



St John's Rangeway



St Peter's Greenough

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year B

31 December 2023

VOCATION VIEW: Families are where kindness, humility, patience and thanksgiving are lived and celebrated. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them.

What was family life in Nazareth like?

"In the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified their ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy. They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbours, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things, in perfect union with the Will of God the Father."
 - St Josemaria Escrivá



New Year Message

from Bishop Michael and all Clergy members

We wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year to all. Let us thank and praise God for all the blessings we have received this year despite having turbulent times. May the Almighty God shower his profound blessings upon you in the new year.



Wish you all a very graceful, hopeful and bountiful New Year!

Clergy Retreat this week

Bishop Michael and our Priests will be attending their annual retreat at St John of God Retreat Centre, Safety Bay this week, commencing from tomorrow, Monday onwards. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts. Fr Joel Nyongesa will be available in Geraldton for any emergency pastoral services. Please phone the parish office on 08 9964 1608, which will be diverted to him.

Bishop's Christmas Communio Appeal

As encouraged by Pope Francis in *Gaudete et Exsultate*, "The important thing is that each believer discerns his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts". This is not only to our own benefit, but flows over to the benefit of others.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Communio Christmas Appeal. Tax Receipts will be forwarded to those who requested them. The Appeal remains open until the **30th of June 2024**.

Information on the ways you can donate towards the Christmas Communio Appeal can be found under the tab *Outreach* on the parish website www.geraldtoncathedral.org

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Sr Flora Ricupero at Unit 2, 141 Cathedral Avenue, until 4th January. Rosary prayed at 5pm on Wednesday and Thursday only.



Thanksgiving Adoration tonight

Let us join together for a solemn adoration and benediction on the last day of the year at 10pm followed by thanksgiving Mass at 11pm in the Cathedral tonight. It is a great opportunity to reflect and thank God for the abundant blessings we have received and the endurance in facing challenges! We will also begin our new year with the Lord of all. All Welcome!



January Reflection and Prayer: A Whole New Year!

Holy Hour includes The Epiphany of the Lord and Jesus' Baptism.

On Friday 5 January at 11am in the Cathedral followed by mid-day Mass.



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.



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

Anniversaries: Vernon Norris, Lynette Diepeveen and Jerry Dolan.

Recently Deceased: Bernie Duplex, Alfredo Di Loreto and Cecilia Norris.

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

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Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading (Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! **R.**

Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **R.**

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! ... In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 2:22,39-40) [Short Version]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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 60:1-6 | Psalm 71 | Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12

Feasts of the Week

- 1 Jan Mon Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God
- 2 Jan Tue Saints Basil and Gregory
- 7 Jan Sun The Epiphany of the Lord

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday,
with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.
next Friday, 5th January 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.
Everyone welcome!



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