

# 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

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Year B

### 7 April 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you..."



"I am love and mercy itself. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. ... I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. ... The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive."

- From the diary of St Faustina Kowalska -



## The Feast of The Divine Mercy Today

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 feast 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.**  
**Welcome everyone to celebrate!**

## Free 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. Take one for free and use it. Any donation would be appreciated.

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

## Induction Workshop for Church Workers Safeguarding Level 1

This 60-minute induction is for **All Church Workers**, those working or volunteering (paid or unpaid) in the Geraldton Diocese. If you have not completed an induction session previously you need to attend a session either online accessing the registering platform by using the QR code or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/> or by joining in a shared session facilitated by Fr Gerard in the Seminar Room in the Catholic Centre opposite the hall on **18 April 2024 at 10:00am** or **30 April 2024 at 2:00pm** and please ring **Rosemary 0428 215147** to confirm your attendance. If your workplace offers Safeguarding Training **you still need to attend** this induction. You need to complete the induction if you are an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server, Choir member or leader, Catechist, Cleaner, Collector, Extraordinary Ministers, Flower Arranger, Greeters at Mass, Offertory Procession, Parish Council Member, Prayer Leader for Prayer Groups and Bible Study, Reader of Prayers, Reader or Lector, Sacristan, Volunteer for Table of Blessings and etc.



## Morning Tea Today

Everyone is invited to the First Sunday morning fellowship in the Divine Mercy Garden today after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. Please come and join to have a chat with fellow parishioners and sip a cuppa. If you can assist for this ministry in any way, please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti.



## 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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)



## Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)*



## Cathedral Busy Bees

Parishioners are requested to join the busy bees on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am to 12:30pm to do some cleanup in the Cathedral basement. Thank you.



## Parish Office & Holy Shop

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



**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707

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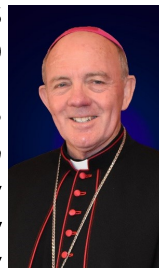
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"Easter cannot happen without Good Friday". It might seem rather obvious to make such a statement, as we hold very dear in our hearts this wonderful mystery of Jesus Christ, who came among us, suffered a cruel death, and rose from the dead. There are 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

### Love Thy Neighbour

**We need your help!** Join Father Savio and Vietnamese Farmers on Tuesday afternoons at 3.30, to help the farmers with their English. Enjoy a cuppa and conversation to be held in Wandina, stay an hour or two with these delightful people, so they can learn and practice. Phone Denise 0422215606. "Whenever you did this to the least of my brothers you did it to me" (*Matthew 25:40*)

### The Geraldton Christian Meditation Group

invites you to its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
A Reflective Period: **The Beatitudes and Meditation**  
Speaker: Steph Woods

**Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10.00am – 3.20 pm**

In the Catholic Centre Main Hall, Maitland Street, Geraldton

*'One does not have to become a meditator.*

*Simply come along and hear about*

*the beauty of the Beatitudes and*

*how they may enhance our everyday life.'*

Morning Tea and Lunch provided

**Register by 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024** Phone 99642716/99641608

### Knights of the Southern Cross

Knights of the Southern Cross- Midwest Branch Meeting to be held next Saturday, April 13, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina Spiritual Exercise guided by Fr Cross in Crypt with Brunch at Laian afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Daniel, [danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com](mailto:danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com)

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

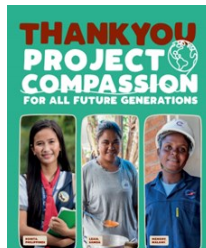
For further information email to [geraldtoncarols@gmail.com](mailto:geraldtoncarols@gmail.com)

*"Suffering is the greatest treasure on earth; it purifies the soul. In suffering, we learn who our true friend is."*

*– St Mary Faustina Kowalska*

### Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.



Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities

face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**



### Diocesan Office

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

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**L'Arche** is an international federation of communities where people with and without an intellectual disability share life and build community together. L'Arche, a French word for 'the Ark', seeks to create homes rooted in the Christian gospel but open to all, where people live a simple life of work, care, prayer and celebration.

L'Arche was founded by Jean Vanier 60 years ago (August 1964), in the small northern French village of Trosly-Breuil. He welcomed two men with intellectual disabilities who were living nearby in a large institution. From these humble and simple beginnings, L'Arche has grown into more than 150 communities present in 37 countries.

In a world too often divided and broken, L'Arche communities seek to be a sign of reconciliation and welcome, hope and peace, openness and support. L'Arche communities recognise and respect the fundamental dignity of every human person, loved and cherished by God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of

the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in worship and service. Secondly, the community was a place of love, care and nurture. In an atmosphere of welcome and



inclusion, people were able to grow, and respond to God's presence and action in their lives.

Thirdly, the community had a deep sense of sharing, especially with those who had little. There was no amassing of resources or property for exclusive personal use. The community lived simply and without extravagance.

A parish is a good example of a Christian community. Drawn together around the table of the Lord, people of every nation, culture and language gather to support and sustain each other in faith, hope and love. As one people we worship, pray, give thanks and partake in the

bread of life and the cup of salvation. Nurtured and nourished, we are sent to bring Christ to the world and to live a life of service.

Within the life of a parish, other, smaller communities (groups) of witness, sharing and togetherness also exist. For example: liturgy and music, social justice, bereavement and hospitality, St Vincent de Paul Society, parish council and many others.

We're not created to be alone. We created to "be with" other people in a spirit of love and support, valuing the unique gifts of each person, striving together to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and with the world. Thomas was absent from his community when Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He struggled with his doubt alone. Only when he rejoined his community and encountered the Risen Christ, was he able to make his profession of faith – "My Lord and my God!"

Today, let's celebrate our faith community as an essential part of our Christian life.

David J Hore CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023 #4070



### Hawes Heritage Event Tickets on Sale

If you're interested in purchasing tickets for **Sounds Sublime Concert (\$50) 12<sup>th</sup> April** **Wondrous Gems Tour (\$75) 26<sup>th</sup> April** go online at [www.monsignorhawes.com](http://www.monsignorhawes.com)  
Enquiries: Phone Gerry 0417 912 997

### Domestic Violence Aware Workshop for the general public 10<sup>th</sup> May 9am - 5pm at Geraldton Universities Centre

The 1-Day DV-aware workshops are **free** for any adult member of the public who would like to get a deep understanding of the complexities of domestic and family violence. Attendees will learn about the impact of family violence and how to Recognise, Respond safely and Refer effectively.

Registrations are required and can be done online at <https://www.dvalert.org.au/enrolment-listings> or scan the QR code.

For further enquiries contact: [training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au](mailto:training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au)



### Feasts of the Week

8 Apr Mon The Annunciation of the Lord  
11 Apr Thu Saint Stanislaus



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>3338.80</b>		<b>706.85</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>454.00</b>	<b>217.00</b>	<b>425.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>1444.65</b>		<b>360.25</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>73.50</b>		

Thank You

### WA Professional Standards Office

for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Professional Standards Office WA

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### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be with Maria Marsden until 12<sup>th</sup> April at 13 Carson Terrace, Geraldton  
Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-Friday**  
All welcome.



### 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.

**Anniversaries:** John McDonald and Damon Morrissey.

**Recently Deceased:** Lou Checker.

## Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

*Alleluia!*

## First Reading (Acts 4:32-35)

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

### R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone, This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

R.

## Second Reading (1 John 5:1-6)

### A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is-keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world-our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.



*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

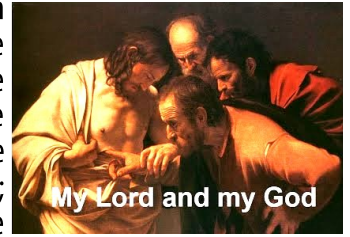
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel (John 20:19-31)

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the

Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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 3:13-15,17-19 | Psalm 4 | 1 John 2:1-5 | Luke 24:35-48

## Feast of the Annunciation - Tomorrow

The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat* - her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

