



# 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 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

## The Epiphany of the Lord

## Year B

## 7 January 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** *More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*



The sight of the star filled them with delight.

Matthew 2

### The Baptism of the Lord - Feast celebrates tomorrow

Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfil all righteousness". Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son".  
 CCC: 1224

### Enroll now for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Any child in year 3 (or higher) and not attending a Catholic Primary School, who wishes to make their First Confession this year, please enroll now for After School Program which commences next month. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. For enrolments or for more information, please visit our parish website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/> or contact the Parish Office by email: [sfxcath@westnet.com.au](mailto:sfxcath@westnet.com.au) or phone 08 9964 1608. **Candidates for receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year can also enroll now.**

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

### Bishop's Communion Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Christmas Communion Appeal. Tax Receipts will be forwarded to those who requested them. The Appeal remains open until the **30<sup>th</sup> of June** this year. Information on the ways you can donate towards the Christmas Communion Appeal can be found under the tab **Outreach** on the parish website [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)  
*"Together we can make a difference".*



### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at **5:30pm** in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptized. *For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: [sfxcath@westnet.com.au](mailto:sfxcath@westnet.com.au)*



### Visit our parish website

For parish bulletins online, articles or any other parish related information, please visit our website [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)

### Josephite Calendars still available

If you wish to have a beautifully prepared Josephite Calendar for 2024, it is still available at the Parish Office for \$10.

### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Sr Flora Ricupero at unit 2, 141 Cathedral Avenue until 12<sup>th</sup> January.  
 Rosary prayed at **5pm on Monday-Friday**  
 All welcome.



### Marist Reunion

All former Marist students are warmly invited to participate in the upcoming annual reunion on Wednesday 24 January 2024. Venue: Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands. Time: 4.30pm. Mass in the college chapel at 5.30pm Fellowship to follow. BYO everything. RSVP unnecessary. Queries: Kevin 0407 511 104. Ambrose 0419 912 187.

### 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, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, Josefina Jalbuena, Hazel Kimoto, Laura Drew, Andres Rodillas, Derek Levett, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly and Norm Bone.



**For the deceased:** Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Don McDonald, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza.

**Anniversaries:** Reg Price, Patricia McAuliffe, Joe Greenland, Evelyn Hovell and Frank Maguire.

**Recently Deceased:** Henry Thuijs, Bernie Duplex, Alfredo Di Loreto and Albert Cream.

**Parish Office & Holy Shop**

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

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## Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

## First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6)

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 71)

### R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

**R. Communion Antiphon**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

**R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

**R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

**R.**

## Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6)

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** ... We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.....**Alleluia!**

## Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

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

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.

'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore 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

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 | Psalm 39 | 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 | John 1:35-42

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