



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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

5 November 2023

VOCATION VIEW: "Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice.

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.



Malayalam Mass this week

Fr Bibin Kurian VC will be visiting next Thursday for celebrating Malayalam Mass in the Cathedral at 6pm. Confessions commence at 5:30pm. All Keralites are kindly requested to attend.

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.



Monster Garage Sale next Sunday

A monster garage sale will be held next Sunday, on 12th November between 8:30am and 1:30pm for St Lawrence's Parish 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.

Visiting Choir next Sunday

Perth based San Lorenzo Ruiz Choir will be singing in the Cathedral at the 9.30am Mass next Sunday, on 12th November. Welcome all.

Centacare Christmas Appeal

Supporting Community Christmas Lunch, Food Hampers (Emergency relief) and Back to School Project 2024.

If you would like to help those in need this Christmas, we are still seeking support through volunteering opportunities, Donations of non-perishable food items, toys, gifts for children/teenagers (new/unopened), gifts for adults - toiletry packs etc., financial contributions towards Christmas and back to school projects.



To find out more, email ProjectsUser@centacaregeraldton.org.au or call 9921 1433.

Morning Tea Today at Laian Cafe

Make your way to Laian today after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral for a **Free** regular coffee/tea and a cake. You will pay for any special orders.




Let us pray for Peace
 with Psalm 122, 6-9

Ask for peace for Jerusalem;
 may those who love you live in safety;
 let there be peace in your walls,
 safety in your palaces.

For my brothers and my friends, I will say:
 Upon you be peace!
 By the house of the Lord our God,
 I will ask good for you.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

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THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. **Your generosity and prayers are supporting lifechanging mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and**

maternal mortality.

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 missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or want to give a gift in support, please go to catholicmission.org.au/timor today.

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.

Do you like to have a hand made Christmas Stable?

Fr Savio has made a few beautiful Stables to set up a Nativity Crib for your home! It is available for sale at the Parish Office in the range of \$100-\$150 (no statues included, available separately). 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.

*"If you cant feed a hundred people, feed just one."
- Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

MHC 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.



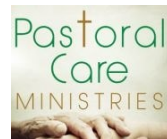
Parish Council Meeting

Next Parish Council meeting of the Geraldton parishes will be held on Thursday, 16th November at 6pm in the parish seminar room. All members are kindly requested to attend.

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



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.

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.

Feasts of the Week

- 9 Nov Thu The dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 10 Nov Fri Saint Leo the Great
- 11 Nov Sat Saint Martin of Tours



Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable in our parishes.



Amy Zinetti



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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

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Keeping Up Appearances' is a popular British sitcom that ran from 1990-1995. The plot centres on Hyacinth Bucket (pronounced "Bouquet"), a snobbish middle-aged Englishwoman on a lifelong quest to escape her working-class background, climb the social ladder and claim her rightful place in society. Hyacinth hosts elegant soirees, including her famous 'candlelight suppers' complete with Royal Doulton tea set, in an effort to impose herself on high-society people, usually involving her long-suffering, but compliant husband, Richard; while striving to 'hide' her less-refined sisters, Daisy and Rose, and Daisy's slothful husband, Onslow. Yet somehow, Hyacinth's family always manages to spoil her grand designs to find fame, usually resulting in chaos and embarrassment. However, Hyacinth is a determined lady, who has one mission in life - to impress people of influence, status and wealth!

In today's gospel, we meet some scribes and Pharisees who are also intent on 'keeping up appearances'! For them, religion has more to do with personal gain and they set out to cultivate a greater public profile, attract attention and improve their social status. They shine the

spotlight firmly on themselves by wearing "broader phylacteries and longer tassels"; taking "the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues" and having people call them "Rabbi."
But Jesus wants none of it.



Pharisees say about the Law and how they act. They do not, as Jesus says, practice what they preach. Their teaching about the Law and its prescriptions places great burdens on people, which they do nothing to ease or remove. Their role, as they see it, puts them above others and they demand, and obviously get, plenty of attention and respect from those around them.

Ultimately, Jesus says: those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Humility is realising that all we are and have is a gift; that we are dependent on God for everything. Humility is an awareness that we're not alone, but embraced by God who loves us unconditionally and in whom we can have complete trust. Therefore, we have no need

True religion is never about external things, craving power and influence or putting on a show for others. Jesus confronts such superficial, shallow and self-indulgent understandings of holiness. He calls his followers to reject such an empty way of life and instead, build their lives on integrity, love and service, and to build relationships of solidarity, equality and mutual concern.

to inflate our egos, be seduced by fame, dominate or put others down, consider ourselves superior or find our value in physical attributes, possessions or reputations.

As humble disciples of the Good News, may we die to power, domination and ostentation; and rise to simplicity, authenticity, integrity and servant leadership..

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Jesus is also conscious of what the scribes and

SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint Martin of Tours is one of the most popular and recognizable Catholic saints. Many miracles have been attributed to him. He even had a confrontation with Satan.

"Show me your wounds if you are truly Jesus!"

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Mass at St John of God Hospital Chapel

Holy Mass is celebrated at St John of God Hospital chapel every Wednesday at 11am. Easy access. All welcome!

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.

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 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: Nelson Antony, Glenis McKay, Gerry Criddle, and Gordon McLoughlin.

Recently Deceased: David Brown, Peter Day, Anne Connolly, Arokamma Chowrappa (Grandmother of Fr Bernard), Paul O'Dea and Bro Willem (Wim) Van Veen SAC.

Parish Finances
Contributions of 29th October 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1628.15	289.60	529.05
Planned Giving \$	599.00	187.00	620.00
Parish Collection \$	964.15	95.15	292.30
Friday Fast \$	80.30		



Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!.

First Reading (Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 130)

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13)

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 22:1-12)

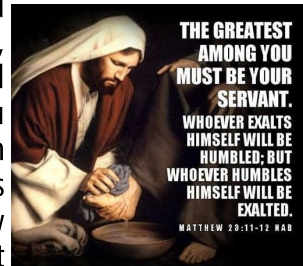
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and

the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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

Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 62 | 1 Thess 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

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



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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.