

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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year B

24 March 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We recall Christ's triumphant entry into 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. Saint Mark's Passion will be read at all Masses today. **All are invited to take part in this.**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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, Baptisms 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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Second Rite of Reconciliation This week

In preparation to the Easter Triduum, the second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated this Tuesday, on 26th March at 7pm in the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to be a part of this grace flowing ceremony.



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.

Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. 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. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection through which your support can be a meaningful sign of the spiritual link that unites all Christians to Jerusalem and to the Land of Jesus.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. *Envelopes for the Good Friday collection are available at the entrance of the Church this weekend. Please take one and return it on Good Friday with your contribution. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.* Thank you!

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

Easter Holy Hour

Adoration and communal prayer on Easter Friday, 5th April from 11am in the Cathedral followed by Mass at 12:05pm. Everyone is invited to be with the risen Lord for an hour.



Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

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Project Compassion

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment.



With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from

completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry



services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! 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.



Visitation to Seven Churches this week

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

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



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



The Feast of The Divine Mercy | 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". **Regular Sunday Masses at all Churches.**



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.

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.

Have you got enough 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!**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction. Friday, 5th April 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



Diocesan Office

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

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In 2006, Franciscan theologian Richard Rohr visited Australia and was interviewed on ABC Radio National's "Religion Report". At the time, I was particularly impressed by a point Rohr made in distinguishing between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", where the first constituted a challenge to the prevailing wider societal mores and values, while the second supported the cultural status quo.

Whatever one may think of Rohr's distinction between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", it does open up a fruitful line for discussion of the meaning of Mark's gospel. Written at a time when the Jesus movement was anything but part of the status quo, the gospel is culturally subversive.

The problem that confronted the Markan Christians, as it does us today, is to steer a middle course between the twin tensions of conformity to cultural expectations and the vocation to be counter cultural (where necessary) in working for a better world. Mark's Jesus proclaimed a new world order that would privilege the marginalised and the forgotten; or as Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and Tom Wright have variously called, "a kingdom of nuisances and nobodies".

In Mark's gospel, Jesus is a man who haunts the fringes of society, fraternising with the marginalised, touching the untouchables, speaking to those with whom he should not



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Mark's Jesus is not interested in "Churchianity" - that is, sticking to rules that govern membership in the club or the "ekkklesia" (assembly or church). He is a social reformer who seeks the company of those deemed to be "beyond the pale"; an agent of God who proclaims, not a kingdom of the wealthy and notable — the "somebodies" in society — but that of the poor, the forgotten, the "nuisances and nobodies" — and he calls his disciples to go to the margins and do the same.

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speaking and, thereby, breaking the taboos of his Jewish faith and the mores of the Greco-Roman culture. Positive interactions with Jesus are typically displayed by characters living on society's margins - the "nobodies"; people who were of no consequence: the leper (1:40-45); the paralytic (2:1-12); the deaf (7:31-37); the blind (8:22-26; 10:46-52); the widow (12:41-44); as well as tax collectors and sinners (2:15). In his preaching, Jesus repeatedly criticises the abusive use of power by society's wealthy and respectable authorities. And it is this critique of abusive power that eventually ends in Jesus' arrest and execution as a rabble rouser and a

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Ian J Elmer @ Majellan Media 2023 #4068

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

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

There will be no pilgrim rosary this week.

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.



Thank You



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 10:34,37-43 | Psalm 117 | Colossians 3:1-4 | Mark 14:1-15:47

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 & Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Stephen Varghese, Luke Grose, Italo and Mary Pirone, Sr Monica Glass, Maurice Grima, Yvonne Price and Rita Williamson.

Recently Deceased: Connie Taboada-Saranillo, Milton Quatermaine, Anthony Baker and Tina Jansen (Nazareth House).

Parish Finances

Contributions of 17th March 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1444.55		741.15
Planned Giving \$	517.00	161.50	485.00
Parish Collection \$	610.95		418.40
Friday Fast \$	116.10		

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 21)

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

R.

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

R.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

R.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

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

Gospel (Mark 15:1-39)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready.

They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription, giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others, they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Ebi, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

