



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

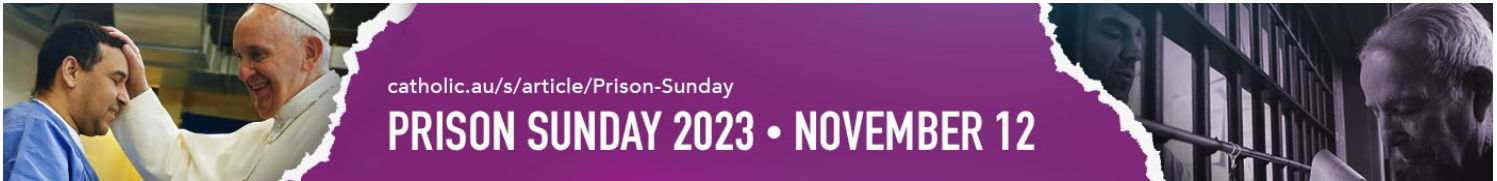
St Peter's Greenough **Sunday Mass** 8:00am

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12 November 2023

VOCATION VIEW: We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!



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PRISON SUNDAY 2023 • NOVEMBER 12

Since Pope Francis declared a 'Jubilee for Prisoners' during the Year of Mercy in 2016, the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service has continued the practice of featuring and acknowledging prison ministry in some way on the first Sunday in

November which we have called Prison Sunday.

Please keep in your prayers all of our brothers and sisters in prison, our prison ministry members and chaplains.

Great Garage Sale Today

Warm welcome to each and everyone to a great garage sale for St Lawrence's Parish in the school undercover area commencing from 8:30am and concluding by 1:30pm. Don't miss out!!

EFTPOS available.



Visiting Choir this weekend

We welcome San Lorenzo Ruiz Choir from Perth who are singing in the Cathedral at 9.30am Mass today. Sincere thanks to Glenn Hipolito and all team members for their generosity in sharing their talents with us.

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.



Parish Council Meeting this week

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

Little blue books are back!

A beautiful resource for every day reflections during Advent, the **Little Blue Books** are available in the church from today onwards for only \$4. Get your own copy in time and be ready for Advent this year! Just put your money in the bowl and take your own copy.

Prison Sunday Prayer

God of all life,
 Your son called us to be compassionate,
 just as You are compassionate. And so we pray:
 For our generous Earth, who, even when mistreated,
 continues to nourish and sustain us.
 May we grow in mutual care.

For our suffering peoples,
 who, even when facing injustices,
 teach us resilience and hope.
 May we grow in mutual care.

For each one of us, who, in times of vulnerability,
 draws on divine love and strength.
 May we grow in mutual care.

For our prison ministries, which, in times of change,
 find new ways of reaching out and in.
 May we grow in mutual care.

And may we be blessed and inspired
 as we hear these words anew:
 "For you had compassion for those who were in prison."

In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
 Amen.

*Australian Catholic Bishops Conference,
 Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.*



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

Baptism preparation meeting this Tuesday

The next and last Baptism preparation meeting for this year will be held this 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



Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530

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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.

Have you got your Christmas cards yet?

Christmas is nearly here again! Be on time 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.

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!



Wanted Counters

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join with our money counting team. If you can spare an hour every Monday commencing from 9am, please contact the parish office on 08 9964 1608 or by email sfxcath@westnet.com.au

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!

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.



Christian Meditation in Recession

Christian Meditation group will be in recession until further notice. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.



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.

"True happiness on earth consists in being forgotten and in remaining completely ignorant of created things. I understood that all we accomplish, however brilliant, is worth nothing without love." – Saint Therese of Lisieux

Is your child in Year 2 or above and in a Non-Catholic School? ENROL NOW FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION NEXT YEAR

Any child in year 2 (or higher) and NOT attending a catholic primary school, who wishes to make their First Confession in the first term of 2024, please enroll now for the **After School Program**.

No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started.

Enrolments invited also for other sacraments

For enquiries and enrolment please contact:

Parish office on 9964 1608 | Email: sfxcath@westnet.com.au

Children's Cloth Books available in the Holy Shop

Gift a colourful cloth book for your children for baptisms, birthdays or any other occasions!

Also available many other gift items, greeting cards, bibles etc. ...

EFTPOS available...

Welcome to visit during the office hours!



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



Leonie Golding



Melinda Jupp



Simon Place



Ron Pace



Rosemary Taylor



Contact Number 0470 207 707 | Email: sgo@westnet.com.au

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



Diocesan Office

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

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In biblical times, people wed at a young age with marriages arranged by the fathers of the couple. The betrothal took place in early youth and was a legal marriage, although the woman remained in her father's house.

The wedding took place at a later stage when the bridegroom would come at a pre-arranged time to the parental home of the bride, and the betrothed woman, accompanied by a colourful procession went to the house of the groom where a feast would be held for all.

Jesus uses this scenario in a parable about the kingdom which he both proclaimed and inaugurated in word and deed. The ten bridesmaids awaiting the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time. The kingdom is among us but what is our approach to the second coming of Christ? Are we enthusiastically living a life of faith and bearing witness to our belief by incarnating the values of Jesus.

Do we, like some in the Thessalonian community, passively await the coming of the fullness of God's kingdom. Mindful of the brokenness evident in our world do we merely cling to the hope that things can change for the

better? All the bridesmaids in the parable fall asleep, but wake at the coming of the bridal party. However, there is a degree of consternation as



only half have thought to provide themselves with extra oil. The oil symbolises our willingness to invest daily in deepening our relationship with the Lord and serving the community.

We cannot expect to drift gently into eternal salvation. We must realise the necessity and urgency of witnessing and living the gospel, and of being spiritually and morally awake all the days of our lives.

Like the bridesmaids, it is time for each of to take stock of our personal situation as well as

the situation of our community and our society. Perhaps there is a need to undertake a renewal of our lives. How do we do this? Perhaps it is through a renewed commitment to prayer. Perhaps it is by taking steps to enhance out biblical and theological literacy. Perhaps it is through a commitment to become more engaged in the life of our parish community. Perhaps it is by an undertaking to grow our relational skills in the service of our family. Perhaps it is by choosing to join a group who work with those on the margins of our society providing them with food, shelter, and the necessities of life.

There are many ways of growing our commitment to make a difference in the lives of those we love, to contribute more to our community and to renew our spiritual life. This commitment requires us to take stock of our lives, to reflect on the vision of the 'kingdom of God', and to actively and strategically plan how we will change so that the door to the heavenly banquet will be open for us.

Michael A Kelly CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023 #4048

“
Let's think of our incarcerated brothers and sisters, and let's think about the tenderness of God for them and pray for them so that they may find in that window of hope a way out toward a better life.
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POPE FRANCIS

PRISON SUNDAY 2023
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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

Parish Finances
Contributions of 5th November 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1327.65	374.50	558.60
Planned Giving \$	471.60	460.00	360.00
Parish Collection \$	613.60	65.10	286.60
Friday Fast \$	90.65		

Feasts of the Week

17 Nov Fri Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL
The Rosary Statue will be in the Bishop's House until 24th 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, Erica Pirrottina 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: David Pope, Fr Michael Moffat, Fred Hug and Pat O'Dea.

Recently Deceased: Sr Gerard Joseph Cooney csn, Caterina D'Agostino, David Brown, Peter Day and Paul O'Dea.

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading (Wisdom 6:12-16)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 62)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice **R.**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! ... Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The

bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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

Proverbs 31:10-31 | Psalm 127 | 1 Thess 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30

Communio Sunday Next Weekend

As the Season of Advent approaches, we will celebrate Communio Sunday next weekend. You will receive a personal letter for each family from Bishop Michael explaining the details. "Together we can make a difference"



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.