

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

28 April 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy has commenced again in the Cathedral since last Sunday. Parents of primary school aged children are requested to bring in their children at 9:30am Mass for them to attend the liturgy. Thanks to the catechists and volunteers for sharing their time and talents in nurturing faith to our little ones.

Induction Workshop for Church Workers this week Safeguarding Level 1

This 60-minute induction is for **Church Workers**, those who are paid or unpaid (volunteers) in the Geraldton Diocese. If you have not completed an induction session previously, please attend a session **either** online by accessing the registering platform 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 on **30 April 2024 at 2:00pm**.



Please ring **Rosemary 0428 215147** to confirm your attendance.

Reflection and Prayer in May

with Mothers' Day Intercession

Holy Hour in the Cathedral next Friday on 3rd May at 11 am followed by Holy Mass. All are invited to attend.

Prayer for a Good Season

God,

We see and feel You in so many different ways and we know that You are there. We thank You for all the good things in our lives. The stability of our governments, our political and religious freedom and the easy way of life that is part of being an Australian and which we so often take for granted.

Lord, we seek the blessing of your rain which brings hope to our communities of a good season. Continue to look upon us and send the rain we need in order to grow our crops and pastures so that we can provide for our families and fulfil our obligations.

We ask that You grant us the support and comfort of Your presence so that we can get through this season, no matter what the outcome.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2024

Commitment Mass next weekend

The candidates for the First Holy Communion this year should attend one of the Masses next weekend for making their commitments.

Saturday 4th May 6pm Vigil at St Lawrence's or Cathedral

Sunday 5th May 9am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point.

Sunday 5th May 7:30am, 9:30am or 6:00pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 11th 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 15th 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 15th June at 4pm in the Cathedral.

After School Program

Saturday 15th June at 4pm in the Cathedral.

St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Sunday 16th June at 11am at St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point

For any queries or enrolment, please contact the parish office on 9964 1608 or email gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

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. Please put an appropriate reference/description such as **"donation, second collection"** etc.



Morning Tea Next Sunday

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



Parish Office & Holy Shop

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



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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 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:

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| 11 th May, Saturday | 10.00 am - 12.15 pm | (Morning Tea & Lunch provided) |
| 31 st May, Friday | 5.30 pm – 7.15 pm | (Supper provided) |
| 1 st 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!**



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, **with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.**
Next Friday, 3rd May 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.
Welcome everyone to adore the risen Lord!



Anointing Mass

The next anointing Mass for the Catholic Community of Geraldton will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturday, 11th May at **9am**. You are welcome to attend this Mass if you seek healing or wish to be anointed.



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*



"The human heart is drawn by love. The soul is in God and God in the soul, just as the fish is in the sea and the sea in the fish."
– St Catherine of Sienna

Visits to Opal and Hillcrest Residents

Our fellow-Catholics in the residential care homes would gladly welcome parishioners who would like to visit them .

You are welcome to join me there at the following times
10.15 - 12.00 on Wednesday at Opal Shore, Fitzgerald Street
10.15 - 12.00 on Thursday at Juniper Hillcrest, Onslow Street

A RAT test is necessary and can be taken beforehand or at the Main Reception as we arrive. Currently masks are not required. Please let me know in advance, if possible, if you would like to come. Thank you! - Sr Flora 0459 119 575 / flora@preswa.com.au

Diocesan Office

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In these weeks after Easter and before the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, our gospel readings come from Jesus' farewell discourses in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings which Jesus shared with his disciples in that precious time just before his arrest and crucifixion. His teachings offered solace to his disciples who were soon to endure his passion and death. We now read and ponder them in the light of his resurrection and Ascension. They also offer comfort to us in our time and place, as we face life's challenges and sorrows.

Last week, the gospel recounted Jesus telling the disciples that he is the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep by name, who cares for them and protects them, and whose love and care are so great that he lays down his life for his sheep. This image of the Good Shepherd and his sheep describes a relationship of steadfast love and care.

This week, Jesus describes his relationship to his followers differently, this time in terms of a vine and its branches. This image highlights the intimacy, interconnection, mutuality and

reciprocity of the relationship of Jesus to us, of Jesus to the Father, and of Jesus and the Father to us, individually and as a community.

Jesus explains that he is the true vine, the Father

abide, occurs 8 times.)

Jesus is very clear: this abiding is essential and core to our relationship with him. It is this abiding in him and he in us that will result in great fruitfulness. The fruits will be life-giving fruits, internal as well as external, for us personally and for the community. They will be peace, freedom, justice, joy, and the flourishing of creation.

What then is the call and the challenge for us? It is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. This is the discipleship to which he calls us: it is abiding in him, keeping company with him, living in daily conversation with him. We are called to a life-long process of entering ever more deeply into this relationship with him, learning to abide in his love, and learning to love one another as God has loved us. It is learning to live like that every day!

And, in the process, we will gradually come to better see the world, ourselves, other people, and whatever situations we face with our hearts and minds attuned to his.

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is the vine grower, and we are the branches. The image reminds us that we, just like the vine and its branches, rely on each other in order to bear fruit.

But, most important of all, Jesus urges us: "Abide in me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to stay, to dwell, to make a home in, to endure, and to hold fast. This notion of 'abiding' is of utmost importance in John's Gospel. (Even in today's short reading this word,

Pilgrimage - Saints of Italy, Marija Bistrica & Medjugorje

The above pilgrimage is from Tues, 1/10/2024 to Tues, 22/10/2024.

Spiritual Director – Fr George James, Sacred Heart parish, Thornlie
The first part of the pilgrimage will cover The Great Saints of Italy and will include Rome (Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, St. Alphonso, etc), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Assisi (St. Francis of Assisi), Sienna (St. Catherine), Padua (St. Anthony), Venice (St. Mark), etc. We will also visit Our Lady of Revelation, Manopello, Lanciano, Loreto and the Shrine of the Mystical Rose. The second part of the pilgrimage will see us drive through Slovenia to spend two nights in Marija Bistrica (Croatia) and then to Medjugorje (Hercegovina) for a week.

If you wish to join us for the pilgrimage, please contact Pilgrimage Coordinators, *Edman/Radha Anthony* at 0424 437 251 and/or email edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com for more details.

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

Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting will be held on Saturday May 11, 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



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 21 st April 2024			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1449.90		531.75
Planned Giving \$	569.00	137.00	567.50
Parish Collection \$	689.75		253.65
Friday Fast \$	121.20		

Thank You

Feasts of the Week



- 29 Apr Mon Saint Catherine of Siena
- 2 May Thu Saint Athanasius
- 3 May Fri Saint Philip and James



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be in the Cathedral Crypt from 29th April to 31st May during the month dedicated to St Mary. Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-Friday.**



Adoration with Benediction at St Lawrence's

Every second Sunday of the Month 8.15-8.50 am
Last Sunday of each month 3-4pm - Divine Mercy holy hour.



Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Thursday after 7am Mass until 8am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00am followed by Mass and First Fridays 7:30-9:30pm with benediction.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Brad Borrows, Ray Sloan, Isabelita Calimag, Sue Harris, Rose Ralph, Noli Soliven, Reg Maisey, Megan Aylmore, Maria Salamone, Bernard Rooney, Tim Conway, Margaret John, Maureen Burke, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, Laura Drew, Andres Rodillas, Derek Levett, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly, Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Una McFadden and Cherrille Quilty.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Phil Bunter and Kitty Rowe.

Recently Deceased: Esma Florence Ley, Marlene (Waller) McDonald, and Kerry (Waller) Clune.

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 9:26-31)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 21)

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

Second Reading (1 John 3:18-24)

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . . Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. . . . **Alleluia!**

Gospel (John 15:1-8)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the

vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 | Psalm 97 | 1 John 4:7-10 | John 15:9-17

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

today, Sunday 28th April 3 - 4pm

at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.

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



MHHC 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.

