



St John's Rangeway



St Peter's Greenough

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 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

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

14 April 2024

VOCATION VIEW: *What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray - Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us and set our hearts on fire with love when You speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of Your love.*

First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2024 Lessons Start this week

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 this 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



Cathedral Busy Bees next Saturday

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



Holy Land / Good Friday Collections

Thank you all for the contribution towards Good Friday collections for Holy Land this year. Our Parish collections are as follows:
 Cathedral Parish **\$1833.15** Bluff Point Parish **\$1015.80**

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.



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.

Did you know?

The Paschal Candle used in the Cathedral this year highlights the mission of the Synodal Church, to journey together as a people of God deeply rooted in tradition, and with our hearts and minds focused on listening to what the Spirit of God is saying in our times. The blue depicts the breath of the spirit giving life to every decision and action of the Church and our lives.



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

The Geraldton Christian Meditation Group

invites you to its 20th 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 19th April 2024 Phone 99642716/99641608

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th May 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*



MHC 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.



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

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Grand Garage Sale at Bluff Point

We are kindly requesting for donations of items you have no further use for although still in good condition, a treasure for another. Items such as kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, jewellery, pot plants, garden items, tools, push bikes, toys, balls and soft toys and etc. **Unfortunately, we can't accept electrical, mechanical and clothing items and books.** To help further, have your donation sale ready as this adds great value to your donation. Please deliver your donations on **Saturday 18 May** between 11am and 2pm to the undercover area at St Lawrence's School. Donations are also required for our raffles, a gift or a small money donation please. **Volunteers** needed for a few hours on Saturday between 10am and 3pm and Sunday between 8:15am and 2:30pm. A rewarding experience and fun.

The Garage Sale is on Sunday 19th May 8:30am to 1:30pm in the undercover area of St Lawrence's School with a *good cuppa available with homemade scones, cake or savory and bargains* for you. Hope to see you there.

If you can assist in any way or need further information, please contact Rosemary 0428 215147 or Jane 0427 273729.



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.

Notice to Facebook Users

Neither the Cathedral Parish nor other Catholic parishes in Geraldton maintain or monitor any official Facebook pages. There may be pages maintained by third parties which appears to be genuine or official. But the Parishes cannot answer any queries based on a third party Facebook post. **Our parish priests or office staff are not aware or responsible for the authenticity and reliability of its contents posted on their pages including messages, notices, references to the catholic church traditions or Canon law.** Following or "being friend" with these pages are entirely up to the users and all risks and responsibilities associated with it, is solely vested on the users. Meanwhile, please beware of misleading information posted on it.

All parish matters are communicated to the parishioners through our parish bulletins, website or Church announcements. You are invited and encouraged to visit our parish website for any events, updates, bulletins, Sacramental information or enrolments etc on <https://www.geraldtoncathedral.org/>



Good Shepherd Sunday next Weekend 61st Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us: *"God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts."*



Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

On Good Shepherd Sunday we will focus on one aspect of our vocation - the call to priesthood. We pray especially for our Clergy, who have been called to Shepherd those in their care. Envelopes are available today in the church for anyone wishing to help donate towards clergy formation.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Help in the formation of Clergy in our diocese

If you wish to support financially for the formation of Clergy in our diocese, please use the Good Shepherd Sunday (Seminary Fund) envelopes available in the Church today.

Friday Fast

You will recall that the project selected for 2024 was a Mission in New Guinea where Sr. Christie was in charge of young people on a daily basis. Sister actually took time away after 10 years of working and was due back in early April. I did suggest that this might be some sort of a record! Father Clement who so many of you will remember from his visit to us here in Geraldton where he spoke at Masses and meetings, has been our link in New Guinea until Sister Christie returned. Please keep **Friday Fast** in mind for small change and when you treat yourself to coffee and cake! It is amazing how much we can raise to help others from those little yellow envelopes at the back of the Church. If you have a query you can ring Yvonne Fahl on 0400 978 284. Thank you all.

Anointing Mass

The next anointing Mass for the Catholic Community of Geraldton will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturday, 11th May at **9am**. All welcome.



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

Contact Number 0470 207 707

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

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

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To his Nazi captors, Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar Maximilian Kolbe was prisoner number 16670. But to Franciszek Gajowniczczek, his fellow inmate in Auschwitz, Maximilian was much more and his sacrifice would change his life forever.

In late July 1941, a prisoner escape in Auschwitz prompted the deputy camp commander to order the deaths of 10 men to deter future escape attempts. When Maximilian heard Franciszek, who was one of the ten selected, cry out for his wife and children, he volunteered to take his place. Franciszek was reunited with his wife after the war and lived to be 93. He said that, as long as he lived, he would tell everyone about Maximilian's courageous act of love.

Jesus's dying and rising again, like Maximilian's act of sacrifice and love, was not only a moving act of humanity; it was also a prophetic witness of God's redemptive love.

The gospel reading today describes a vivid post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. The disciples met Jesus on the road but only recognised him in

the breaking of the bread. Then, quite dramatically, they see him standing in their midst and they were both terrified and overjoyed to see him again. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. He eats a piece of fish which they give him.

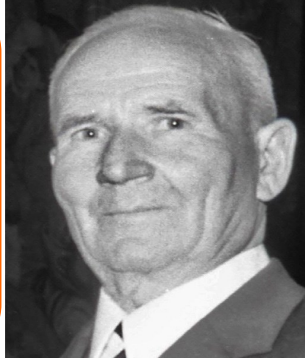
the same. St John of the Cross likened suffering to being like a log in the fire. We are consumed by his love and are forever transformed by the experience. Our suffering becomes transformative if we yield ourselves entirely to God.

Yet, our faith is not only a source of grace in own individual suffering and death. It is a prophetic witness for all time. Jesus reminds his disciples that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms has now been fulfilled, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem.

We are called to rise with Jesus to a new life. In communion with our faith companions and all the saints from ages past, present and future, we are also called to be prophetic witnesses to his redemptive love. Clothed in our baptismal garments, anointed by holy oil, and redeemed by blood, let us proclaim this Easter promise to everyone. He is risen indeed.

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Called to be prophetic witnesses



At Easter, we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God, in his love for us, yearns to draw us into his presence for all eternity. It is a profound paradox that his gift of eternal life and love entailed the ultimate sacrifice of an excruciating death on the cross.

For each of us, taking up our cross also means we are utterly vulnerable to pain, suffering and death. Nevertheless, with the grace of One who has also walked this path, we find strength to do

Hawes Heritage Event Tickets on Sale

If you're interested in purchasing tickets for **Wondrous Gems Tour (\$75) 26th April** go online at www.monsignorhawes.com Enquiries: Phone Gerry 0417 912 997



Domestic Violence Aware Workshop for the general public 10th 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



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.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 7th April 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1541.15		585.15
Planned Giving \$	654.00	462.00	548.00
Parish Collection \$	860.10		218.90
Friday Fast \$	63.50		

Thank You

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 PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

There will be no rosary this week. Apologies for the inconvenience.



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: Bernie Jack, Maree Lynch, Lena Belotti, Peter Glynn and Yolanda Amador Soto.

Recently Deceased: Lou Checker, Eric Kevin Holly and Ray Sims.

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 3:13-15,17-19)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 4)

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

R.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

R.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

R.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

R.

Second Reading (1 John 2:1-5)

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 24:35-48)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

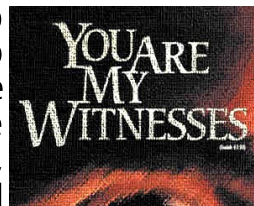
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for



yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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 4:8-12 | Psalm 117 | 1 John 3:1-2 | John 10:11-18

*"One Holy Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death."
- St Leonard*

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