

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year B

17 March 2024

VOCATION VIEW: *Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'*

Project Compassion



Caritas AUSTRALIA The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.



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access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

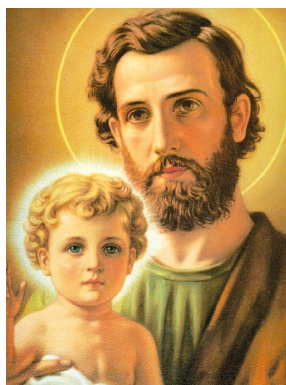
Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their

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.



Tuesday, 19th March, is the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Guardian of our Lord, and Patron of the Universal Church.

St Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home". - Pope Francis



St Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.

Congratulations Fr Gerard

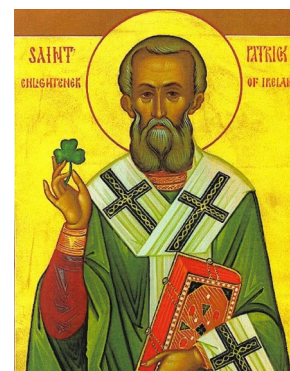
Fr Gerard is celebrating 23 years of his Priesthood Ordination today, 17th of March. Let us keep him in our prayers.

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.

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!!!

March 17 is usually St Patrick's Day but that is not always the case. This year it's on Monday, 18th March. That's because St Patrick's Day which is always celebrated as a solemnity falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent this year. A solemnity falling on a Sunday is celebrated in place of the Sunday only when it is outside of Advent, Lent and Easter. Sorry, St Patrick.



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



Parish Office & Holy Shop

Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

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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Hawes Heritage Event Tickets on Sale

If you're interested in purchasing tickets for **Sounds Sublime Concert (\$50) 12th April**

Wondrous Gems Tour (\$75) 26th April

They will be available on Sunday 17th March at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre Museum

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Cash or Credit Card Accepted
Enquiries Phone Gerry 0417 912 997

To purchase online go to www.monsignorhawes.com.

Visitation to Seven Churches

Join us for the Seven Churches Visitation ("Visita Iglesia") on Wednesday, 27th March 2024

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:

7.30 am Pick up at St Francis Xavier Cathedral from 7.30am

8.00 am Depart 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

6.00 pm 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. Please register before Monday, 25th March.

Phone Benny on 99642716 or 99641608

or Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th April 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*



Wanted: Olive Timber. Are you chopping back your olive trees in the coming months? If you are, Digby Edwards at Nagle Catholic College would really appreciate the timber as they are planning on using it to create 'pocket crosses' for next year's Commissioning of new teachers. Phone Digby at NCC on 99200500.

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 Office hours!**



Diocesan Office

(Opening Hours: **8:30am - 4pm Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri** | **8:30am - 1pm Wed**)

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How do we speak of God's commitment to us in Jesus Christ?

In today's first reading Jeremiah speaks to the Jewish people who, when the Babylonians besieged Jerusalem (597BC), had lost everything they held dear: land, temple, king. Amidst their desolation Jeremiah offers his people hope: a new covenant, a new intimacy between God and his people, a new relationship with God, this one written in their very hearts, 'deep within their being.' Their past transformed by God's forgiveness, God will now be known by the least, as well as the greatest, with no one excluded.

In the second reading, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of God being with Jesus in his death, in order that Jesus might be with us. Whatever happens, Jesus doesn't give up on us. He doesn't avoid death but rather, in dying, opens himself to the One who hears his prayer and has the power to save him 'out of death.' In following him we gradually begin to realise that now nothing can separate us from the love of God. This is the new covenant written in our own hearts, our very selves.

This God is revealed in the gospel when Jesus asks not to be saved from his forthcoming death, because 'it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.' It poses the question of who

we'll hear in next week's Passion. It's what the lay missionary Jean Donovan came to understand when she was urged to leave the violence of El Salvador in 1980. She refused to leave the children, 'the poor, bruised victims of this insanity.' She didn't do 'the reasonable thing.' Consequently, she and three missionary sisters (Maura Clarke, Ita Ford and Dorothy Kazel) were murdered by government soldiers. They died because they shared their lives with the children and their families.

As we follow Jesus ever more closely, we begin to face our fears, their hold on us loosening so we might live in a bigger world, a bigger story, to which we're all invited to be part. This is what we're doing in the Mass: learning to be at one with Jesus, 'offering our lives with him for the world's sake.' Offer our own lives? If we're for real, in doing so we enter ever more deeply into relationship with God, a relationship written in our own hearts, our very selves, forever.

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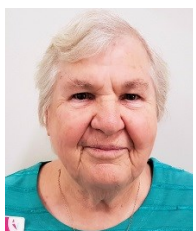
might we give our lives for? Who do we live for? Our children, our families perhaps, anyone else? We struggle with the thought of losing our lives because we fear it will mean losing everything. Jesus' image of the grain of wheat speaks to our fears and teaches us that, if we learn to let go, if we give fully of ourselves, we will yield 'a rich harvest'. In doing so, the glory of God will be revealed. This is to be the pattern of our lives. It's not always easy, as Jesus suggests, and as

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



Leonie Golding



Melinda Jupp



Simon Place



Ron Pace



Rosemary Taylor

Safe and Supported

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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, Tuesday-Friday



Adoration with Benediction at St Lawrence's

Every second Sunday of the Month 8.15-8.50 am

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 10th March 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1872.65		655.45
Planned Giving \$	569.00	620.00	510.00
Parish Collection \$	751.80		327.25
Friday Fast \$	107.75		

Thank You

WA Professional Standards Office

for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Professional Standards Office WA

Saxon Gee (Perth) 1800 072 390/08 9221 7762

Email director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au



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: Stephen Varghese

Recently Deceased: Anthony Baker & Tina Jansen (Nazareth House)

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 (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 50)

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 5:7-9)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glorify you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

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Gospel (John 12:20-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 21 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Mark 14:1-15:47

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION It is not just churches and holy places that make up the Holy Land. The presence of Jesus can be felt strongly in the local Christian community who make up less than 2% of the population. For them, survival as a minority in the midst of people of other faiths is not easy, especially in this very stressful time of war. Each day we see images on our newsfeeds of unspeakable suffering. There is an absolute and urgent need to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. These people who bear witness to our faith in a war-torn environment need the support of their fellow Christians in other parts of the world. Please pray for them and, where possible, assist them by giving generously to the Good Friday Collection. **Your support of the Good Friday Collection can be a meaningful sign of the spiritual link which unites all Christians to Jerusalem and to the Land of Jesus.**

- Fr Bernie Thomas, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia



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.