opportunity to warmly farewell Fr. Errol by hosting a special morning tea. Here they are after the 9.00am Sunday Mass.

CLERGY CHANGE

Fr. Nicholas Diedler from Yangebup Parish has been appointed as our new Assistant Priest and will be arriving the Goldfields on Friday 24th April, please join us in making him feel very welcome and introduce yourself to him after any mass or at morning tea.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE MAKING A CHANGE

Just a reminder that we have specially marked pods in the St Mary's Carpark Kalgoorlie for all suitable empty cans and bottles. Please remove all lids. Proceeds from this program go towards our Christian Outreach Program which provides essential food hampers to needy individuals and families in the Goldfields throughout the year. The demand for hampers is at an all time high! Your support of this wonderful initiative is most appreciated.

CATHOLIC Q & A

I am doing some Lenten study on the Stations of the Cross. Why were they not carried over to the Protestant churches if they originated before the reformation? Is there a connection between the stations and the path to Calvary followed by modern-day visitors to Jerusalem?

The devotion known as the Stations (or the Way) of the Cross was one of many forms of devotion developed during the very late Middle Ages, generally the 1200s and 1300s. Politically, culturally and religiously, those were tumultuous and painful times for the vast majority of ordinary people. Practising and passing our faith was enormously difficult.

Into this picture came, among others, St Francis of Assisi and St Dominic and their followers, who helped popularise such expressions of faith and prayer as the Christmas creche (St Francis) and the rosary (the Dominicans). The Stations were one of these devotions and a sort of catechism about the suffering of the Lord.

Various Franciscans who already held responsibility for the holy places in Jerusalem for Latin Rite Catholics helped popularise this devotion.

The Stations once included seven falls under the Cross. Another form was a total of 43 separate stations. But the 14 stations as we know them became fairly stabilised by Pope Clement X11 in 1731.

For some years now, most publications of the Stations of the Cross have included a 15th station on meditation, calling to mind Christ's victory over death in the resurrection.

The city of Jerusalem was levelled by the Roman armies about 40 years after the death of Jesus, making the precise location of the falls of Jesus on the way to Calvary nearly impossible to determine. The markings of the 14 stations on the Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way) in old Jerusalem are comparatively recent. The accuracy and historical validity of some of them are open to considerable question.

Nevertheless, the Stations of the Cross remain one of the richest ways in our tradition to reflect on our Lord's suffering and death.

The reason Protestantism did not continue many devotional traditions such as the Stations of the Cross are complicated. Several Reformed churches distrusted the use of pictures or other images in worship and prayer. This may be part of the answer. Another could be that the Stations have always included incidents that come out of Christian tradition but are not found in the Gospels.

For example, our fourth station commemorates Jesus meeting his mother. Luke notes that Jesus stopped along the way to many women who mourned and lamented him, but he does not say Mary was among them. John places her at the foot of the Cross, but not on the road. With the Protestant emphasis on Scripture as the rule of faith, it is perhaps understandable that some of these popular devotions would not be picked up in their spirituality.

MONDAY 6TH APRIL

As **Monday 6th April**, is a public holiday (Easter Monday) Mass will be held at **9.30 am** at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie (and not the Southern Cross Nursing Home Chapel).

GOLDFIELDS CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP



An initiative of Fr. Errol, the Catholic men's group has been meeting once a month for prayer, reflection and fellowship. The group recently farewelled Fr. Errol with a dinner at the Tower Hotel.

EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

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 10.00am at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie.**

HOLY LAND COMMISIARRAT

The Annual collection for the support of the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday 3rd April**. This Collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, housing, education, and employment. Schools, parishes, orphanages and medical centres also rely upon this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines in the Holy Land associated with the life of Jesus



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