

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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B

31 March 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world – Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!



Welcome to our Christian Community

Congratulations to *Andrew Deakin, Sarah Wheeldon, Roy Verbe and Mila Brown* on receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist) at Easter Vigil. May the faith journey you have begun through the Rite of Christian Initiation and brought you to the Easter sacraments, lead you to a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

Congratulations also to *Divine Verbe* on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as *Joshua Brown* being Baptised with their siblings.

Little White Book for Easter

A beautiful resource of six minutes daily reflections for Easter Season, the *Little White Book* is available in the Church today 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.

The Feast of The Divine Mercy | next Sunday 7th April

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter Sunday. When Pope John Paul II proclaimed the feast of Divine Mercy for the entire Church, he described Divine Mercy Sunday as the Octave Day of Easter; it brings us the fullness of Christ's Resurrection. Jesus told St. Faustina that "Mankind will not have Peace until it turns to the Fount of my Mercy".



Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St Lawrence's Bluff Point. Reconciliation starts at 2pm

Divine Mercy chaplet at 2:30pm followed by Healing Mass at 3pm.

Easter Holy Hour

Adoration and communal prayer on Easter Friday, 5th April from 11am in the Cathedral followed by Mass at 12:05pm.

Mass at Utakarra Chapel next Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra next Saturday, **6th April at 9am**. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

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



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2024

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, 17th April.**

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



Morning Tea Next Sunday

The First Sunday fellowship will be held in the Divine Mercy Garden next Sunday following 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. More helpers wanted to run this ministry smoothly. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to give a hand.



Parish Office & Holy Shop **Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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"Easter cannot happen without Good Friday". It might seem rather obvious to make such a statement, as we hold very dear in our hearts this wonderful mystery of Jesus Christ, who came among us, suffered a cruel death, and rose from the dead. There are times in our life though, where, despite the good we do and the love we share with others, things just don't always go well. We experience suffering, conflict, confusion or even feelings of abandonment, loneliness and betrayal. All very similar feelings to the reality of Jesus' experiences on Good Friday. Amid his suffering, Jesus knew he was not alone. He trusted himself totally to God his Father and, putting all his hope in Him, through Him experienced the joy of new life on Easter Sunday.

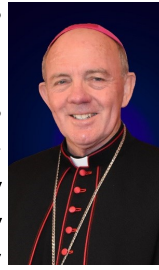
The disciples too all experienced the terrible realities of Good Friday, but when the dawn of Easter joy came their lives were transformed and their hearts became wide open to a new reality. Except Thomas, who clinging hopelessly to the crushing blows of Good Friday, was blind to the possibility of

hope when he was told Jesus was alive and so he refused to believe Jesus had risen from the dead. *"Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe"* (Jn 20:25).

Where then is the hope in the Good Friday moments in our lives? It can be found in the great gift of God the Father who sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to live in the midst of humanity, who walks with us in our highs and lows, offering a hope that's always present and is often found in small but significant ways through relationships and connections with others.

The joy of Easter reminds us that we too will rise when we place our hope in him, who has the power over death and our own personal despair.

Easter reveals a new vision to see our life in a different way. Our hearts open wider to a



new reality, a new way of seeing things. This often comes to us through family and friends who love and care for us no matter what happens in our life, or through the stranger who comes into our life. These moments can be surprising and unexpected as was the resurrection. This is Easter, this is new life!

This is what Thomas eventually experienced when he saw the wounded risen Jesus just as his friends had told him, and he exclaimed, *"My Lord and My God"* (Jn 20:28). As we celebrate Easter in 2024, my hope for everyone is, *despite the heavy weight of those Good Friday moments in life, there will be those moments and times where situations and answers can be seen in a new and surprising way with the joy of Easter.* So, as you receive an Easter Egg, a symbol of new life and beginnings, may our community experience a happy and a blessed Easter, keeping safe and well cherishing the blessings received through with family, relationships and friends.

† The Most Reverend Michael Morrissey
Bishop of Geraldton

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant:

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery, we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to newness of life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in Baptism, when we rejected Satan and his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and

earth?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you 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?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: Amen.

Project Compassion

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and

envelopes available from your parish, calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion



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War, disease, famine, and economic uncertainty are part of our daily news. The global scenario is depressing, and we feel for the numerous civilian victims. What can we do and how can we respond as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord?

Our primary response must be one of hope even in the midst of these global catastrophes. Our hope is based on the fundamental Christian belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and without this belief our faith is futile, and we are a people living with a delusion.

Despite the work of the 'masters of suspicion': Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and Friedrich Nietzsche who proposed respectively that religion was "the opium of the people," "an illusion," and that "God is dead," these critiques need to be addressed in our lives and our response is based on the scriptures and our lived experience.

John's gospel tells us the story of Mary of Magdala who came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciples to tell them the news. Simon Peter and the 'beloved disciple' ran to the tomb and the younger man waited

until Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He saw the linen cloths on the ground and the cloth that had been over his head. Peter sees the fact that there is no body and observes the

people who are sustained by their belief especially when they experience difficulties in their lives. They also bear witness by their lives to the difference that faith makes to our lives.

Their example is a powerful witness to their children and grandchildren who need to address the issues raised by the 'masters of suspicion'.

In a climate of increasing relativism in our Catholic schools where there is limited sense of Catholic identity and mission, it is important that we profess our faith through the example of our lives and a

continuing commitment to making a difference in our world. Our prayers for a broken world may not bring immediate change to those who are suffering but our commitment to solidarity with them is part of our Christian witness.

May we be inspired by the example of the 'beloved disciple' and bear witness to our belief and hope in the presence of God in our midst.

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details, but the 'beloved disciple' then entered the tomb and we hear that "he saw, and he believed." Peter is the leader of the followers of Jesus, but the unnamed 'beloved disciple' is the model disciple and believer.

While Mary of Magdala is the bearer of the news, it is Peter who proclaims the good news to the household of the Gentile Cornelius and his household. The message of Jesus is not just good news for the Jews but good news for all people.

The good news has influenced the lives of many

Volunteers Needed!

Join Fr Savio and Denise Power for a cuppa to be held in Wandina on Thursdays from 3:30pm for "conversation" with our new Vietnamese farmers. Help improve their English by speaking and listening to these lovely people. Please phone Denise Power on 0422 215 606, if interested.

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** go online at www.monsignorhawes.com Enquiries: Phone Gerry 0417 912 997



Carols by Candlelight this year

Are you looking to be involved in a volunteering role for the community? **The Committee is looking for new committee members: PROMOTIONS/MARKETING/MEDIA** (Shared role with 2 people) **and STALLS COORDINATOR.**

Our AGM is on Monday 8th April 2024, 7:30pm at Geraldton Family Church, Cnr NWCH & Bayley St. If you are interested in either of the roles or in a general volunteer role;

please contact Natalie 0409 973 391 or Nena 0407 389 228.

For further information email to geraldtoncarols@gmail.com



| Parish Finances | | | |
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| Contributions of 24 th March 2024 | | | |
| | Cathedral | Rangeway | Bluff Point |
| Priests' Collection \$ | 2046.25 | | 808.10 |
| Planned Giving \$ | 510.00 | 147.00 | 300.00 |
| Parish Collection \$ | 679.65 | | 438.15 |
| Friday Fast \$ | 136.65 | | |

Thank You

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, **with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.** Next Friday, 5th April 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral. Welcome everyone to adore the risen Lord!



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Maria Marsden until 12th April at 13 Carson Terrace, Geraldton Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-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.

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 and Cherrille Quilty.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza, Colleen & Ian Shanks, Gladys & Tom Moore, Sheila & Phil Bunter, Philomena Wendt, Geoffery Long and Carmela Lanza Carriccio.

Anniversaries: Barry Salter.

Recently Deceased: Carole Kingdon, Connie Taboada-Saranillo and Milton Quatermaine.

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.



First Reading (Acts 10:34,37-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

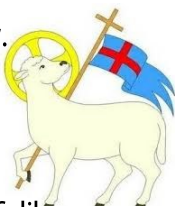
The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.



That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 14:1-15:47)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone - which was very big - had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son; Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Acts 4:32-35 | Psalm 117 | 1 John 5:1-6 | John 20:19-31

Public Holiday tomorrow

Holy Mass tomorrow on Easter Monday will be celebrated at 9am in the Cathedral.