



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.



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ALL SOULS DAY

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Merredin celebrations during the week:

Monday:	No Mass
Tuesday:	9.00 am Mass
Wednesday:	9.00 am Mass
Thursday:	9.00 am Mass
Friday:	9.00 am Mass
Saturday:	6.30pm
Sunday:	10.30am

Kellerberrin: Sunday 8:00 am Mass

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick available on request

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday at St Mary's Church, Merredin from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Sat. Holy Half Hour-Rosary
6:00 to 6:30 pm

Reconciliation : 6pm Saturday

CHURCH ROSTER: 1/2 NOVEMBER 2025

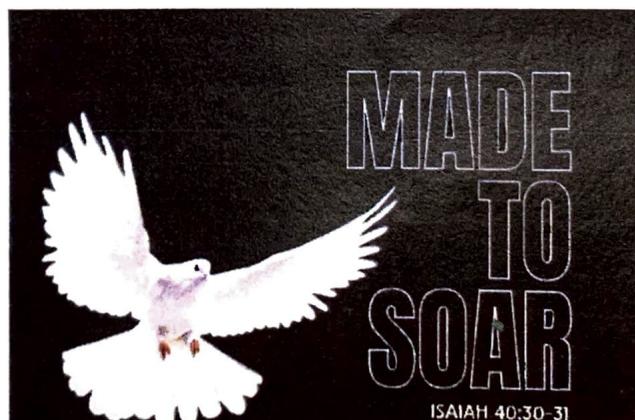
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Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 10.30 am

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Readers:	H. Giles	G. Dizon
Collection:		
Offertory:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Church Cleaners:	M Bartlett	M Wilson
Sacristy	Y Gray	G Alvaro
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers

Special Ministers: T. Cutri; T. Glass, Y. Gray; P. Jackson; J. Jefferys; L. Jefferys; D. Pettit; P. Riethmuller.



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RECONCILIATION: Saturday 6:00pm – 6:20 pm
or on request prior to Sunday mass
Saturday - 6:00pm Angelus then the Rosary

PARISH NOTICES

Feast days for the week

Mon 3 St Martin de Porres, St Winifride, St Malachy
Tue 24 St Charles Borromeo
Thu 6 St Illtyd, St Nuno Alvares Pereira
Fri 7 St Willibrord
Sat 8 St Elizabeth of the Trinity



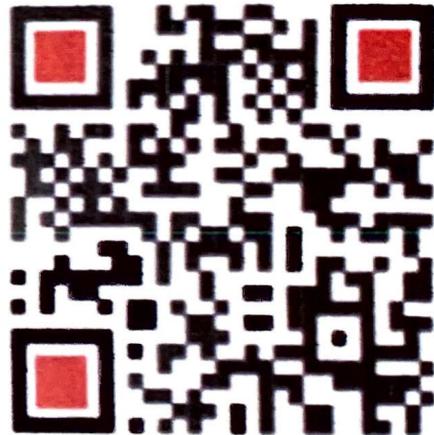
Parish Centenary Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday 5 November at 7.00pm in the presbytery

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday 9 November

The Merredin Annual General Meeting will be held after the 10.30am Mass on the 9th November. Everyone is invited to attend. Please do come and support our parish and share a common vision for the future.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, please see Fr Philip. The Kellerberrin Annual General Meeting will be held after the 8.00am Mass on the 30th November

CATHOLIC MISSION



Thank you so much for your generous support for the life-saving work of our missionaries in Mongolia last year and Timor L'Este the previous year.

This year the focus is for the missionaries in Zambia and around the world.

You can donate by Scanning the QR code....or

Giving online: catholicmission.org.au/mission...or though the envelopes available in the foyer.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for Laurel Hamersley (Mother of David Hamersley) who passed away last week.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

There will be a Blessing of Graves on Tuesday 4th November after the 9.00am Mass at the Merredin Cemetery with Rosary.



MASS OFFERING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Throughout November we remember and pray for the our deceased members of our family and friends. Please take and complete November Mass offering envelopes or write the names in the Book of Life for Masses for the dead and place in the weekend Mass collection. These will be offered at all Masses throughout November.

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.

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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