

# 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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

**21 April 2024**

**VOCATION VIEW:** This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please, pray for Vocations.

The world needs worthy leaders, good shepherds of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people.

## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

### Pray for Vocations!

Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Please pray and encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, or other young people - to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call if He calls them to the priesthood or religious life.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has

a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life



or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

### Teach Your Children to Use GPS!

After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow

up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision-which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry- should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS-God's Positioning System.

### Do you wish to help in the formation of clergy in our diocese?

**Good Shepherd Sunday (Seminary fund) envelopes** are available today in the church for anyone wishing to donate towards the formation of clergy in our diocese.

## 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

**next 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

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)*



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.



## ANZAC DAY | Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April

We remember and honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. **Lest We Forget!**

**Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9am in the Cathedral.**

## Childrens Liturgy Resumes today

The children's liturgy will be commencing from today onwards at 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. Sincere thanks to all volunteers and newly commissioned Catechists for their time and talents in running this important ministry to nurture faith in our children.

## Wondrous Gems of John Cyril Hawes

**26<sup>th</sup> April \$75 3:00-7:30 pm**

Next Friday we will be conducting a Coach tour of all the Hawes Sites in Geraldton finishing with a little Irish Hospitality at St Patrick's Church (now the Irish Club). Join us and discover all the hidden gems of Monsignor Hawes in Geraldton. Have you been in the Cathedral Crypt or The Hermitage? Have you seen the artwork inside the chapel in the grounds of Utakarra Cemetery? Would you like to hear a live rendition of Oh Danny Boy beside the grave of Bishop Kelly? You might even get a chance to choose a tune for the bells to ring. Purchase your ticket soon to ensure you don't miss out. Book online [www.monsignorhawes.com](http://www.monsignorhawes.com) or Phone Gerry 0417 912 997.



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

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☎️ 08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

**If you require a priest in emergency, phone 9964 1608 (24/7)**

The word "synod" refers to both an event and a process where people of God gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. This can include clergy, religious and laity, as well as people from different age groups, ethnicities, and backgrounds. (from the Parramatta Diocese Synod website).

Pope Francis dreams of a more synodal Church that is able to discern the Holy Spirit's guidance in building Communion, enriching its Mission, and broadening the Participation of all its members, living amidst complex pastoral needs and circumstances in the world of today.

Last year, on 3 December 2023, Bishop Michael Morrissey launched our Diocesan Synod – the first for the Geraldton diocese – to be held on 22-24 of August 2024. A Synod Preparatory Commission has been meeting online since late October 2023 to help Bishop Michael lay the groundwork for this historic event.

The Synod theme is "The door opens wide, but my heart more so" which takes its inspiration from Monsignor Hawes' inscription above the large green door of the Priest's house in Mullewa - 'Janus Patet Cor Magis'. Almost as if a motto of Monsignor Hawes, these words reflect his compassionate nature and the depth of his spirituality. The physical door may swing open to welcome visitors but his heart was even more open to the needs of the community he served.

In the lead up to the Diocesan Synod Assembly in August, people across our diocese are invited to reflect on their experience of being a local Church, by responding to the question, "How is the Holy Spirit calling us to be more open-hearted to the challenges of Mission in our diocese today?"



All parishioners as well as staff in our Catholic schools and diocesan agencies are called to engage in group listening consultations or "conversations in the Spirit". These consultations or spiritual conversations serve as opportunities to dialogue and to discern a way forward for the diocese.

All written submissions coming from these consultations are collected in person or online via [synod@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:synod@geraldtoncatholic.org.au) These will then be synthesised by a Writing Team and will give shape to the Synod Working Document and set the agenda for the Synod Assembly in August.

**A series of Listening Consultation for the Catholic community of Geraldton (St Francis, St Lawrence's, St John's, and St Peter's) will take place on the following dates at the Catholic Centre:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 10.00 am -12.15 pm  
(Morning Tea & Lunch provided)
- 31<sup>st</sup> May, Friday 5.30 pm – 7.15 pm (Supper provided)
- 1<sup>st</sup> June, Saturday 10.00 am – 12.15 pm  
(Morning Tea & Lunch provided)

Choose a session you would like to attend  
(Maximum of 28 persons per session).

Give a voice to your dream for a truly Christ-centred, more Spirit-filled, mission-oriented, listening, participatory, and responsive Church for our Diocese. Please join with us in celebrating the gift of our faith community through listening, dialogue, and discernment. Register now for the Listening Consultations. Phone 996 42716. **Your voice is valued more than you think!**



### 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 **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.



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

### Make your contributions online

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.



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Anointing Mass

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



### Diocesan Office

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

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**Today's** readings highlight how knowing Christ can change people. The first reading shows how the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed Peter. Now, he heals as Jesus did and preaches as Jesus preached.

In Peter, we see living proof of what is further explained in the second reading. Through faith in Christ, we come to participate in the relationship of love and communion that the Son has with the Father: "we are God's children now."

Knowing the Father in this way as children of God gives us access to a whole new way of living, and means being transformed into becoming more and more like him. We come to know and participate in God's way of being.

When Peter heals and preaches, he does so because Jesus lives in him, transforming Peter in his own likeness. Like Peter, we live as co-heirs, through Jesus, to the promises of God. What belongs to Jesus as the Son, namely his capacity to know the Father's heart and to do the Father's will, is also promised to us.

Becoming like God does not mean that we lose our individuality or freedom. Instead, we become

more our true ourselves, each of us according to the grace and the gifts we have been given.

whatever impediments or difficulties befall us on our journey to the fullness of life and union with



God. He assures us: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." Jesus' power to take his life back up again is the power that restores us to new life and relationship with God.

Jesus opens up for humanity a whole new way of living.

Whatever the hatreds, conflicts and divisions that arise between people, Jesus invites us into one fold, the flock of the Good Shepherd. He calls us to lives of faith, hope and love, under his protection and in relationship with him as the Good Shepherd.

There is no other power or god or ideology in the world that can promise this same hope for the human race that the Good Shepherd promises. Let us follow him.

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This is the life for which God created us: to be persons, different and diverse, each uniquely gifted, and, through love, bound together with Jesus, gathered together into one flock with one shepherd.

Like a good shepherd, Jesus has faced and overcome the mortal danger posed to his flock by the power of sin and death, against which they have no other escape. In laying down his life for his sheep, he proves that he is the true guardian, protector and carer of his flock, the Good Shepherd.

Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus claims power for himself and for all who love him over

### First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2024 Commitment Mass

The candidates for the First Holy Communion this year should attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitments.



- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6pm Vigil at St Lawrence's or Cathedral
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point.
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7:30am, 9:30am or 6:00pm in the Cathedral
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 6pm Vigil in the Cathedral

### Parent/Child Meeting

The candidates from St Francis Xavier primary School, St John's Rangeway and After School Program, for the First Holy Communion along with their parents have to attend the parent/child meeting scheduled on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm in the Catholic Centre.**

### Celebration

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated this year as follows:

**St John's Primary School** - *Date and venue to be confirmed due to the closure of St John's Church*

### SFX Primary School

*Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in the Cathedral.*

### After School Program

*Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in the Cathedral.*

### St Lawrence's Bluff Point

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11am at St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point*

For any queries or enrolment of please contact the parish office on 9964 1608 or email [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Mary Marsh at 102A Fitzgerald Street, Beachlands. Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-Friday.** All welcome.



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1550.55</b>		<b>570.95</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>484.00</b>	<b>222.00</b>	<b>515.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>909.20</b>		<b>260.95</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>132.20</b>		

Thank You

*Feasts of the Week* 26 Apr Fri St Mark the Evangelist

### 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:** Fr Johnny Carpenter, Fr Frank Fitzgerald, Nerina Sciuto Fr Bertus Van Der Geest, and Kitty Rowe.

**Recently Deceased:** Eric Kevin Holly, Ray Sims, Esma Florence Ley, Marlene (Waller) McDonald, Kerry (Waller) Clune.

## Entrance Antiphon

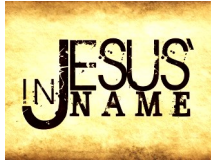
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## First Reading (Acts 4:8-12)

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

*The word of the Lord.*



**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

### R. *The stone rejected by the builders, has become the corner stone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

R.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

R.

## Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2)

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

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

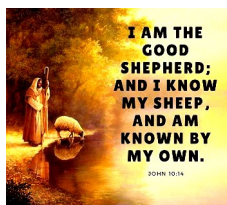
### Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me. ....Alleluia!

## Gospel (John 10:11-18)

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

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know



my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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 9:26-31 | Psalm 21 | 1 John 3:18-24 | John 15:1-8

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3 - 4pm

at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.

Welcome all to be with the risen Lord for an hour!



## 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. Thank you all for your support.

*If you have a query you can ring Yvonne Fahl on 0400 978 284.*