

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
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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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year C

6 April 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved.
 Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

Project Compassion

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PROJECT COMPASSION

The Annual Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass) and renewal of Commitment to Christian Service This Wednesday, 9th April at 5pm in the Cathedral



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.

Bishop's Pastoral Day

Priests, pastoral leaders and catholic school principals around the diocese are gathering in Geraldton for various pastoral meetings this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please keep them in your prayers

St John's Parish Get Together next Sunday

An afternoon tea for the parishioners and friends of St John's Church Rangeway will be held in the family room next 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.*



Little White Book for Easter

A beautiful resource of six minutes daily reflections for Easter Season from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, the *Little White Book* is available in the Church today for \$4 each. Please put the money in the bowl and take your copy.

Morning Tea today

Everyone is invited to the morning tea today in the Divine Mercy Garden at 10:30am. Welcome all to have a chat with fellow community members and sip a cuppa. Those who are able to help in anyway would be greatly appreciated. Please talk to the co-ordinator, Amy Zinetti.



No Mass at Bluff Point this Wednesday

Due to Bishop's pastoral day, there will be no Mass at St Lawrence's Church this Wednesday, on 9th April. Thank you.

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.



Seeking Your Support For



Next Weekend

We need a few volunteers to prepare the palm leaves. Could anyone please come to the Cathedral and help us next Saturday, 12th April at 9:30am to prepare palm leaves? Please bring your Secateurs, if you have one. Thank you.

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

5-6 April

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85th Anniversary of St Lawrence's by the sea

We are thrilled to invite all past and present staff, students and members of the St Lawrence's Bluff Point community to our 85th Anniversary celebrations! Join us as we honour our school's rich history, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to a bright future together.

Please join us for our anniversary Mass and morning tea at 9am on Tuesday, 20th May 2025.

To RSVP, please call 9968 2000 or scan this QR code or [click here](#)



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.

Good Friday 18th April
3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

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St. John's Church, Rangeway

No Service - Church closed for renovation

St. Peter's Church, Greenough

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Lent and Holy Week Service Times are available online

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



Knights of the Southern Cross Meeting

Next Midwest Branch Meeting will be next Saturday 12th April 12 , 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in the Bishops House. All men over 18 are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com.



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 code or via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/parish-registration/>



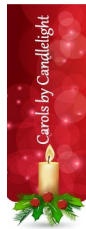
Existing Parishioners

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.

Carols by Candlelight

Annual General Meeting to be held tomorrow, on Monday 7th April at 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.



Make your contributions online

If you forgot to bring money for Cathedral collections, scan this QR code and donate online using your debit/credit card. You can also make EFT transfer using **BSB 086 006** and **Account Number 826504934**, AC Name: SFX Cathedral Parish. Please put an appropriate reference/description such as "donation, second collection, Planned Giving" etc.



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2025 Currently in Year 4 or above

First Eucharist/Holy Communion Mass this year will be celebrated in our parishes in June. Any child who is not attending a Catholic primary school, but wishes to receive the first Holy Communion in June, **must** attend after-school preparation classes for the Sacrament. Preparation classes start on Wednesday, 7th May.

If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not enrolled yet, you should do it soon. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. Please visit our web page <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/> or scan the QR Code for more information and enrolment form. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or email gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



Looking for Easter Cards?

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

There are beautiful statues, bibles, plaques and other gift items also available to purchase. Please visit during office hours.



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During Lent have we passed judgment on anyone? On social media say, which thrives on it, or at home, at work, perhaps in church, wherever we find ourselves. Often, we criticise others so we feel satisfied we're not like them, and as we do, we happily deflect attention from our own lives.

However, in this week's gospel Jesus shines a light on the woman brought before him where he sits in the Temple teaching the people; on the scribes and Pharisees who want to trap him; and on us. There's a lot riding on what

Jesus says to the woman's accusers because they hope he condemns himself, whatever about her. She might soon be dead because the Law stipulated, she be killed for adultery, though it called for the man's death too, revealing that for her accusers she is simply a means to an end.

Initially Jesus says nothing, so they persist with their questioning. Then he looks up and asks them to consider their own lives if they are to cast the first stone, turning the spotlight back on them: feeling exposed, they move silently away. Jesus now speaks with her — he's the only one who does - and he doesn't condemn her, or

excuse her, instead he offers her the possibility of a first step towards forgiveness. In doing so he

in our lives where it might happen.

With the woman in the gospel, we're invited to take a first step towards forgiveness, towards a renewed relationship with each other and with God; so that, no longer 'burdened by our persistent judgment, our constant exclusion and our withholding', we might take a first step towards the scribes and Pharisees too. For if we stop condemning her only to turn upon them, we have misunderstood Jesus, who doesn't condemn them. Instead, he encourages in us all, a change of heart.

We're invited to experience the joy of reconciliation in Lent; to experience a change of heart, so we might see a new deed come to light, a vision of new life, which the prophet Isaiah speaks of in the first reading. And this new life doesn't simply depend on our own effort, which Paul powerfully affirms in the second reading, but is God's gift to us, in Jesus: we have only to receive him into our lives..

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reminds us that the naming of our sin and the experience of forgiveness will only happen where there is love, where we are accepted. As happened when a dying man was talking with a friend who often visited him in his flat.

At one point he said, 'Can I just tell you?' He was scared, afraid God wouldn't forgive him. She replied: 'Why don't you say the names of people who hurt you and the people you hurt.' He started calling out names and after each one they said, 'Lord have mercy.' It's mercy we need, and like these friends we need to create spaces



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*



Faith

Faith is a supernatural gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the interior helps of the Holy Spirit.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 179).

Parish Finances

Contributions of 30th March 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1507.45		699.05
Planned Giving \$	909.00	172.00	390.00
Parish Collection \$	920.90		420.45
Friday Fast \$	109.90		



MHHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open daily from 10am-4pm. If you would like to learn more about John Hawes and the SFX Cathedral, tours are available on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 and Friday at 4:00. Tickets (\$5) are available at the museum.



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Maria Marsden at 13 Carson Terrace, Geraldton, until 11th April. Rosary prayed at **5pm** Monday-Friday. 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, Pamela Harris and Ron Coumbe.



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 & Fay Grima, Matt Norman, Jordan Caudwell, Johanna McDonald, Nikki Heaton and Mick Glennon.

Anniversaries: Damon Morrissey, Saverio Italiano, John McDonald and Leonie Miragliotta.

Recently Deceased: Esmeralda Gorion Saturos.

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading (Isaiah 43:16-21)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 125)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

R.

Second Reading (Philippians 3:8-14)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

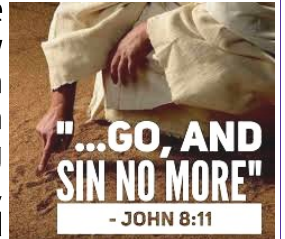
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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

Gospel (John 8:1-11)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 21 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Luke 22:14-23:56

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