



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year A

26 November 2023

VOCATION VIEW: *The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.*

Solemnity of Christ the King

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.



Please join the Eucharistic Procession after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral today, through the Cathedral grounds and Columbarium reciting Holy Rosary. It will be concluded with solemn benediction.

Get your little blue book in time!

A beautiful resource for every day reflections during Advent, the **Little Blue Books** are available in the church now for only \$4. Get your own copy in time and be ready for Advent commencing next Sunday. Just put your money in the bowl and have your own copy.

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.



Fundraiser Movie next Sunday

A fundraiser movie for Guor's village of Akot in South Sudan will be held next 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.

Children's Cloth Books available in the Holy Shop A perfect Christmas gift for your children

Gift a colourful cloth book for your children this Christmas! It is also ideal for baptisms, birthdays or any other occasions! Also available many other items. . . . EFTPOS available...



Geraldton Parishes Morning Tea Next Sunday

Feast of St Francis Xavier and the Launch of the Diocesan Synod

Sunday the 3rd December, brings many things to celebrate together. Bishop Michael Morrissey will be launching the Diocesan Synod at the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral and everyone is encouraged to attend. Apart from this day being the 1st Sunday of Advent, it is also the feast of St Francis Xavier, our patron saint of the cathedral.

Everyone is cordially invited to come together and join in a **bring and share morning tea at 10am** in the Divine Mercy garden to celebrate these special occasions.



Thank you - International Food Festival 2023

We have now finalised the proceeds of the Food Festival held in October this year. Having the major prizes paid out and distributed to the winners, the net profit we made from the event is \$49,500. With deep gratitude and appreciation, we say "Thank you" to each and everyone who contributed in various ways to the success of this year's food festival. May God bless you and your families for your wonderful generosity and kind support.

- International Food Festival Committee

Holy Hour Next Friday

1 December, at 11am in the Cathedral

Advent-Christmas: praying together

We are all invited to gently enter into this theme and season of our lives! Come, help to create a beautiful, strong sense of adoration, thanksgiving and intercession as we prepare for the coming of Jesus into our world.



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

Christmas Busy Bees at St Lawrence's Church

Christmas Busy Bees at Bluff Point this year is on Saturday 9th December beginning at 9 am. Please come along to help and bring your own cleaning equipment such as mop, cobweb brush, broom, bucket, dusting cloths, cleaning agents and cloths suitable for cleaning picture frames, displays, woodwork, glass and for cleaning entrance and outside surrounds. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.



New Readers' Roster for Cathedral

New roster for Cathedral readers commencing from next weekend is available now. Please get your copy from the sacristy. Thank you.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

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Dear People of the Geraldton Diocese,
This year, 2023, finds us all affected by a much higher cost of living in Australia than experienced in recent years, affecting the lives of many people and families. We are all seeing more and more homeless sitting on pavements or pushing trolleys. Families are taking to their cars for refuge because they can't afford a place to call home, or if they can afford a place, there simply aren't homes available due to an overwhelming shortage.

There are those who ask, "So what is your community or parish doing to help?" Yes, it may appear as nothing is being offered. If you look at the individual financials of these places, you would see a reflection of what normal households are struggling with, having not much left over to offer any help to anyone. Despite this - it is not the sum total of our community or parishes. It is us, the individuals who make up these communities. It is us, who despite obstacles of uncertainty and doubt with our finances, good is happening in our communities in quiet ways and, as individuals, in our simple ways we are making a difference to people's lives. Because we know that is what we are called to do.

As Pope Francis also encourages us to do, *"...thank the Lord that so many men and women are devoted to caring for the poor and the excluded; they are persons of every age and social status who show understanding and readiness to assist the marginalized and those who suffer. They are not superheroes but "next door neighbours", ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor. They do more than give alms: they listen, they engage, they try to understand and deal with difficult situations and their causes. They consider not*

only material but also spiritual needs; and they work for the integral promotion of individuals".

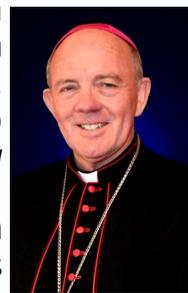
The *Communio Christmas Appeal* is held annually throughout our diocese during the season of Advent, commencing in every Diocesan Parish on Sunday, 17th November, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before the Feast of Christ the King. This Appeal is a means that individuals can contribute to, to quietly help offer financial assistance and engage with others in need of support and encouragement.

Despite the vastness and remoteness of many communities in our diocese, through this Appeal we are able to care and support each other and the various ministries that assist people's lives. But it is only through your ongoing generosity that any assistance can happen in the first place. What becomes more apparent with the cost of living going up and lack of social housing for people who cannot afford their own home, is that family relationships become strained and children suffer in the fallout of these struggling relationships. Individuals feel frustrated, helpless and forgotten. These all find assistance from Centacare, who rely on Communio funds to be able to assist them.

Our Priests or Pastoral Associates are approached more and more for assistance around the diocese. These are often supported from Communio, as is Nazareth House, who are helped to purchase items not funded by the Government to help improve the wellbeing of the elderly.

Communio continues to support the ministry of Mrs Cathy Jones, Pastoral Leader with the local Catholic and Aboriginal Communities in the Inland Parish of Mt Magnet, Cue and Meekatharra. The small Catholic Inland Communities of Leonora, Laverton and Leinster,

parishes that hold the rich Catholic faith tradition begun in these areas 122 years ago. Your support of Communio lets these communities know they are not forgotten, and we are all connected through our generosity and kindness towards each other in faith.



Thank you to all those who generously contributed to the 2022 Christmas Appeal totaling \$20,735.95 and on behalf of all those who benefited from those funds, I request your prayerful consideration in supporting this year's Appeal.

If you have not received my personal letter to you last week with payment options, I would be grateful if you could kindly get one from the Church today.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible. If you require a receipt, please indicate your preference as to how you would like to receive it. I assure you that your personal details and contribution details are kept strictly confidential.

Every blessing and peace,

Yours sincerely

+ M. Morrissey

The Most Rev. Michael H. Morrissey

Catholic Caring Services

- Inland Parishes' Ministry
- Centacare
- 'New Mothers' Group
- Nazareth House
- Special and/or urgent requests for assistance



Don't Spend Christmas on Your Own

Centacare Family Services invites you to join for **Community Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day at 12 noon** at Catholic Centre, 9 Maitland Street



What to bring? YOURSELF!

To register your interest in attending, please call us.

Also to volunteer or make a donation, please call on 9921 1433.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch End of Year Meeting: Holy Mass on Saturday, 9th December at 11am in the Cathedral crypt by Fr Cross, with Lunch at Laian's afterwards. All men over 18 are encouraged to attend, children are also welcome throughout. Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



Special Baptism preparation meeting

Due to a high demand, there will be a special Baptism preparation meeting on Tuesday, 19th 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 in February 2024.** For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: sfxcath@westnet.com.au



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.



Diocesan Office

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

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What sort of king is revealed to us in today's readings? It seems he's not like other kings. In the first reading God is spoken of as 'a true shepherd', one who doesn't abandon his flock, but cares for them.

Kings, who had once been thought of as shepherds, had long abandoned their people. Consequently, the reading focuses on the ways of this 'true shepherd', this true king. In the gospel there is awe and majesty and judgement and, if we wonder where this king is to be found, we hear he's to be found among the 'nobodies' and outcasts.

To which we might say, come again? We're surprised by this, as are the righteous and unrighteous in the gospel, because it's not quite what we expected.

Of course, we might contribute to a couple of charities, or volunteer with St Vinnies; we might even say hello to the person sitting outside Coles, though as for her being Jesus, or bumping into Jesus on a visit, that might seem a bit of a stretch.

Still, almost unawares, we may have begun to make room in our lives for others, and in doing so, at moments, begin to see this king and

recognise the ways in which he doesn't seem to resemble the popular images of Christ the King. He's more like the well-known sculpture of the Homeless Jesus lying on a bench, his body covered over, with only his wounded feet



showing.

What this image suggests is that his life and death have been all about God's kingdom and Jesus is there, waiting for us in the 'nobodies' and outcasts, and we can enter this kingdom whenever we find ourselves able to be with them. Then we may realise, 'there's no more them and us, just us.'

It's a kingdom characterised by mercy and

justice and this king dispenses justice mercifully, as he will at the last judgement when we're all to be judged. We shouldn't worry unnecessarily about it, however awesome and decisive it might seem, because it will come, and our lives will speak for us: they will be the answer we give to Christ. This judgment isn't meant to fill us with fear, rather, it's a cause for hope when all will be revealed to us; and this future is to be lived now, because his judgement is a call to be present to the person before me, who is my future.

Take to heart then what Mother Teresa once said about the world's problems: 'We've forgotten that we belong to one another.' Belonging to one another is the hope Christ offers us, as the second reading says, a life he wants to share with

us all.

Who doesn't belong in our local churches and in our lives? Where is Jesus to be found? On our streets, in prisons, in boarding houses, wherever, still waiting to be seen, to be welcomed. Whenever this happens, God's kingdom is made real on earth, as in heaven.

Damian Coleridge @ Majellan Media 2023

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Divine Mercy Holy Hour today
today Sunday 26th 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.
next Friday, 1st December 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.
Everyone welcome!



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.

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Parish Finances

Contributions of 19th November 2023

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1210.90	386.00	551.80
Planned Giving \$	414.00	187.00	358.50
Parish Collection \$	438.30	95.20	359.60
Friday Fast \$	79.35		



Feasts of the Week

30 Nov Thu Saint Andrew



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Rosary Statue will be in the Bishop's House until 1st December.

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 and Rosetta Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Fr Tim Manley, Anselmo Scarpuzza, Rachel Taboada, Charlie Pace, Andre Behiels, Ern Tavies OE, Yasmine Ryan, Matilda Abreu, Bren and Theresa Prunster.

Recently Deceased: Max Flavel and Trevor McPherson.

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading (Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28)

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! ...

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will

separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8 | Psalm 79 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mark 13:33-37

