

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** Currently Suspended

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Year B

3 March 2024

VOCATION VIEW: *Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.*

Project Compassion

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.



Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When

their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.



"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church.



Alternatively, please visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024 413.



Parish Emails are changed

A new email system is currently being implemented with a new and exclusive domain name throughout the Diocese of Geraldton. **gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au** is the new email address for the Parish Office of all Catholic Parishes in Geraldton. Any parish related queries or messages to the Priests may be sent to this email address. Please do not use the Westnet email address from now on. Thank you.

Presentation of Creed

Congratulations to Sarah Marie Wheeldon and Andrew Deakin who are making one more step ahead in their journey of faith as they will be receiving the Creed today at 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral.

Stella Maris Girls' Reunion Today

Stella Maris College 1974 batch students are gathering today in Geraldton and attending 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral followed by tours and other activities. We wish them a happy reunion!

Parish Lenten Retreat next Saturday

with Dr Pina Ford

(CEWA Catechist Service Team Leader)

next Saturday, 9th March 9.30 am – 3.30 pm
in the Catholic Centre

All welcome. This is a free event! Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

Please email Benny on gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au or phone 99642716 to register.



Labour Day tomorrow

The Holy Mass in the Cathedral will be at 9am in the Cathedral.

Commissioning of New Catechists next Sunday

A group of 9 newly trained Catechists for the Diocese of Geraldton will be commissioned by Bishop Michael next Sunday, on the 10th of March at 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. The recruitment and training were organised and funded by Catholic Women's League.

Morning Tea Next Sunday

The usual first Sunday morning tea has been postponed to next Sunday, 10th March, which will be held in the Catholic Centre after the Mass at 9:30am.



Please come along and join in the bring and share celebration, with the Catholic Women's League to welcome our new catechists, who will be commissioned next Sunday.

All are welcome and please bring a plate of food to share.

The Annual Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass) and renewal of Commitment to Christian Service

Wednesday, 13th March at 5pm in the Cathedral

This is a Diocesan celebration.



Priests ministering in the Geraldton Diocese gather to celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael and renew their Priestly commitment. Parishioners are invited to attend and offer prayerful support for their Priests. Representatives of Confirmation Candidates and RCIA candidates for this year also will be attending this Mass.

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, phone 9964 1608 (24/7)

Lent 2024

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent, at 6pm in the Cathedral.



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 still available in the Church 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.

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

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St. John's Church, Rangeway

No Service - Church closed for renovation

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Knights of the Southern Cross

Knights of the Southern Cross - Midwest Branch Meeting will be held next Saturday, 9th March with 9am Mass in the Cathedral followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina Spiritual Exercise guided by Fr Cross in the Crypt with Brunch at Laian afterwards. All men over 18 are encouraged to attend.



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: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



Sounds Sublime Concert in the Cathedral

12th April \$50 7:00-9:00pm

Thanks to **Crothers Construction** for making it possible for **Hawes Heritage Events** to attract world class artists to Geraldton for the Sounds Sublime Concert. A visiting Polish organist and clarinetist will be joined by Perth vocalist Katja Webb in a night to remember. General Seating is \$50 Ticket. Reserved seating with an opportunity to join with the artists for refreshments at **Laian Restaurant** after the concert is also available.

Go to our website www.monsignorhawes.com to book or Phone Mrs Gerry Eastman on 0417 912997.



The Wondrous Gems of John Cyril Hawes

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

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 Mrs Gerry 0417 912997.



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.

If you forgot to bring money for Cathedral collections, scan this QR code and donate online using your debit/credit card (A surcharge of 1.65% will be deducted from your donation). Alternatively you can make a transfer using **BSB 086 006** and **Account Number 826504934**, AC Name: SFX Cathedral Parish.

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

Looking for Easter Cards?

Beautiful Easter Cards and other greeting cards are available in the parish office holy shop.

There are beautiful statues, plaques and other gift items...

Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads are also available. **Welcome to visit during the office hours!**



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If there is one incident in Jesus' life that leads us to question his judgment, the story of him taking a whip and angrily driving people out of the temple must rank as a strong contender. We have heard in recent weeks that Jesus can be forthright in challenging people – even calling pharisees 'hypocrites' to their faces! But our major image is of a patient and forgiving Jesus rather than someone striking out at people with a raging temper.

So, how are we to understand this story? A good place to start is another story of Jesus visiting the Jerusalem temple with his mother and father when he was a twelve-year old boy. On that occasion, Jesus becomes so caught up by the temple experience he misses the caravan taking his family back to Nazareth. When his parents realise Jesus is missing, they hasten back to find him among the temple priests and elders, engaging with them about the meaning of the Scriptures.

Now, the temple for traditional Israelites was the holiest of all places on earth enabling people to experience the presence of the living God in their lives in an unsurpassed way. This must have been Jesus' boyhood experience evident in his

response to his confused parents: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

So, when Jesus returns to the temple some twenty years later and finds it filled with



hawkers, merchants and other traders, he is incensed that greed and money-lust have turned his "Father's house" into a marketplace.

However, rather than directing his anger to the little people who are simply trying to make a living in a hostile world, surely Jesus should have confronted the temple priests who allowed – no doubt benefited financially from – this defilement of God's house.

Jesus has this opportunity to respond to the chief priests when they challenge him for his table-turning, whip-lashing behaviour. In answer to

their question – "On what authority do you do this?" – Jesus' strange response confounds everyone: "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days".

Somehow, this is a moment of insight for Jesus. He begins to realise his mission of communicating God's love and forgiveness will result in the destruction of the other temple – his own body – on a Cross. Yet, God's glory will always shine through beyond suffering, cruelty and death itself.

This is the paradox St Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians. He realises how preaching a crucified Christ is folly to Jews and Greeks alike. Yet Paul also knows we must acknowledge our own sinfulness and stupidity if we are to experience God's power and wisdom.

Too often, we are like the temple traders busy with our own pursuits rather than seekers of the living God. We often ignore God's covenant because we are afraid to witness to a crucified-and-risen Christ who heals our weakness and failures with divine love and mercy.

Gerard Hall SM @ Majellan Media 2023 #4065

Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton
We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable of our parishes.



Amy Zinetti



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Rosemary Taylor

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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Sisi & Soosa at 50 Koojara Street, Strathalbyn until 8th March.

Rosary prayed at 5pm on Tuesday-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.



"The self-denial involved in the period of Lent isn't about just giving up chocolates or beer; it's about trying to give up a certain set of pictures of God which are burned into our own selfish wants". – Rowan Williams

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.

Anniversaries: Mons John Barden, Fr Gerhard Christoph, Ian Shanks, Giovanna Iaria, John Marsh, Frederick Bone, Alf Valenti, Pat Long and Sr Veronica Quinn.

Recently Deceased: Sr Kathleen Power (Sr Oliver) PBVM, Joan Clarkson

Parish Finances

Contributions of 25th February 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1724.15		719.45
Planned Giving \$	884.00	147.00	425.00
Parish Collection \$	663.15		348.20
Friday Fast \$	97.45		

Thank You

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading (Exodus 20:1-17)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 18)

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

Gospel (John 2:13-25)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

2 Chronicles 36:14-23 | Psalm 136 | Ephesians 2:4-10 | John 3:14-21

Roster for Cathedral Readers

New roster for Cathedral readers, commencing from this weekend is available now. It was emailed to all a week ago. If you wish to have a hard copy, please collect it from the Sacristy today and arrange a substitute if you are not available on the day. Thank you.

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