

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

4 February 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Christ is 'the light to enlighten all nations'. How are you called to help him bring that light to the world?
Pray to discern your vocation.

Rangeway Church is closed temporarily

St John's Church at Rangeway has closed since last Wednesday with immediate effect due to the extensive damage of the ceiling. There will not be any Masses or events in the Church until the damage is assessed and rectified, which might take a few months. Parishioners are requested to use other churches for attending Mass or arranging any rituals until the church is safely operative.



Morning Tea Today

Being the first Sunday of the month, there will be morning tea today in the Divine Mercy Garden after the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. Welcome everyone to have a chat and sip a Cuppa. More helpers wanted to run this ministry smoothly. Please talk to Amy Zinetti, if you can give a hand this time or in the coming months.



Children's Liturgy Suspended

Children's Liturgy is currently suspended due to the lack of volunteer leaders to run it.

Wanted leaders for Children's Liturgy

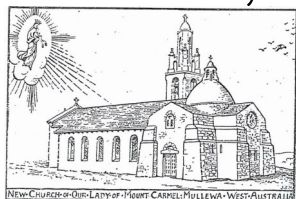
"Let the children come to me!"

We are looking for a few volunteers urgently to keep the Children's Liturgy running. Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays during the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral and 8:30am in St John's Church Rangeway. All resources and training will be provided. It is a good opportunity for evangelisation by nurturing faith in our young children. If you are interested in being a part of the team or need further information, please contact the Parish Office either on 08 9964 1608 or email sfxcath@westnet.com.au



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).



New Church of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Mullewa - West Australia

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*

Little Black Book for Lent

The little black book for Lent is available in the Church today to be used from next Sunday onwards. It costs only \$4. Please put the money in the bowl and get your copy. You can also pay later.

Sacrament of Reconciliation— Classes begin this week

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 this Wednesday. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. For enrolments or for more information, please visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/> or contact the Parish Office by email: sfxcath@westnet.com.au or phone 08 9964 1608. *Candidates for receiving **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** this year can also enroll now.*

Resumption of Christian Mediation Group

Christian Meditation group gathers every Wednesday at 7:30am in the Cathedral Crypt. All welcome.

Anointing Mass next Saturday

The next anointing Mass for the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton to be celebrated in the Cathedral will be on Saturday, 10th February at 9am. Those who are sick or wish to be anointed are welcome to attend.



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)

2024 SACRAMENTAL TIMELINE

SACRAMENTS	PROGRAMS	SFX GERALDTON	ST.JOHN'S RANGEWAY	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	SLC BLUFFPOINT
Mass of the Holy Oils		13 th March, Wednesday at 5pm in the Cathedral. Delegates of the Confirmation Candidates to attend.			
RECONCILIATION (Term I) Year 3 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 7 th Feb 3:20-4:30pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	14 th Feb, Wed at 5pm in the Catholic Centre	14 th Feb, Wed at 5pm In the Catholic Centre	14 th Feb, Wed at 5pm In the Catholic Centre	
	Commitment Mass	17 th , 18 th or 24 th Feb	17 th , 18 th or 24 th Feb	17 th , 18 th or 24 th Feb	17 th Feb or 18 th Feb
	Celebration	Wed 27 th March	Wed 6 th March	Wed 27 th March	Sat 16 th Mar
<i>Attend Mass in the Cathedral</i>					
FIRST EUCHARIST (Term II) Year 4 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 18 th Apr 3:20-4:30pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	15 th May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	15 th May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	15 th May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	
	Commitment Mass	4 th , 5 th or 11 th May	4 th , 5 th or 11 th May	4 th , 5 th or 11 th May	4 th or 5 th May
	Celebration	Sat 15 th June 4:00pm	Sun 16 th June 8:30am	Sat 15 th June 4:00pm	Sun 16 th June 11am
	<i>Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the celebration</i>				
<i>Attend Mass in the Cathedral</i>					
CONFIRMATION (Term III) Year 6 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 17 th July 3:20-4:30pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	24 th July, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	24 th July, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	24 th July, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	
	Commitment Mass	27 th , 28 th July or 3 rd August	27 th , 28 th July or 3 rd August	27 th , 28 th July or 3 rd August	27 th or 28 th July at Bluff Point
	Celebration	Wed 4 th & Fri 6 th September at 6pm	Tue 3 rd September 6pm	Fri 6 th September 6pm	Thu 5 th September 6pm
	<i>Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the celebration</i>				
<i>Attend Mass in the Cathedral or Rangeway</i>					

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.

Stella Maris Girl's Reunion

Stella Maris College 1974 batch reunion will be held on Sunday, 3rd March commencing with Holy Mass celebrated in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by tours and other activities. All batch mates, please mark your diary!

Lent with Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Friday Fast

Parishioners and Families are invited to help the Friday Fast project by going without a little food or drink on Fridays (or any other day!) and putting your contribution, no matter how small it is, into a yellow envelope on the table at the back of the church and placing it in the collection plate each weekend. Lent is coming up and this is a good time to think about just how blest we are here in Australia and how desperate so many other people are. This year we will be helping Sr. Christy at St Mary's Home for vulnerable children in New Guinea. Our thanks to you all for your support and any queries to Yvonne Fahl 0400 978 284.

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Apply to become a YouthCARE Chaplain today!

The role of supporting wellbeing for everyone within our school communities remains an important one as it gives our youth a better chance at a fulfilling journey along their education pathway.



Minimum requirements:

Love God and participation in a Christian Faith Community.
Certificate IV in youth work, community work or equivalent.
(This can be attained during first 12 months of service).

Look us up online at youthcare.org.au or contact Peter Hanrahan by email peter.hanrahan@youthcare.org.au or Mob: 0428 119 622

Diocesan Office

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The story of Job was a huge challenge to the accepted moral outlook of the Old Testament people: namely, that suffering was God's way of punishing the sinner. Yet, Job was convinced of his innocence and was not afraid to bemoan his lot, complaining to God, despite his friends' admonitions that he must be guilty.

I doubt whether, at times, there is anyone who is unable to identify with Job's sentiments. For example, the times when we have cried out, at least internally: Is not ... life on earth nothing more than pressed service, ... time no better than lived drudgery?... Like the slave, sighing for the shade... months of delusion

I have assigned to me... nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be day?" Risen I think, "How slowly evening comes!"

Job, possibly more than anyone else in the Scriptures, is the one who cries out on behalf of all those who want an explanation for the suffering of the innocent.

In every generation people yearn to be released from their pain and suffering, yearn for a messianic figure to transform their lives. The Old

Testament people were convinced that when that day came, there would be an end to the suffering, which was why they did not recognise Jesus as the one. As we listen to how Jesus

was to persecute the early Christians, came late to discipleship, but his encounter with Jesus taught him that in fact he needed liberating from his enslavement.



Accordingly, he was able to proclaim: So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Our age is no different to any other, except perhaps that, as we discover more and more ways of alleviating the suffering that accompanies so many of our ailments, we seem less able to conquer the evil spirit that sows the seeds of discord and division, leading to ever greater violence and conflict. The call to discipleship for you and me is undoubtedly to seek every possible means to bring Christ's peace and healing to our broken world. What are we waiting for?

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reached out to all those who came to him for healing or for release from the enslavement of the devil, we can glimpse how we are to deal with suffering.

Jesus entered into the pain and suffering of our world, identified himself with those who were suffering and would eventually endure his own passion and death. In entrusting his mission to the disciples, he tried to prepare them, not only for his passion and death, but also for their own. Paul, who originally thought that his mission

Lent 2024

The season of Lent commences on Wednesday, 14th February

Ash Wednesday - 14th February

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics between 14 and 65 years of age, except those who may be excused due to infirmity or ill health.

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses for Ash Wednesday, including the distribution of ashes, will be as follows:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral : 7am, 12:05pm and 6pm
St Lawrence's Bluff Point : 9:05am (Under Cover Area)



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.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Knights of the Southern Cross- Midwest Branch Meeting: Saturday February 10, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Talk by Fr Cross in the Crypt with Brunch at Laian afterwards. All men over 18 are encouraged to attend.

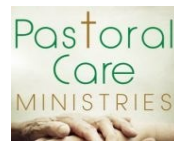


Parish Finances

Contributions of 28th January 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1644.55	354.50	606.50
Planned Giving \$	511.00	172.00	335.00
Parish Collection \$	550.55	128.20	345.65
Friday Fast \$	140.65		

Thank You



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.

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Rosaria Lanza at 1 Batavia Place, Mahomet Flats until 9th 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.

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 and Allan Malonzo.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Eugene Alfred Adam and Maria Fiocco.

Anniversaries: Antonio Fiocco, Fr Joe Butscher SAC, Aldo Masiello and Sr Vianney pbvm

Recently Deceased: Francesco Oliveri, Norman Bone, Dale McGuiness, Giuseppe Ricupero and Peter Tantiprasut.

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading (Job 7:1-4,6-7)

A reading from the prophet Job

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 146)

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. he fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23)

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! ...

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 1:29-39)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and

those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

Levit 13:1-2,44-46 | Psalm 31 | 1 Corinth 10:31-11:11 | Mark 1:40-45

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th 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*



Feasts of the Week

5 Feb	Mon	Saint Agatha
6 Feb	Tue	Saint Paul Miki and Companions
10 Feb	Sat	Saint Scholastica



"I asked you and you would not listen, so I asked God and He did listen."
- St Scholastica