



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time



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09 NOVEMBER 2025

Merredin celebrations during the week:

Monday:	No Mass
Tuesday:	No 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:

15/16 NOVEMBER 2025

22/23 NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 10.30 am

Readers:	G. Riethmuller	Year 1 Class
Collection:		
Offertory:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Church Cleaners:		
Sacristy	T. Cutri	P. Riethmuller
Altar Servers:	C. Joseph	C. Joseph
		Volunteers

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

SAVE THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD



**St Mary's Catholic Church and St Mary's School
will be combining to celebrate our
Centenary
Sunday 2 August 2026
10.00 a.m. Mass
12.00 Lunch
More details to come in 2026**



Merredin Churches' Fraternal - United in Prayer

United in Prayer will be held on Thursday 27th November at the St Mary's Church. Please come and join us.

Please Note: Planned Giving Direct Debit - CDF/NAB Parish Account details for anyone wanting to support the parish through Direct Debit are as follows;

1st Collection (Fr Philip) – BSB 086 006 Acc. 73115 8848 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth

2nd Collection Merredin Parish Contribution – BSB 086 006 Acc. 84040 9343 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth CDF St Mary's Parish

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(Please include your name on direct debit deposits—eg 2nd Coll-Smith) Thank you for your generosity and support.

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 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln,
St Dionysius of Alexandria

Tue 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul,
St Rose Philippine Duchesne

Wed 19 St Roque Gonzalez and his companions

Thu 20 St Raphael Kalinowski, St Edmund

Fri 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 15 St Cecilia



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday 30th November

The Kellerberrin Annual General Meeting will be held after the 8.00am Mass on the 30th November

Funeral Details - Shirley Williams

The Funeral service for Shirley Williams will be celebrated on Wednesday, 19th November at 11.00pm at St Joseph Church, Kellerberrin followed by burial at the Kellerberrin Cemetery.



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.



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LifeLink Appeal

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held next weekend on 22/23 November 2025.

Please collect a copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's welfare agencies.

You may mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation and place them in the parish collection basket.

You may also donate (securely) online:
www.lifelink.com.au

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

We invite all parishioners, family, friends, neighbours and community members to donate to the Christmas Hampers this year. This year the Church of Christ are responsible for the co-ordination of this event on behalf of the **Merredin Churches' Fraternal**. Suggested items include: canned food (eg Ham/meat, vegetables, fruit), lollies, biscuits, fruit mince pies, fruit cake, Christmas (and other puddings) UHT milk, long life custard, long life fruit juice, cool drinks and cordial. Packets/tins may include jelly, tea, coffee, milo, pasta, sauces etc. Other food stuffs are welcome.



Food items must be non perishable and in code and can be left in the foyer of the Church. Monetary donations are welcome.

Again, thank you for your generous support of the needy in our community this Christmas.

will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master', they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived', he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he", and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.'

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD'S PROTECTIVE PROMISE

Last Sunday we commemorated the *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*. The Gospel then was from John with Jesus cleansing the Temple and its precincts, restoring it as the rightful abode of God's presence and holiness. Today's Gospel, continuing our liturgical journey with Luke, touches again on the theme of the Temple. But this time, Jesus anticipates its destruction and then springboards Gospel listeners into a sermon on the end-time. The Gospel theme prepares us for the final Sundays of the year before the new liturgical year, Year A and Matthew's Gospel, commences in two weeks' time with the beginning of Advent.

Today's Gospel is complex and often misunderstood. It requires careful explanation. Our selection comes from Luke's 'apocalyptic' chapter. Here the evangelist draws on Mk 13 but reshapes it in the light of the audience's experience and memory of Jerusalem's destruction by Rome in 70 CE. This experience is retrojected on to Jesus' teaching seeming to prophesy its destruction. In Jesus' day the Temple was still standing; by the time Luke writes, Jerusalem and its Temple are already destroyed.

Luke's apocalyptic teaching acknowledges the struggle of Jesus' faithful followers living generations after Jesus' public ministry, assuring them of God's comforting presence, warning them not to be carried away by messianic pretenders, and encouraging their patient endurance in all that unfolds. The last words of the Gospel contain the essence of God's protective promise: '...not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' We, too, lean into these words amid our struggles today.

Fr Michael Trainor