



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priest Fr Savio Nguyen
Nagle Chaplain Fr Bernard Balaraj
Sunday Masses **Saturday Vigil** 6pm
Sun 7:30am, 9:30am and 6pm
Weekday Masses **Mon-Fri** 7am **Fri** 12:05pm
Saturdays & Public Holidays 9am
Confessions **Fri** 11:30-11:55am
Sat 11am-12pm & 5:30-5:55pm



St John's Rangeway



St Peter's Greenough

St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Mass Times **Wednesday** 10:30am
Saturday Vigil 6:00pm **Sunday** 9:00am
Confessions **Saturday** 5:30-5:55pm or by appointment



Nazareth House

Monday-Saturday 9:30am **Sunday** 10:00am

St John's Rangeway **Sunday Mass** 8:30am

St Peter's Greenough **Sunday Mass** 8:00am

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

1 October 2023

VOCATION VIEW: *We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.*

Month of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary

Do your troubles never seem to end? Is your family in need of special graces? The Rosary of Hope is your solution!

Our Lady of the Rosary herself said **"You will obtain all you ask of me through the recitation of the Rosary"**.

When we feel powerless to solve the problems and difficulties of life: remember that we hold incredible power in our hands, when we are holding our rosary!

Because it is such a powerful prayer, and

because it pleases Jesus and Mary so much, all across Australia, people will come out to pray the Rosary together in public on the 12th of October. This is nearest Saturday to the 13th October, the anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima. It will be a bouquet of spiritual roses that Australians of all ages and backgrounds will offer to our Lady.



Coming together to pray in public, will draw down God's blessings upon our country, and will console Our Lady, as she requested at Fatima: *"You at least, console the heart of your Mother, so wounded by the sins of ungrateful men."*



Holy Rosary in the Cathedral this month
Holy Rosary will be prayed in the Cathedral crypt Monday to Friday at 5pm. All are invited to take part in this great devotion.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Come along to a series of 3 Enquiry Evenings at 6pm on **This Wednesday 4th October**

and the following Wednesdays 11th and 18th October

Venue: Seminar Room, Catholic Centre, 9 Maitland St., Geraldton.

At the conclusion of the series those interested in becoming Catholic will take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a process of formation over several months that leads to reception into the Church at Easter and continues throughout the Easter Season.

For enquiries, call Gerard Totanes on 9964 2716.



Sunshine Festival today, 1st October

There will be a welcoming stall today in Stow Gardens on behalf of the Churches of Geraldton from 10am – 2.30pm. Please join us for an hour or less or more, to represent our Catholic community.

Mass at Utakarra Chapel

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra next Saturday **7th October at 9am**. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

"A Slice of Life" by Catholic Women's League

It will be part of the International Food Festival again this year. We will be providing morning tea and selling cakes, scones and slices. We require helpers and donations of food from all parishes. Donations can be dropped off at the Catholic Centre from 2pm on Saturday 14th October or brought along on Sunday 15th October. Thank you so much in anticipation of your support.



Morning Tea Today at Laian Cafe

You are invited to the morning tea today at Laian Café after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. **Free** regular coffee/tea and cake will be available. You will pay for any special orders.



Parish Council Meeting

Next Parish Council meeting of the Geraldton parishes to be held on Thursday, 19th October at 6pm in the parish seminar room. All members are kindly requested to attend.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th October at **5:30pm** in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the parents of eldest child to be Baptised. *For booking, please contact the parish office on 9964 1608 or Email: sfxcath@westnet.com.au*



Cathedral Holy Hour next Friday

You are invited to take part in the Holy Hour of silent adoration and reflection at 11am, next Friday, 6th October; includes praying together with music. Mass will follow.



Public Rosary in our Parish

The Secret of the Rosary, St Louis Montfort states: *"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy."* There will be a public Rosary on Saturday, 14th October in the Divine Mercy Garden of the Cathedral at 9:30am. Welcome all to join and pray with other volunteers across Australia on the day.

Parish Office & Holy Shop **Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.

First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves.

As to the first of these relationships, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the urgent need to recognize that creation and redemption are inseparably linked: "The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer – we also diminish the value of the redemption". Creation refers both to God's mysterious, magnificent act of creating this majestic, beautiful planet and universe out of nothing and to the continuing result of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift. During the liturgy and personal prayer in "the great cathedral of creation", let us recall the great Artist who creates such beauty, and reflect on the mystery of that loving decision to create the cosmos.

Second, let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our "ecological sins", as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God's grace, let us

adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable. Let us be as mindful as we can about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive – our fellow men and women wherever they may be, and future generations as well. Let us cooperate in God's ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation



and a joyful sobriety, disposing and recycling waste, and making greater use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible.

Lastly, for the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear that the richer nations have contracted an "ecological debt" that must be paid (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 51). The world leaders who will gather for the COP28 summit in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December next must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuel. According to the commitments undertaken in the Paris Agreement to restrain global warming, it is absurd to permit the continued exploration and expansion of fossil fuel infrastructures. Let us raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change. I appeal to all people of good will to act in conformity with these perspectives on society and nature.

Another parallel perspective has to do with the Catholic Church's commitment to synodality. This year, the closing of the Season of Creation on 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, will coincide with the

opening of the Synod on Synodality. Like rivers in nature, fed by myriad tiny brooks and larger streams and rivulets, the synodal process that began in October 2021 invites all those who take part on a personal or community level, to coalesce in a majestic river of reflection and renewal. The entire People of God is being invited to an immersive journey of synodal dialogue and conversion.

So too, like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God's loving mercy. In the same way that a river is a source of life for its surroundings, our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants. In the same way that a river gives life to all kinds of animal and plant life, a synodal Church must give life by sowing justice and peace in everyplace it reaches.

In Canada, in July 2022, I spoke of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus brought healing and consolation to many people and proclaimed "a revolution of love". Lac Ste. Anne, I learned, is also a place of healing, consolation and love, a place that "reminds us that fraternity is genuine if it unites those who are far apart, [and] that the message of unity that heaven sends down to earth does not fear differences, but invites us to fellowship, a communion of differences, in order to start afresh together, because we are all pilgrims on a journey".

In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to "renew the face of the earth."



- Pope Francis
on the World Day of Prayer
for Creation.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Knights of the Southern Cross- Midwest Branch Meeting to be held on Saturday October 14, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Talk by Fr Bernard on the Diocesan WYD23 in the Crypt with Brunch at Laian afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



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EX-STUDENTS
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

11:30am - 4:00pm

12:00pm Welcome & Official Opening
Bunbury Catholic College Gymnasium

Memorabilia on display | Complimentary lunch
Soft drinks provided | Bar facilities available

RSVP BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA EVENTBRITE



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Many parents today could empathise with the father asking each of his two sons to work in their vineyard. It is not an unreasonable request. Presumably their livelihood relies on the income from the vineyard, and the father speaks not harshly but with affection, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today."

Jesus does not explain the motivation of the two sons, but the defiance of the first son in initially refusing to work in the vineyard would have hurt his father. Jesus does not say why the son then

'thought better of it' and went to work. Perhaps it was seeing the pain on his father's face. The point for Jesus is that he changed his mind. The second son instantly agreed to his father's request but then reneged.

As St Matthew recounts, Jesus is telling this story in a contest with the chief priests and elders of the people who have challenged his authority to be teaching and acting as he does. So, he tells this story and asks them to decide who did the father's will. Of course, they answered: the one who went to work in the vineyard.

In words that must have shocked and outraged his opponents, Jesus declares: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are

vineyard, but then refused. Jesus is declaring that God's loving embrace is available to everyone, especially those who feel most excluded, or who are 'seekers' drawn by some deep inner longing.

This incident of Jesus arguing with these religious leaders also carries a warning for us today. We too can be deaf to the unexpected call of God. Moreover, Jesus insists that responding to the father's will is not just a matter of words, but of action. Actions speak louder than words.

So, we pray that God will truly walk with us, and help us live with

insightful concern for others, especially in this traumatic year that has included extensive bushfires, COVID-19 and economic distress for many.

Let us also embrace the call of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* to play our part in protecting our planet and environment, while striving for a more just world with social and economic systems that serve everyone well.

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making their way into the kingdom of God before you'. At that time, tax collectors collaborated with the oppressive Roman authorities and made money for themselves as well. They were socially despised and outside the Jewish law, like the prostitutes.

Yet these despised people were among those who heard and believed the message of John the Baptist, 'a pattern of true righteousness', while the chief priests and elders, the very ones who should have been most alert to the message of John, refused to accept him. They were like the second son who said he would go to the

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THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Rosary Statue will be in the Cathedral Crypt, in the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary Rosary Prayed at 5pm Monday-Friday Warm welcome to all!



OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE OF BLUFF POINT

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima, of Bluff Point Parish will be with Dhoris Quiros, until 8th of October.

Holy Hour with Benediction at St Lawrence's

Every second Sunday of the Month 7:45-8:45am. Last Sunday of each month 3-4pm - Divine Mercy holy hour



Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Thursday after 7am Mass until 8am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00am followed by Mass and First Fridays 7:30-9:30pm with benediction.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Brad Borrows, Ray Sloan, Isabelita Calimag, Sue Harris, Rose Ralph, Noli Soliven, Reg Maisey, Megan Aylmore, Maria Salamone, Bernard Rooney, Tim Conway, Margaret John, Maureen Burke, Maria Masiello, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, Josefina Jalbuena, Hazel Kimoto, Phil Green, Laura Drew, Andres Rodillas, Derek Levett, Peter Scarpuzza and Diana Bennett.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Don McDonald, Jim & Nancy Ward, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Rogelo Gabutero, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Bro Len Newman, David Whiteaker, Patricia Hovell, Santa Lena Kurusappan, Pas Miragliotta, Jasmine Reynolds, Ron Clancy, Vicente Tan, Genara Tan, Maria Hien, Domenica Dao Le & Marion Quilty.

Recently Deceased: Freda O'Brien and Margaret Gillmore.

Columban Art Calendar 2024 available now

Pretty and popular Columban Art calendar 2024 is available now to purchase in the parish office for only \$10.



Parish Finances

Contributions of 24th September 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1457.80	345.90	619.40
Planned Giving \$	809.00	187.00	465.00
Parish Collection \$	540.30	115.50	252.50
Friday Fast \$	107.65		



Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24)

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he 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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. . . . **Alleluia!**

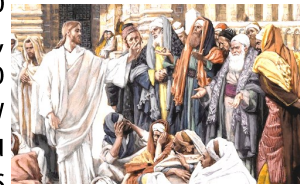
Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son; Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (**bow for the following line ***)

*born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 79 | Philippians 4:6-9 | Matthew 21:33-43

Feasts of the Week

02 Oct Mon The Holy Guardian Angels
04 Oct Wed Saint Francis of Assisi
07 Oct Sat Our Lady of the Rosary



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, **with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.** Next Friday, 6th October 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral. Everyone welcome!



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HIM TO THE HIGHEST
PLACE AND GAVE HIM THE
NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES,
- PHILIPPIANS 2:9