

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priest Fr Savio Nguyen
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Mass Times
 Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm
 Monday – Friday 7:00am Friday 12:05pm
 Saturdays & Public Holidays 9:00am

Confessions
 Friday 11:30am – 11:55am
 Saturday 11:00am – 12:00pm & 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



Third Sunday of Lent

Year C

23 March 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying.
 You can still follow Jesus more closely.

Project Compassion

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer. Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he

built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection. Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.



Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives. Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available in the Church today or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

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Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome all new parishioners to our catholic community. If you have recently moved to Geraldton or you had moved earlier and not registered with any of the Catholic Parishes in Geraldton, please register your details online by visiting our parish registration page, either by scanning this QR



Existing Parishioners

Existing parishioners are also encouraged to do this registration, so that we can update our register. The details you are giving are not kept in any online databases, rather it will be emailed to the Parish.

Revised Sacramental Timeline

A few of the Sacramental celebration dates have been changed. The updated Sacramental timeline is available now on our web page, which you can download by scanning this QR Code or via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



Happy Centenary Chrissy

Chrissy Ryan, a parishioner from Bluff Point Parish is celebrating her 100th birthday this Wednesday, on the 26th of March. What a remarkable milestone! The Diocese and all Parishioners from St Patrick's and St Lawrence's Churches wish you a very happy 100th birthday. May your special day be filled with many cherished memories, happiness, joy and much love. Congratulations Chrissy!



Young Chorister - Have a go sessions

Join us for a unique opportunity to sing in our iconic Cathedral. Sing lots of exciting music... Learn lots about music and our rich heritage of music... Contribute to the community life...

Make new friends..

Open to boys and girls aged 6–14 years. No prior experience needed.

Dates & Times

⇒ Sunday 6th April 9:30am Mass (sit-in),
 10:45–11:45am singing session

⇒ Monday 7th April 4:30–5:45pm Singing session

Registration essential!! **Contact: Jacinta at jacinta111@icloud.com**

Registrations close on Friday 4th April

"Eve was a thorn, wounding, bringing death to all; in Mary we see a rose, soothing everybody's hurts." St. Bernard



MHHE Presents Encountering Beauty

Encounter the Beauty of Music & Song in the sublime architecture and acoustics of St Francis Xavier Cathedral Geraldton

**Featuring Renowned International Performers
 Johann Vexo (Organist) & Damien Riviere (Tenor)**

Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7pm | Tickets \$55

All proceeds used to conserve the buildings of Monsignor Hawes

Scan the QR Code to purchase your ticket
 or contact Fr Robert Cross on 99213221



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08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

Lent 2025

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to take part in it.

Lenten Reflections - *Metanoia* - every Thursday

Lenten reflections for spiritual renewal will be held every Thursday during Lent at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. Welcome all.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 13th April 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. Luke's Passion will be read at all Masses. The congregation are invited to take part in this.

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Wednesday 9th April 5:00pm Mass of the Holy Oils

Monday 14th April 7:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 17th April (No Morning Mass)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm.

Good Friday 18th April

10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions

Holy Saturday 19th April (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 and Confirmation.

Easter Sunday 20th April

7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm Resurrection of the Lord

St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

Holy Thursday 17th April

Parishioners are invited to attend the service in the Cathedral at 7 pm.

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St. John's Church, Rangeway

No Service - Church closed for renovation

St. Peter's Church, Greenough

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Looking for Easter Cards?

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

There are beautiful statues, plaques and other gift items available to purchase.

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

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Solemnity of the Annunciation - This Tuesday, 25th March

The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat* - her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

Holy Mass in the Cathedral at 7am



St John's Parish Get Together

An afternoon tea for the parishioners and friends of St John's Church Rangeway will be held in the family room on Sunday, 13th April at 2:00pm. *Gold coin entry fee.* Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea and item for a silent auction. *For any enquiries, please contact Jean on 9921 4174.*



Lent, Easter and Jubilee of Hope

Come and join in prayer and silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 4th April at 11am in the Cathedral followed by Mass at 12.05pm



Carols by Candlelight

Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 7th April 7.30pm. All positions become vacant and are voted on for election at this meeting. Always keen for extra people to assist with the planning of this annual event. 2025 Carols by Candlelight planned for Sunday December 7th. Please contact your pastor or the Carols Committee on geraldtoncarols@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of the event preparations this year.



Volunteer to make Easter Cards or Drawings

Centacare volunteer services invites the Midwest community to make a difference!

This Easter, bring a smile on the faces of our beloved seniors at Juniper Hillcrest and Nazareth House by making them **Easter cards or drawings!!**

Deadline for drop-off: 15 April 2025.

Drop Box location: Centacare Reception at 3 Maitland Street.

If you are a school or organisation, we can collect the cards from your location before the deadline.

Email: cvs@centacaregeraldton.org.au or call CVS team 9921 1433



Marian Pilgrimage & Rome for the Jubilee Year

Thurs, 25 Sept 2025 - Mon, 20 October 2025

The main sites will be the Shrines of *Our Lady of Fatima*, *Our Lady of Garabandal*, *Our Lady of Lourdes*, *The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal* and *Our Lady of Medjugorje*. Other pilgrimage sites will include the Church of St. Anthony, *Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem*, *The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostella*, *the Basilica of Sacré Coeur* and *Notre Dame*. We will fly from Medjugorje into Rome and immerse ourselves into the graces of the Jubilee Year. Spiritual Director - **Fr Jean-Noël Marie**, Parish Priest of St. Emilie's Canning Vale. *Interested to join us, please contact the Pilgrimage Coordinator Edman Anthony on 0424 437 251 / edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com for a full itinerary and further details.*

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You never get a second chance to make a first impression. I saw these words on a poster in an employment agency I blessed. Yes, so often we judge others, based on first impressions. Once formed, first impressions can be difficult to let go, in order for us to give someone another chance or see them anew. It's not easy to change our opinions or judgements.

Thankfully, God doesn't relate to us in this way. God is "compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy," and offers us many chances and opportunities to change, and to free ourselves from whatever weighs us down or prevents us from living as people of love committed to Christ and His Kingdom. This week's gospel parable illustrates this truth perfectly.

A fig tree requires the right conditions to produce fruit. The tree in the parable remains fruitless after three years. The vineyard owner wants the gardener to cut it down because it's taking up ground that could be put to better use. The hope-filled gardener appeals to the owner to leave it for another year, during which time he will "dig round it and manure it." Just as the gardener is patient with the fig tree, so God is patient with

Bearing fruit in our lives



us, and gives us many chances to bear fruit in our lives.

The challenge is not to waste the opportunities given to us. We must repent. Jesus warns the people: "Unless you repent, you will all perish." Repentance is a central demand of the Good News, and Jesus begins his mission to proclaim the Kingdom with: "Repent and believe the Good news." (Mk 1:15).

Repentance is not focussed on the past, but the future. It's a decision to turn away from where we are and move towards God. To turn away

from the darkness in our lives and journey towards the light. To completely change our direction and joyously 'come home' to God. Repentance calls us to leave behind the past and all that has been, and to open our minds and hearts to the person God wants us to be. God's grace will bring us to newness of life.

Sadly, a reluctance to believe that God really loves us, no matter what we've done or where we've been in life, often hinders our willingness to repent and change direction. All too often, our understanding of God is engulfed by fear and anxiety, which trap and bind us

from reaching out to God with faith, trust and confidence.

God never gives up on us. Instead, God continually reaches out to us, helping us to become the people that God yearns for us to be. Let's take heart this Lenten season, that God who is compassion and love, is waiting patiently for us, and will transform our repentant hearts, so that the vineyard of our lives will bear abundant fruit.

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pastoral care

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.

When you Call After Hours

Afterhours phone calls are expected for emergency pastoral care only. For any other enquiries and bookings must be made during the office hours. If the duty Priest is involved in a ministry when you call, *for example during a Mass*, he won't be able to pick it up. So please try after some time or leave a clear voice message with your full name and phone number for him to call you back. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th April at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the parents of the eldest child to be baptised. *For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au*



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 30th March, 3 - 4pm
at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the Lord for an hour!



Parish Finances

Contributions of 16th March 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1754.05		703.65
Planned Giving \$	450.00	52.00	347.50
Parish Collection \$	1180.75		435.85
Friday Fast \$	78.20		



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Joshua 5:9-12 | Psalm 33 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 | Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Lent and Holy Week Service Times are available online

Please visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/lent/> or scan this QR Code to check the Lenten programs and Holy Week Service times in our parishes.



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Anne Dempster at 33 Eakins Crescent, Wandina, until 28th March.

Rosary prayed at 5pm Monday-Friday
except Thursday at 4:30pm. All welcome.



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.

Adoration with Benediction at St Lawrence's

Last Sunday of each month 3-4pm - Divine Mercy holy hour.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Fr Peter Downes, Rose Ralph, Maria Salamone, Tim Conway, Margaret John, Maureen Burke, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, Andres Rodillas, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly, Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Zenaïda Tan, Cherrille Quilty, Andrew Benzie, Pat Miragliotta, Yvonne Fahl and Pamela Harris.



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

Anniversaries: Sr Monica Glass, Maurice Grima, Giovanna Maria Iaria, Tony Baker, Pennamma Stephen, Rita Williamson, Luke Grose and Yvonne Price.

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 3:1-8,13-15)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 102)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12)

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

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are

living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel (Luke 13:1-9)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

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.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. **(all bow)**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**