



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priests Fr Savio Nguyen & Fr Joel Nyongesa
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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

29 October 2023

VOCATION VIEW: We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God.

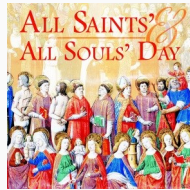
Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens today

RCIA candidates will publicly declare their intention to become members of the Church, and the Church in turn accepts them. This is an important step they make in their faith journey. Our Catholic community joyfully welcomes Sarah Wheeldon, Andrew Deakin and Justin Mawer who are to be received into the Order of Catechumens at the 9.30am Mass in the cathedral. We offer them our prayerful support as they prepare for the sacraments of Christian Initiation next Easter.



All Saints' and all Souls' Days this week

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

Utakarra Mass and Blessing of Graves next Saturday

November, being the month of the Holy Souls, Holy Mass will be celebrated next 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.

Yuna Church for Sale

Please be advised that **"Expressions of Interest"** are called for the sale of the Yuna Catholic Church and associated 1.2ha of land located on Lot 14, Yuna – Tenindewa Road, Yuna. This solid double brick building would suit project conversion to a house. Rezoning to "townsite Residential" completed. Power connected with rain-water tank. Town water supply connection possible. For further information, inspection or to make an Expression of Interest contact Fr Robert Cross at chancery@diocese-geraldton.org or phone 08 99213221. EOI will close on Friday 17 November 2023.



Blessing of the Fleet

Today, 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.



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.



All Hallows Eve - 31st October

As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light. **Place a lamp or light in your window if you stand for Christ** and He is the light of the World! All hallows is part of a special three-day holy celebration in which we can contemplate, pray, attend mass and create new and meaningful catholic traditions in our parishes and families.



Holy Hour next Friday

Please join in prayer, hymns and quiet reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Cathedral next Friday 3rd November at 11am. Mass will follow. All welcome as we celebrate All Saints' and All Souls' days this week.



Heartful Thanks

I would heartily thank you all for my 80th Birthday brunch last Sunday, to God and Mother Mary firstly. I was 'over the moon' with the Mass and Guests and Gifts. Special thanks to Bishop Michael, Fr Bernard, helpers and providers of Cakes and goodies plus entertainers and cleaners etc.. etc., to each and everyone who came - some from long distances. Three Holy Masses are being offered for you and your intentions from the bottom of my heart. Blessings galore upon you
 - Fr Brian Ahearn





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the

world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

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.

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.

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.



Do you like to have a hand made Christmas Stable?

Fr Savio has made a beautiful Stable to set up a Nativity Crib for a maximum size of 59x57cm, 95cm high. It is available for sale at the Parish Office for \$150 (no statues included). Welcome to have a look.



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.



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.



Friday Fast - Vietnam

Sister Mary Pauline writes to us from Vietnam after a working visit to the Highlands. She writes that their apostolic works for the poor kids and lepers in the area are desperately in need of support. The Dominican Sisters of St. Rose of Lima operate "warm" shelters for the children, work in orphanages and carry out much clinical support for lepers. With the new school year some of the Friday Fast donation was used to support tuition for kids from leper's families and food for lepers and very poor people in the village. If you can help with any donation, please remember to take an envelope or a small pack from the back of the church, and your help is so appreciated to help these children.

Any queries to Yvonne Fahl 0400978284

Fundraiser Movie

A fundraiser movie for Guor's village of Akot in South Sudan will be held on Sunday, 3rd December at 3:30pm at Orana Cinemas. "Journey to Bethlehem" is a musical adventure for the entire family. It is filled with humour, faith and wonderful singing and dancing in a re-telling of the Christmas story. Tickets are \$25 for Adults and \$20 for students/concession card holders. The ticket includes admission to the movie, a free drink (water or juice or cool drink) and a free small popcorn. Tickets will be available after Mass or from the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre. Phone 0438 804 191.

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.

Diocesan Office

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

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The rabbis in Jesus' time identified 613 commands (248 positive [you shall] and 365 negative [you shall not]) that were prescribed in the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament. Given the impossible burden this posed, this prompted much argument as to which were the most important.

When, in the gospel today, the Pharisees, through a lawyer, ask Jesus which is the greatest commandment, they do it to trick him, knowing that he is unschooled in the intricacies of Jewish Law.

Jesus' reply is disarmingly simple and straightforward. Jesus is in no doubt about the first and greatest commandment. It is to love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. But Jesus immediately goes on to state that the second commandment is to love your neighbour. Notice that he distinguishes these two commands, but he does not separate them.

Indeed, he indicates that, in a sense, they constitute a single command. His point is very clear: love of God and love of neighbour go hand in hand and, together, encapsulate what God requires of us.

But Jesus then adds a punch line that is a real challenge to his interlocutors: "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, these two commandments are not simply the greatest or

commanded of us as his followers. This love is to be expressed in mercy, compassion and forgiveness, in generosity of heart and magnanimity of spirit, in our individual lives and in our life together as a community.



the most important. But all other laws (those 613 or any others that might be promulgated) fall under these two. Those two commandments are the core. They are like the pillars from which all else hangs and to which all others must adhere.

Here then we come to the very heart of Jesus' teaching about how we are to live our lives and express our discipleship. It is love that is

The reading from the Book of Exodus puts before us some very concrete demands of love of neighbour: we are not to wrong or oppress a resident alien. This surely prompts us to reflect in particular on our response, individually and collectively, to refugees and asylum seekers.

We are also urged not to abuse any widow or orphan, nor the defenceless or the vulnerable, the poor or oppressed. To meet these very practical and concrete demands of love of neighbour is an essential aspect of our Christian lives.

Jesus' teaching is so very simple and yet so profoundly challenging. Just as he challenged his listeners then, he challenges us today to reflect on our behavior in terms of our love of neighbour, and how we might do better, and on our love of God and how we might grow in loving God with all our heart, soul and mind.

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Feasts of the Week

4 Nov Sat Saint Charles Borromeo



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Rosary Statue will be in the Parish Life and Mission office until 10th November.

Rosary Prayed at 5pm Monday-Friday
Warm welcome to all!



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction. Next Friday, 3rd November 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

today 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 22nd October 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1458.75	354.80	565.10
Planned Giving \$	506.00	192.00	455.00
Parish Collection \$	530.65	104.80	233.35
Friday Fast \$	129.30		



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: Fr Noel Tobin and Margaret Hovell.

Recently Deceased: Bro Willem (Wim) Van Veen SAC, Desmond Lally, and Anne Connolly.

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26)

A reading from the book of exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

IF YOU DO MISTREAT
THEM, AND THEY CRY OUT
TO ME IN DISTRESS, I WILL
SURELY HEAR THEIR CRY.
- EXODUS 22:23

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 17)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them..... Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees

they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Love Your Neighbour

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 | Ps 130 | 1 Thess 2:7-9,13 | Matthew 23:1-12

RE-OPENING OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH PERENJORI

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



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