



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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

22 October 2023

VOCATION VIEW: We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

Freecall: 1800 257 296
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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like

Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelopes available in the church today, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Birthday Morning Tea today

The 80th birthday of Fr Brian Ahearn will be celebrated today, Sunday at 10:30am in the Catholic Centre. Everyone is invited to thank him for his ministry and wish him a very happy birthday!



All Saints' and all Souls' Days

Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are the living. Mass times on these days are as follows.

All Saints' Day **Wednesday | 1st November**
7:00am, 12:05pm and 6:00pm in the Cathedral
10:30am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point

All Souls' Day **Thursday | 2nd November**
7:00am and 6pm in the Cathedral



Christmas cards and Nativity Sets

Christmas is nearly here again! Be early to send out your messages to your loved ones. Beautiful Christmas cards have arrived and 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.



Vigil Adoration for Peace in the world, this Tuesday

The Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) joined the Catholic Bishops of the Holy Land in their call for a day of prayer and fasting for peace. Geraldton parishes have arranged a **vigil adoration in the Cathedral this Tuesday, 24th October 6-8pm** for peace in the world especially in the Middle East.

Welcome all to be involved.

"Nothing is nearer to Our heart than that devotion to the Holy Eucharist grow from day to day throughout the world."
- Pope Benedict XV

International Food Festival 2023 Mega Raffle Results

Winner of 1st Prize \$10,000 - Maricar & Alan Seno (Ticket #127)

Winner of 2nd Prize \$3,000 - Juliet Dunn (Ticket # 205)

Winner of 3rd Prize \$ 2,000 - Rhonda Lord (Ticket # 316)

Congratulations to all winners!

Family Mass next Saturday

Next Saturday vigil in the Cathedral, on 28th October will be a family Mass of pre-primary students from St Francis Xavier Primary School. Readings and other ministries will be led by the children and their families. Mass duration is expected to be longer than usual.

Blessing of the Fleet

Next Sunday 29th October 10am-4pm
at Fisherman's wharf, Geraldton

- Boat parade - Dunking Machine - Food & Market Stalls
- Fun filled family and kids entertainment
including competitions throughout the day.



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

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RE-OPENING OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH PERENJORI

4:00 Vigil Mass 4th November 2023
Followed by light refreshments



RSVP: Name Phone Contact No. Attending
1st Nov. monsignorhawes@gmail.com 0417 912997
Coach transport available from Geraldton - advise if required.

Monster Garage Sale

A monster garage sale for St Lawrence's Parish will be held on Sunday, 12th November between 8:30am and 1:30pm in the school undercover area. We are kindly requesting for donations of items you have found no further use for when doing your annual Christmas spring cleaning. Items such as tools, kitchen ware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, jewelry, pot plants, garden items, push bikes, toys, balls, soft toys and etc are greatly appreciated. Unfortunately we can't accept electrical, mechanical and clothing items.

All donations to be dropped off on Saturday 11th November between 12:30-3:30pm to the St Lawrence's school undercover area.

Please give your items as **sale ready** with a Christmas sparkle. You may like to donate a gift for our raffle which was very successful last time.

If you can help as a volunteer or need more information please contact Rosemary 0428 21517 or Jane 0427 273729. It will be a day full of fun, something for everyone, including raffles, facepainting, sausage sizzle and of course a good cuppa. EFTPOS will be available on the day.

Kalbarri Mass

Holy Mass is celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Kalbarri every Sunday at 5pm. Visitors who wish to attend Mass in Kalbarri are warmly welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities Overseas

English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliari 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.

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 Cagliari Project

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Diocesan Office

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

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NOVEMBER | The Month of the Holy Souls

This is a time when we remember and pray for our family members and friends who are deceased. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special **November Mass offering envelopes** available at the Church



entrance today. Envelopes will be given to priests and names entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed near the Altar at each Mass during the month.

Utakarra Mass and Blessing of Graves

November, being the month of the Holy Souls, Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 4th November in the San Spirito chapel at Utakarra at 9am followed by the blessing of graves. There will be no Mass in the chapel in December and January.

Sincere thanks and appreciation

The organising core committee of the International Food Festival, wishes to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks to all the generous sponsors, the local schools: St Francis Xavier Primary School Principal and staff and the parents and children; St John's School, Principal and staff and P&F; St Lawrence School Principal and staff and P&F, Nagle Catholic College Principal, staff, Head of music and the Choir and students who performed, The Sisters of Nazareth House Geraldton, all the hardworking stallholder communities and coordinators, everyone who helped to cook the sumptuous foods, all volunteers who came and assisted in some way, all the performers who entertained us, the people who bought mega raffle tickets and the entire Geraldton community who contributed, supported and helped in so many ways to make this year's International Food Festival a wonderful, successful and memorable day for all (even though the weather was extremely hot they all stayed to end the day!)

With prayerful regards and God Bless each and every one for your generosity and support!

N.B. The full Food Festival outcome details will be provided in next week's bulletin.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to "A Slice of Life" at the International Food Festival on Sunday. We were delighted to receive donations of cakes, slices, scones, sandwiches, sausage rolls and preserves from many people throughout the Diocese. Thank you also to those who assisted Sr Flora and Janelle with their amazing Biscotti and sweet delights. Blessings for your generosity.

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 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.

The gospels are full of great stories; and this Sunday's extract is no exception. It all hinges on a "trick question". The Pharisees and Herodians attempt to tempt Jesus into committing a political faux pas.

The question they put to him — "is it lawful to pay the Census tax to Caesar or not?" — permits no "safe" answer. If Jesus answers "Yes, you should pay the tax," he could be condemned as a collaborator with the hated Roman occupation. If, however, he advocated that people avoid the tax, he could be denounced as anti-Roman.

Tax revolts against Rome were common. A large-scale one had taken place during Jesus' boyhood and had been crushed with typical Roman brutality.

Ironically, the Pharisees were not normally known for their cooperation with either the imperial authorities or their aristocratic collaborators. Yet they joined forces with the supporters of Herod against Jesus.

Jesus evades the question by posing his own riddle. He asks to see the coin that was used to pay the tax; most likely, the silver denarius of Tiberius. The denarius bears an idolatrous image

of the Emperor Tiberius with the confronting inscription 'Tiberius Caesar, son of the Divine Augustus.'

The coin related to the pagan imperial cult in the



East Empire and represented an affront to Jewish religious and political sensibilities. The ancient Jewish historian, Josephus proudly proclaimed that the Jewish citizens of Jerusalem preferred death to allowing Caesar's image to enter Jerusalem on standards (Antiquities of the Jews, 18.59). Yet Jesus finds some of Jerusalem's most respected citizens had the idolatrous images of Caesar.

Jesus asks, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" When his opponents reply, "Caesar's," Jesus tells them to "repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to

God."

By asking his interlocutors to produce the coin, Jesus forces them to admit that they kept such idolatrous objects on their person. Jesus is not advocating what today we would call "the separation of Church and State." Rather, Jesus is suggesting that Caesar's regime was a blasphemous nonsense, which God would one day overthrow and replace with a new kingdom.

Jesus' words remind us of those of an earlier Jewish revolutionary, Mattathias, who told his sons "Pay back to the Gentiles what is due to them and keep the law's commands" (1 Mc 2:68). Neither Jesus nor Mattathias were talking about money, but about personal integrity and fidelity.

The lesson in here is that we shouldn't allow ourselves to be tricked into thinking that any political party or regime can bring about justice and peace. A truly just society is one aligned to God which we have yet to achieve. So, until the kingdom comes, we are called to engage in the social and political realms as critics and agents for change, champions of justice and seekers for peace.

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Feasts of the Week

28 Oct Sat Saints Simon and Jude

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 29th October 3 - 4pm

at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.

Welcome all to be with our Lord for an hour!



Parish Finances

Contributions of 15th October 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1467.75	261.85	477.65
Planned Giving \$	484.00	182.05	335.00
Parish Collection \$	551.40	51.55	270.30
Friday Fast \$	145.20		

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 Rose Starling, until 29th 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, Laura Drew, Andres Rodillas, Derek Levett, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, David Brown and Kim-Maree Kelly.



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

Anniversaries: Don Golding, Graham (Polly) McDonald, Keith O'Brien, Margherita Armanasco and Freda Miragliotta.

Recently Deceased: Desmond Lally, Phil Green and Margaret Blakers.

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading (Isaiah 45:1,4-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95)

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21)

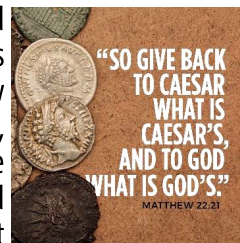
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or

not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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

Exodus 22:20-26 | Psalm 17 | 1 Thess 1:5-10 | Matthew 22:34-40

Last Baptism Preparation Meeting for the year

The next and last Baptism preparation meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday, 14th November at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptized. **There will be no meetings in December and January.** For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: sfxcath@westnet.com.au



Columban Calendars & Josephite Calendars

Pretty and popular Columban Art calendars and Josephite Calendars for the year 2024 are available now to purchase in the Parish Office for only \$10.



Volunteers for Bluff Point

St Lawrence's Parish is calling for more volunteers please for Readers for Saturday Vigil Mass and Cleaners. If you are interested, please contact Ron Pace on 0408 947716. Thank you.