



# 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

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year A

### 19 November 2023

**VOCATION VIEW:** Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.

## COMMUNIO SUNDAY

As the Church's year nears its liturgical end, we are asked to reflect on what we are doing with the gifts God has given us. Into today's Gospel, Jesus praises the servants who used their resources wisely and we are led to ponder on what it is that we are doing with the gifts God has given us. When we share, whether it be with material objects such as money or spiritual gifts such as Faith, our giving is multiplied when it is shared with others.



The Communio Appeal is just one way we can share with others.

**Please take home today a Christmas Communio Appeal letter from Bishop Michael, for your consideration.**

*Together we can make a difference!"*

## Feast of Christ the King of the Universe Next Sunday

It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation. We will celebrate the feast in the Cathedral with **Holy Mass at 9:30am followed by Eucharistic procession**, reciting holy Rosary through the Cathedral grounds and Columbarium. It will be concluded with solemn benediction. **Warm welcome to all!**



## Thank you all

St Lawrence Garage Sale raised \$3,500. We thank St Lawrence's Primary School for the use of their undercover area, our sponsors Mitchell and Brown, Chemist Warehouse, Wondabake and IGA and Triple M Radio for advertising over the radio and Rohan Prowse at Fusion for adding in the Friday Circular. We also thank the many patrons who purchased our items, the numerous who donated plants and secondhand goods and great thanks to our hard-working volunteers who made it all possible for this event to be a great success and fun to do. **A great big thank you!**



## 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](mailto:ProjectsUser@centacaregeraldton.org.au) or call 9921 1433.



*"Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light" - Saint Cecilia*

## Did you buy enough Christmas cards?

Be first and on time to send out Christmas greetings 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.

## 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.

## Funeral of Sr Gerard Cooney csn this week

The requiem Mass for the late Nazareth House Sister Gerard Cooney will be held at Nazareth House Chapel this Tuesday on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10:45am followed by burial at Geraldton Cemetery.



## Christian Meditation in Recess

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

## Special Baptism preparation meeting

Due to the high demand, there will be a special Baptism preparation meeting on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptized. **The following meeting will be only in February.** For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: [sfxcath@westnet.com.au](mailto:sfxcath@westnet.com.au)



**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)**

## Fundraiser Movie

A fundraiser movie for Guor's village of Akot in South Sudan will be held on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:sfxcath@westnet.com.au)

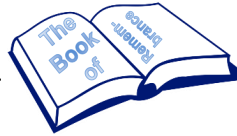
## Do you like to have a hand made Christmas Stable?

Fr Savio has made a few beautiful Stables to set up a Nativity Crib in your home! It is available for sale at the Parish Office. Only one more left! (no statues included, available separately). Welcome to have a look!

## NOVEMBER | The Month of the Holy Souls

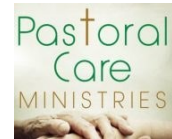
This is a time when we remember and pray for our family members and friends who are deceased. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special **November Mass offering envelopes** available at the Church entrance today.

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.



## 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.



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.

## 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!



## 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 0899641608 | Email: [sfxcath@westnet.com.au](mailto:sfxcath@westnet.com.au)**

## COMMUNIO SONG

Throughout the Geraldton Diocese, the largest in our land, a new word falls from all our lips, an ideal rich and grand. Listen to the words of Christ, please help me in the poor. In an answer to our Bishop's prayer, we'll build Communio!

### Chorus:

**We are the hands; we are the voice.  
Together we'll make a difference,  
hearts rejoice!  
Communio, Communio  
Come share the blessings of Communio.**

Stand beside our troubled youth and guide them on their road. Lend a hand to families and ease their heavy load. Offer comfort to the aged, hear their stories told. Help them feast on memories, re-live their days of old.

### Chorus:

Remember we're all family, whatever race or creed. Take to heart what Christ has said, step forth and fill the need. Don't let beliefs or differences isolate the soul. Together we can lend a hand, make people's lives feel whole.

### Chorus:

They're living in the outback, upon the Pilbara plains, throughout our Western Diocese, hearts are filled with pain. Jesus calls to one and all, my people are in need. The challenge comes to each of us, to take our Bishop's lead.

### Chorus:

## Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton



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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

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**Different** people have different abilities. A person gifted with imagination or creativity may not be good at administration or finance. Someone with a flair for 'do it yourself' around the house may not be musical. A cook who is 'at home' in the kitchen may be completely lost when it comes to anything mechanical. Someone with sporting prowess may find computers and electronics out of their league.

The rich man in today's parable was aware of his servants' abilities. Before departing on his journey, he entrusted his property to each servant in proportion to their ability. He only gave as much responsibility as each one could shoulder. The first two servants worked according to their ability, increasing what had been entrusted to them. But the third did not. He simply returned the one talent he had been given. Fear held him back from using his ability to work for the extra he was capable of gaining. "I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground."

Fear can paralyse. It causes us to withdraw;

concentrating our attention on ourselves and our security. It freezes our readiness to take risks and to face the unknown. It tempts us to conserve and to obsess about certainties. Fear can strip us of confidence and prevent



us from reaching our potential. Jesus was aware of the power that fear wielded in people's lives. When he was at the end of his public life and soon to be executed, Jesus wanted his followers to continue what he'd begun and to embrace his great commission, "Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature." But Jesus knew that those who

would come after him would encounter many problems. Their biggest problem would be their own fear. Yet Jesus was insistent, "Do not be afraid."

When Peter fell on his knees saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," Jesus responded with compassion and understanding. "Do not be afraid, from now on you will fish for people." When fear threatened to hold Peter back, Jesus called him to let go and walk on with faith and trust. Talents are given to bear fruit, not to lie in the bank or be buried in the ground, safe and unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end God expects otherwise. "Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten". In other words, 'use it or lose it'. All of us have been gifted by God. If fear causes us to hide our God-given talents, then those around us are deprived. Jesus wants us to live our lives to the full; free from fear and always ready to share our abilities and talents for the good of all.

David J Hore CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023 #4049

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 3 - 4pm  
at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.

Welcome all to be with our Lord for an hour!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction. on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral. Everyone welcome!



**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 Bishop's House until 24<sup>th</sup> 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, Olive Woodcock, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

**Anniversaries:** Michael Duplex, Basil Faulkner, Angelina Bombara, Mick Mines, KM George, Catherine and Victor Basile.

**Recently Deceased:** Max Flavel, Sr Gerard Joseph Cooney csn and Caterina D'Agostino.

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*Feasts of the Week*

- 21 Nov Tue The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 Nov Wed Saint Cecilia
- 24 Nov Fri Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions



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**Parish Finances**

Contributions of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1399.75	358.15	551.85
Planned Giving \$	539.00	267.00	1537.50
Parish Collection \$	540.30	64.10	283.10
Friday Fast \$	104.25		



## Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

## First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)

### A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 127)

### R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R.

## Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia! ...

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit..... Alleluia!

## Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his

master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 | Ps 22 | 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 | Matt 25:31-46

