



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** Currently Suspended

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

First Sunday of Lent

Year B

18 February 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Lent is a season of renewal and spiritual growth.
 These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling

Project Compassion

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.



Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn

income to support her children. Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.




Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations. Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church today. Alternatively by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - Rite of Election (or Enrolment of Names) today at the 9.30 am Mass.

Congratulations to the RCIA candidates attending Rite of Election today, Sarah Marie Wheeldon and Andrew Deakin who are preparing to be Baptised at the Easter Vigil this year. "The celebration of the Rite of Election, which usually coincides with the opening of Lent, marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity." (RCIA



 If you forgot to bring money for Cathedral collections, scan this QR code and donate online using your debit/credit card.

First Reconciliation / Confession this year

Sacrament of first Reconciliation/Confession will be celebrated in our parishes next Month.

Commitment Mass this weekend

Candidates and parents are attending one of the following Masses this weekend or next Saturday for making their commitment.

Saturday 17th Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral or Bluff Point
Sunday 18th Feb at 7.30am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral
Sunday 18th Feb at 9.00am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point
Saturday 24th Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral

Rangeway students to attend one of the above Masses

For the time table of Lent and Holy Week Services, please visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/lent/> or scan this QR code->



THE FIRST RECONCILIATION | PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CELEBRANT: Candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are you fully aware that you have begun a program which will lead you to deeper commitment to Christ and his Church?

CANDIDATE: Yes we are.

CELEBRANT: Are you willing to participate and cooperate in this preparation program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

CANDIDATE: Yes we are.

CELEBRANT: Parents, are you prepared to support your children in their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by word and

example as well as participating in parent meetings and endeavouring to participate in Sunday Masses?.

PARENTS: Yes we are.

CELEBRANT: Children, on the day of your Baptism you were signed by the sign of the Cross. Receive again this sign on your forehead. By this sign of his love, Christ will be your strength. (Priest and /or parents sign a cross on the forehead of each child).

CELEBRANT: On behalf of our parish community, I accept your commitment as candidates for Reconciliation. I know the members of our parish join with me in praying for you during this time of preparation.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

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LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 24th March Regular Sunday Mass times in all churches

We recall Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem in the days leading up to his Passion and Death. Palms will be blessed at all parish Masses and these can be taken home afterwards for safe keeping during the year ahead. St. Mark's Passion will be read at all Masses. The congregation are invited to take part in this.

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Wednesday 13th March 5:00pm Mass of the Holy Oils
Tuesday 26th March 7:00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 28th March (No Morning Mass)
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday 29th March
10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions

Holy Saturday 30th March (No Morning Mass)
11-12nn Confessions
7:00pm Easter Vigil
The Easter Vigil includes the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Old Testament readings, Baptism, Reception and Confirmation.

Easter Sunday 31st March
7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm Resurrection of the Lord

St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

Holy Thursday 28th March
6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration

Good Friday 29th March
3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday 31st March
9:00am Resurrection of the Lord,

St. John's Church, Rangeway
No Service - Church closed for renovation

St. Peter's Church, Greenough

Good Friday 29th March
10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions

Easter Sunday 31st March
8:00am Resurrection of the Lord

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th March 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*

The Wondrous Gems of John Cyril Hawes

26th April \$75 3:00-7:30

Here's your chance to spend a relaxing afternoon discovering all the hidden gems of Monsignor Hawes in Geraldton. Have you been in the Cathedral Crypt or The Hermitage? Have you seen the artwork inside the chapel in the grounds of Utakarra Cemetery? Have you enjoyed the hospitality of the Irish Club? Join us on a Coach Tour of these and other buildings and learn a little more about our amazing Priest/Architect. Book online www.monsignorhawes.com or Phone Gerry 0417 912997.



Children's Liturgy Suspended

Children's Liturgy in the Cathedral is currently suspended due to the lack of volunteers to run it.

Publication on the history of Mullewa Church

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Inc is working towards a publication about the history of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Mullewa over the 100 years since the laying of the Foundation Stone in 1924, with particular emphasis on the life of the Priest/Architect John Cyril Hawes. Past Parishioners and their family members, and Mullewa residents, are invited to contribute their memories, photographs, and documents relating to significant events in the church and parish, or any anecdotes relating to the life of John Hawes. Contributions can be posted or emailed to Gerry Eastman, PO Box 46 Geraldton 6531 or monsignorhawes@gmail.com or left at Bishop's House 7 Maitland Street ASAP. Please ensure your contact details are included. (We cannot guarantee that your information will be featured in the publication, however it may be used in displays and/or archived for future use).



An open invitation is extended to all who have any connection to or interest in the history of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church and the life and work of Monsignor Hawes, to join us in Mullewa on September 14th 2024 to commemorate this centenary. The celebrations will commence with Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a social gathering with light lunch and refreshments provided. Coach transport from Geraldton will be available if required. *Please respond to advise attendance via our website www.monsignorhawes.com, contact Gerry on 0417 92 997 or email monsignorhawes@gmail.com*



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 25th February 3 - 4pm
at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.
Welcome all to be with our Lord for an hour!

Project Compassion Prayer 2024

God of all hope,
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.
We thank you for the love in our lives that is
a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent
and may we take courage to share it, especially with
those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you,' when you ask us
to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
move us to act in the company of your Spirit,
showing compassion and acting for justice
to renew the face of the Earth,
now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen



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Mark wrote his gospel for persecuted Christians living in Rome. These early believers lived in fear of being thrown to the wild beasts in the public square; their cruel and agonising deaths a source of grotesque 'entertainment' for Rome's citizens!

Interestingly, today's gospel situates Jesus with wild beasts in the wilderness, where Mark says that he was tempted by Satan. The word *satan* in Hebrew means an opponent, and in the Old Testament, it typically referred to human opponents. In time, the word also came to be understood as a kind of 'public prosecutor', someone who accused people before God.

Eventually, it came to mean God's adversary; a demonic spirit opposed to God. So, in the New Testament, Satan was seen as the powerful spirit of evil, engaged in a great tussle against God. By Jesus entering the wilderness, he 'took on' Satan on his home ground; an encounter which Jesus clearly won!

But when Jesus leaves the wilderness of temptation, we know it's an experience that he will encounter again and again at various stages

throughout his public life and ministry, including those last hours in the garden and on the Cross. For example, recall when Jesus tells Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is



not God's way but man's." So, in his preaching, Jesus, who is the way to God, urged his followers to see that the time had come for them to embrace God's way, to allow God to guide and direct their lives and to allow the Good News to illuminate their minds, hearts and actions. But for that to happen, they need to repent and believe.

For us, too, temptations and evil are part of our lives. Selfishness, greed, dishonesty, jealousy, revenge, resentment, control and power

constantly surround and seduce us. But the true value, worth and beauty of life, comes with building and fostering a loving and just society, founded on Jesus the Way to God, and his Good News of truth, integrity, love, compassion, freedom and peace.

That's why we need this purifying period of Lent every year. If, in recent years, we let it pass us by largely unnoticed, let this year be different. Let it be a time to review our lives, reflect upon our thoughts, words and deeds, and concentrate our efforts more fully on the things of God, and to repent and believe.

At the beginning of Lent, the Church always takes us into the wilderness with Jesus, to confront the powers that are contrary to the gospel. The good news is that we face this lifelong task under the guidance, strength and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and with the powerful nourishment of the Eucharist, and together with the support and encouragement of our fellow pilgrims of faith gathered here with us today.

David J Hore CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023 #4063

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We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable of our parishes.



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THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Mrs Amy Zinetti at 14 Mellows Place, Rangeway until 23rd February.

Rosary prayed at 5pm on Monday-Friday

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.



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.

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, Laura Drew, Andres Rodillas, Derek Levett, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Una McFadden.

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

Anniversaries: Corazon Con-us, Ida Cream and John Monaghan.

Recently Deceased: Fr Des Reid CSSp, Robert Levett and Louis Eeles.



Thank You

Parish Finances

Contributions of 11th February 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1915.50		665.20
Planned Giving \$	514.00	532.00	570.00
Parish Collection \$	738.25		347.70
Friday Fast \$	99.65		

Entrance Antiphon

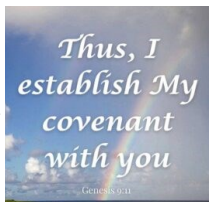
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading (Genesis 9:8-15)

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24)

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

R.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3:18-22)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel (Mark 1:12-15)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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

Genesis 22:1-18 | Psalm 115 | Romans 8:31-34 | Mark 9:2-10

Lent 2024

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Cathedral commencing on Friday 16th February.



Lenten Reflections Every Monday

All are welcome to attend the weekly reflections on Sunday Gospels during Lent, on every Monday 5:30-6:30pm in the Catholic Centre. Resources of this program are from the Diocese of Wollongong.

Little Black Book for Lent

A beautiful resource for daily reflections in Lent, the *Little Black Book* is available in the Church today for \$4 each. Please put the money in the bowl and take your copy. If you haven't got the money today, take the book and bring the money next week. Thank you.



Feasts of the Week

22 Feb Thu The Chair of St Peter



Parish Lenten Retreat

with Dr Pina Ford

(CEWA Catechist Service Team Leader)

Saturday, 9th March 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
in the Catholic Centre

All welcome. This is a free event! Morning Tea & Lunch provided.
Please email Benny on sfxcath@westnet.com.au or phone 99642716 to register.

