



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

8 October 2023

VOCATION VIEW: An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly.
 God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

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 11th October
and next Wednesday 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.

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 this Tuesday

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this 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



Public Rosary in our Parish next Saturday

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.



Christmas cards and Nativity Sets Available now

Christmas is nearly here again! Be early to send out your messages to your loved ones. Beautiful Christmas cards are available in our Holy Shop.

Budget cards for just \$3.50 per packet of 8.

If you are looking to buy a nativity set for this Christmas, whether it is small or big in size, we have it in our shop. Please visit the parish office during the office hours. EFTPOS available.



Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen



"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 next Saturday, on 14th October or brought along on Sunday 15th October. Thank you so much in anticipation of your support.



15 OCTOBER 2023 - 9AM
INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL
VENUE: ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL & OVAL
5 MAITLAND STREET GERALDTON

Parish Office & Holy Shop

Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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If you require a priest in emergency, please phone 9964 1608 (24/7)



catholic MISSION Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

You have the opportunity to partner with this Life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

Aged to Perfection - Fr Brian Ahearn

Let's celebrate the 80th birthday of Fr Brian Ahearn on 22nd October at 10:30am in the Catholic Centre.

Please bring a plate to share!



Christian Meditation every Wednesday

Christian meditation group gathers in the Cathedral crypt every Wednesday at 7:30am following the morning Mass. Meditation is for only about 30 minutes. We welcome anyone interested.

If you require a priest in an emergency please phone 9964 1608 (24/7)

SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

By Knights of the Southern Cross Education Foundation 

The Trustee of the KSC Education Foundation Inc. (a project of the Knights of the Southern Cross) takes pleasure in again inviting applications from teachers of Religious Education in Catholic Schools in Western Australia to undertake further study for units in Religious Education and Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia in 2024. *Application forms and further information are available from:* The Trustee, KSC Education Foundation Inc., PO Box 1048, SOUTH PERTH WA 6951
Tel 08 9368 2503 | Email: office@kscwa.org.au
Applications are now open and close on **1 November 2023**
www.waksca.org.au/news



If you or family members are admitted to hospital (or sick and at home) and wish to receive holy communion/pastoral visit, please ring the parish office on 9964 1608. You can also request the hospital staff to inform the Parish Office that you have been admitted in the hospital.

MHHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open daily from 10am-4pm. If you would like to learn more about John Hawes and the SFX Cathedral, tours are available on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 and Friday at 4:00. Tickets (\$5) are available at the museum.



Midwest Dementia-Friendly Community Consultations

Dementia Australia want to hear from people living with dementia, care partners, families, service providers and businesses.

Have your say – "What do you think is needed to better support people living with Dementia and care partners to remain socially connected and live well in the community?"

1.30- 4pm Tuesday 10 October 2023 at

Geraldton Multipurpose Centre, 248 Marine Tce, Geraldton. **OR**

9.30-12noon Wednesday 11 October 2023

Shire of Irwin Rec Centre, Ridley St, Port Denison.

Knights of the Southern Cross

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

Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



One Million Children Praying the Rosary

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated.

Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.



Volunteer Opportunities Overseas

English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow *this link*: <http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project

Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Diocesan Office

(Opening Hours: 8:30am - 4pm Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri | 8:30am - 1pm Wed)

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In today's gospel, Jesus chastises the Chosen People's religious leaders of his day, putting a very sobering message before them.

In the parable, he tells of a landowner who leases his vineyard into the care of tenants. When the harvest had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to claim his due as the landowner. To the landowner's dismay, the murderous tenants kill the servants. The landlord then sends more servants only to have the tenants kill them too.

Finally, the landowner sends his son and heir, thinking that the tenants would surely respect his son, respond appropriately to him, and pay what is due to the son to bring back to the landowner. But the tenants kill the landlord's son, thinking that they would then claim for themselves the inheritance that would have gone to the son.

Jesus, the master teacher, then asks the leaders who are listening to him what they think the landowner will then do. They reply that, of course, the landowner would severely punish the tenants, take the vineyard from them and lease it to new tenants.

We may well be shocked that the father, knowing that many of his servants had already been killed by the tenants, would send his son.

Jesus is rejected and killed. God then extends the Kingdom to the whole world; Gentiles and Jews. So, what does this parable, focussed as it is on the failures of Israel's religious leaders, mean for us today? It tells us that, no matter the failings or abuses of the leaders of God's people, God's Kingdom will prevail and will be fruitful. Also, that it embraces all humankind, not just a select few, but in fact all creation. It tells us that God's love will not be thwarted, no matter the misuse of privilege, authority and power.



But, in spite of that violent history, he trusts that his son would be safe, and so the son goes without arms, defences or protection, only to be killed.

In Matthew's hand, the parable becomes a story of salvation history. It speaks to us about God's dealings with his Chosen People, Israel. The vineyard is Israel (a familiar image in the Old Testament) and the tenants are the religious leaders of Israel. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets God sent to Israel, many of whom suffered greatly, some even death. Eventually God did send his only Son and

And the cornerstone of the Kingdom is Jesus, the Son, the one who was rejected. Our task, our mission, is to be faithful to Jesus' teaching and fruitful in bringing about the Kingdom in our world, through works of justice, peace, and reconciliation, in love of neighbour, and in care and compassion for the poor, the lonely, and the marginalised. The letter to the Philippians assures us: Do not worry about anything. Keep on doing the things of the Kingdom ... and the God of peace will be with us.

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BCC EX-STUDENTS REUNION



The Bunbury Catholic College Ex-Students' Association is excited to invite all former students of St Joseph's School, Marist Brothers St Francis Xavier College, and Bunbury Catholic College to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of BCC.

Coinciding with this event will be the Annual BCC Art Extraordinaire.

SAT
14
OCT

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

BCC ART EXTRAORDINAIRE

Opening Night
Fri Oct 13 | 7pm
Exhibition
Sat Oct 14 - Sun Oct 15 | 10am - 4pm

Why not
make a weekend
of these two
fabulous
events!

WA Professional Standards Office for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Professional Standards Office WA

Saxon Gee (Perth)
1800 072 390
08 9221 7762

Email
director.wapso@
perthcatholic.org.au



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 Neng Trimocha, until 15th 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, Diana Bennett and David Brown.



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

Anniversaries: Domenica Italiano, Jim Ward, Peter Rowe, May Criddle, Vince O Dea and Megan Epding.

Recently Deceased: Sr Marietta O'Connor, Jim Fraser 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 1st October 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1394.05	374.30	532.95
Planned Giving \$	654.00	460.00	475.00
Parish Collection \$	613.00	108.95	240.25
Friday Fast \$	92.70		



Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 79)

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father... .. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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 25:6-10 | Ps 22 | Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mathew 22:1-14