

THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

23 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

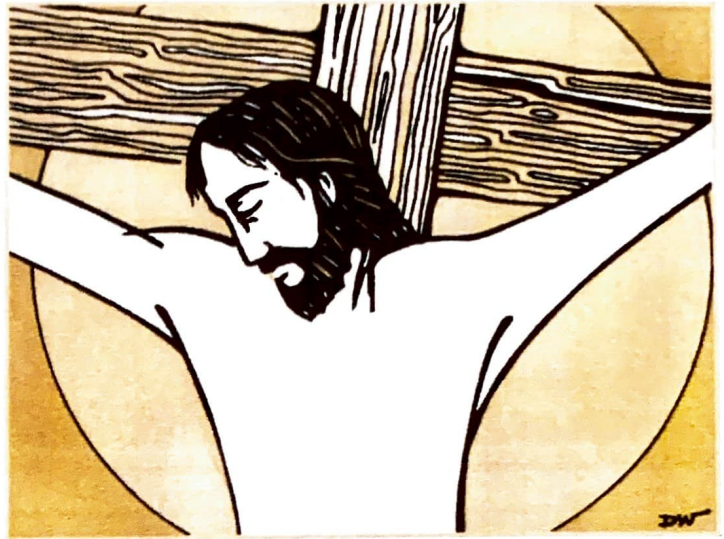
SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers — all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.



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CHRIST THE KING

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23 NOVEMBER 2025

Merredin celebrations during the week:

Monday: 9.00 am Mass
Tuesday: 9.00am 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

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

Reconciliation : 6pm Saturday

****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.

CHURCH ROSTER:

22/23 NOVEMBER 2025

29/30 NOVEMBER 2025

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 10.30 am	Saturday 6:30pm	Sunday 10:30 am
Readers:	Y. Gray	T. Glass	P. Riethmuller	G. Dizon
Collection:				
Offertory:	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Church Cleaners:				
Sacristy	D. Pettit		P. Riethmuller	
Altar Servers:	C. Joseph	Volunteers	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
2nd Collection Kellerberrin Parish Contribution – BSB 086 006 Acc. 75189 3225 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth
CDF St Joseph's Parish

(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 24 St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions
Tue 25 St Catherine of Alexandria, St Colman of Cloyne
Wed 26 St Leonard of Porto Maurizio, St John Berchmans
Thu 27 St Fergal



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday 30th November

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

MASS OFFERING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Throughout November we remember and pray for 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.



LIFELINK APPEAL



The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink is held this weekend on 22/23 November 2025.

If you have not collected the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass last weekend, **please collect one as you leave the Church today** or use one of the **special giving envelopes** in the foyer.

We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan agencies which reach out to care for our brothers and sisters who are struggling in the community..

Please mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parish at any time over the coming weeks.

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL 26 MADE TO SOAR (Isaiah 40:30-31)

Summer school of evangelisation is a week long event for youth and young adults. This vibrant experience of Christian community includes sacraments, prayer, worship and quality faith formation.

Hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Community
CAMP WATTLE GROVE 10th-16th January 2026
Must be 17+ by June 30 2026

Perth registration open now.
Early bird price \$360 before December 1st
www.disciplesofJesus.org/sse

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

*Lord, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Today is the final Sunday of the present Liturgical Year, Year C, the year of Luke's Gospel. We anticipate the new liturgical year commencing next Sunday and look back over the year that has been. What emerges is the recognition that, throughout each Sunday of the past year, God has been present, revealed to us through Luke's portrait of Jesus and teaching us the essence of discipleship.

Today's final liturgical selection from Luke's Gospel sums up what those essentials are. In a scene from the passion narrative, Jesus is ironically declared 'king' by those who jeer at him. But his kingship is not about self-salvation, as the evangelist frequently indicates, but about the salvation of humanity and creation. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus seeks to bring wholeness to divided humanity and struggling creation. This is exemplified in the final scene of today's Gospel. Two criminals with Jesus are in their final moments of life before death finally occurs through Rome's torturous and totally debasing act of crucifixion. One of the criminals publicly declares Jesus' innocence and then asks, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

This desire to be 'remembered' by Jesus is the desire of all of us, to be re-membered, to be re-connected to God's life through one's communion with Jesus, especially in the moment of death. This final Gospel scene from Luke for this liturgical year invites each of us to hear Jesus' promise to the repentant one, that we shall be with Jesus in eternal paradise. It is the comforting word we and our world need to hear.

Fr Michael Trainor