

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B

10 March 2024

VOCATION VIEW: *When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction – heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.*

Project Compassion

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.



With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees. Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide



financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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.

Commissioning of New Catechists today

Congratulations to new Catechists, Lady Pacheco, Liberty Lopez, Khatarina Rahayu, Vivienne Chapman, Avery Chisholm, Anna Tanner, Janice King, Putput Asih and Jan Bowen who will be commissioned for our diocese by Bishop Michael today at 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. We are grateful to the Catholic Women's League in Geraldton for organising and funding their training and to the Catholic Education Western Australia for training them.

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 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.

Morning Tea today

Everyone is invited to the parish morning tea today in the Catholic Centre, after the 9:30am Mass. Please join with the Catholic Women's League to welcome our newly commissioned catechists.



Update on St John's Church

A big clean-up of debris from the collapsed ceiling of St John's Church in Rangeway has commenced. An assessor is coming up to Geraldton next week to inspect the extent of the damage. I assure those impacted by this unfortunate event, which happened in late January, that work will soon be underway to ensure that things return to normal, and that Mass will be celebrated again in the church. In the meantime, I ask for your patience and understanding while we undertake the necessary steps to restore the church. Having said that, I take this opportunity to encourage St John's parishioners to feel welcome at St Francis Xavier Cathedral and St Lawrence's in Bluff Point when attending weekend masses at these places. After all, we belong to one parish family - *the Catholic community of Geraldton*. As we are united in faith and fellowship, I ask for your prayers and continued support. May this massive task ahead be carried out without any delays for the good of those who call St John's Church their spiritual home. - Fr Gerard Totanes

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



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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

St. Peter's Church, Greenough

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Visitation to Seven Churches - Visita Iglesia

Join us for the Seven Churches Visitation (Visita Iglesia) on Wednesday 27th March.

What is the Seven Churches Visitation?

The Seven Churches Visitation is a cherished tradition where we visit multiple churches to adore the Blessed Sacrament. It's a beautiful way to prepare for the Easter Triduum.

A bus will take us to seven churches in the Midwest Region.

Cost: \$25, BYO Lunch .

Schedule:

7.00 am Attend Mass at St Francis Cathedral, Geraldton

8.00 am Begin the pilgrimage to seven churches.

Pick up at St Francis Xavier Cathedral from 7.30am

8am Departure for Greenough Church

From Greenough to Dongara Church

From Dongara to Perenjori Church

From Perenjori to Mullewa Church

From Mullewa to Kojarena Church

From Kojarena to Bluff Point Church

From Bluff Point back to St Francis Xavier Cathedral Geraldton

6.00pm Conclude with Communal Prayers

at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Don't miss this opportunity to draw closer to God. This is a day of faith and fellowship. To register, phone Benny on 99642716.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."
- St Rose of Lima

Sounds Sublime Concert in the Cathedral

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

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.



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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The 4th Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, so called because of the first word "Rejoice" in the Entrance Antiphon of the liturgy. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Midway on our long Lenten journey to Easter, our energy and enthusiasm may well be flagging. Today's readings remind us of the source of our joy as Christians and prompt us to renew our resolve and to persevere for the rest of the journey. In the gospel, we hear the reason for our rejoicing: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

In the Old Testament, from Genesis on, the constant thread in all the books is the steadfast love that God has for God's people. No matter how many times the people and their leaders faltered in their faith and hope in God, from Exodus to the Prophets, like Isaiah and Jeremiah, to the Kings, such as David and Solomon, and in the time of the Exile in Babylon after Jerusalem was besieged and captured and the people were exiled from Israel, God stood by and cared for the people and, each time they

wavered and fell, God called them back and reminded them to try again and be faithful.

joy: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son . . . God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." In Jesus, this overflowing super-abundant love of God for the world is revealed in its unsurpassable fullness. He is the Light of the World. No amount of darkness will ever be able to cover it or shroud it.

So, as we continue to journey through this Lenten period, let us stop for a moment on this Laetare Sunday, to marvel, celebrate, give thanks, and rejoice in God's abundant and faithful love that continues to overflow in and around us in spite of the many troubles in the world. We may waver in our hope and faith, but God will never give up on us, even when we give up on ourselves and lose hope.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. The gift of God's Son was the ultimate gift of love. Let us rejoice! And let us press on with our Lenten journey..

Mark Chia CSR @ Majellan Media 2023 #4066



In the reading from John's gospel, we learn about Nicodemus, a prominent member of Jewish society, who wanted to speak to Jesus but, perhaps afraid or confused or embarrassed, went to meet him under the cover of darkness. He was an admirer of Jesus but he was unsure about who Jesus really was: Did Jesus really perform miracles and was he the Messiah?

Jesus reveals to Nicodemus the astonishing truth at the heart of our faith and the source of our

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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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Maureen Bone until 22nd March at Harbour Pines, Unit 34, 20 Francis St. Rosary prayed this week at 5pm on Tue, Thu & Fri only.



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.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 3rd March 2024

| | Cathedral | Rangeway | Bluff Point |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Priests' Collection \$ | 1441.60 | | 611.35 |
| Planned Giving \$ | 449.00 | 142.00 | 405.00 |
| Parish Collection \$ | 720.40 | | 394.75 |
| Parish Fast \$ | 73.25 | | |

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Please pray for those who are ill:

Brad Borrow, 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: Fr Dick Tolboom, Albert Taylor, Patrick O'Brien and John Marsh.

Recently Deceased: Sr Kathleen Power (Sr Oliver) PBVM.

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading (2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23)

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 136)

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

Second Reading (Ephesians 2:4-10)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

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Gospel (John 3:14-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 50 | Hebrews 5:7-9 | John 12:20-33

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this 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



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