

# 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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

**5 May 2024**

**VOCATION VIEW:** God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you."  
 The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?

## First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2024

### Commitment Mass this weekend

The candidates for the First Holy Communion this year will be attending one of the Masses this weekend for making their commitments.



### 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 Masses 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, please contact the parish office on 9964 1608 or email [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

*"Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death, the Light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise."*

## Mothers' Day next weekend

Next Sunday is Mother's day, a day dedicated to express love and gratitude to all mothers, acknowledging the sacrifices women make for their children. If you wish to have a Mass offered for your mother, grandmother or mother figures, please use a **Mother's day Mass Bouquet** Envelopes available at the church door today. Money received from these envelopes will go towards funding our **GodStart** program. **GodStart** is an evangelisation program run by volunteers who send birthday cards and prayers with faith tips for parents, to the children who have been Baptised in our Parishes, up until they are 4 years of age.



## Mothers' Day Morning Tea Next Sunday

The First Sunday fellowship has been postponed from today to next Sunday to celebrate the Mothers' day. A bring and share morning tea 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.*

## Anointing Mass next Saturday

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



## Presentation of Candidates and Commitment for the First Holy Communion

**Celebrant** Children and parents preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist, please come forward to the sanctuary to make your commitment.  
*(wait for the candidates and parents to come forward).*

**Celebrant Children** **Please Make your commitment**  
 We will prepare for our first Holy Communion, by participating well in our class activities, and in the celebrations of our parish, as best as we can. We will use the gifts and talents God has given us, so that we can grow closer to Jesus and live as he taught.

**Celebrant** Parents and carers of children preparing for their first Holy Communion please make your commitment.

**Parents and Carers** We promise to help our children, to prepare for their first Holy Communion, by encouraging them in what they are learning, and striving to set a good example in our own faith life.

**Celebrant** All members of the community, please stand and make your commitment.

**Parish Community** We the parish community of St Francis Xavier Cathedral / St Lawrence's Bluff Pont, through our encouragement and prayers, support these families and children in their preparations for their first Holy Communion.



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

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🌐 [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)



**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707

☎️ 08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

## 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.



## 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)



## 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.



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

## Hawes Heritage Trail 4 Day Pilgrimage

June 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> \$400 per person

You're invited to participate in a voyage of discovery, in a luxury coach departing each day from Geraldton, of the iconic buildings and sites relating to the heritage of Priest/Architect John Cyril Hawes, in Midwest Western Australia. (This is NOT a walking tour). Lunch, entry to sites, snacks and drinks on the bus, expert commentary, and daily Mass in a Hawes church are all provided. **One day Options are available for \$100 per day.**

For more information or to reserve your place, visit our website [www.monsignorhawes.com](http://www.monsignorhawes.com) or Phone Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997.



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.

## Bereavement support after the death of a child

The Compassionate Friends would like to invite you to a community event coming soon to your region.

Bereavement support after the death of a child at any age, and by any cause.

A Community Engagement meeting to inform your region's agency and organization representatives of our free, fully supported services, facilitated by trained volunteers, will be held at:



Geraldton Regional Library, 37 Marine Terrace,  
Geraldton – Randolph Stow Meeting Room 1  
from 10am – 12pm, followed by lunch, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

A confidential Support Group will be held between **1 - 3pm**.

Bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents are warmly invited and welcome to attend. **Morning tea and Lunch provided.**

As we are a Not-for-profit organisation, we will have fund raising items for sale at each event at \$5 each. Cash or direct deposit only please. RSVP and enquiries can be made via email to - [ruraloutreachcfm@gmail.com](mailto:ruraloutreachcfm@gmail.com)

## Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting will be held next 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](mailto:danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com)



## 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)



## 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.



## Diocesan Office

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**Parents** often offer these words of encouragement and support to their children when they have to move to a new place or to a new school, "It will be alright; you will make new friends."

It can be difficult not only for children but for anyone to leave old friendships behind and to seek new friends. It reinforces the importance that we place on strong relationships, and the common bonds that develop through important milestones and junctures of our lives.

Many people enjoy friendships that start in primary school that last through university, careers, relationships, children and grandchildren. Lifelong friendships can be some of the most cherished and important things in our lives. Priceless treasures.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers us God's friendship. "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." With these words, Jesus reveals

God's desire to have a different type of relationship with us. A relationship that is based on a deep, true and personal friendship.

This relationship is about God being with us in

beyond sterile prayer halls and into the sometimes messiness and grey areas of our very human condition. Importantly, we should understand that in God wanting to be friends with us, there is a deep acceptance and understanding of our flawed person. A safe place where we can bare all with no fear of condemnation. A place where God is listening and accepting.

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend and these writings have been compiled into a book titled, *Praying to God as a Friend*. Despite the gospels revealing this more than 2000 years ago and St Alphonsus writing about this over 300 years ago, the notion of God as a friend is still a relatively novel idea today. But it's there, right in front of us in today's gospel.

God's friendship is waiting. It is truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

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the very ordinariness of our lives. In the marketplace, at the coffee shop, the park, the beach and, more importantly, in our homes. It is because in these locations that we normally catch up with our friends to share our thoughts and desires, God wants to have that kind of relationship with us too in these places.

God wants to establish a relationship that moves beyond worship and one that enters into deep, heartfelt and very real conversations. To move

**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, Manoppello, 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](mailto:edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com) for more details.

**Month of May, the Month of Mary**

"Mary is the highest woman and the noblest gem in Christianity after Christ. . . . She is nobility, wisdom, and holiness personified. We can never honour her enough. Still honour and praise must be given to her in such a way as to injure neither Christ nor the Scriptures".

— Martin Luther King



<b>Parish Finances</b>			
Contributions of 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1597.40</b>		<b>784.65</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>510.00</b>	<b>319.00</b>	<b>510.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>701.35</b>		<b>237.80</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>145.75</b>		

Thank You

**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.



**THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL**

The rosary statue will be in the Cathedral Crypt from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> 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:**

Fr Peter Downes, 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:** Esperanza Chavez, Gavan Prunster and Lynette Gilliard

**Recently Deceased:** Isabel Perestrelo, Gwendoline Mary Cornelius and Maria Cristina Oliver.

## Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## First Reading (Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48)

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up!', he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 97)

### R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

## Second Reading (1 John 4:7-10)

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

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** . . . All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them....**Alleluia!**

## Gospel (John 15:9-17)

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are

my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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 1:1-11 | Psalm 46 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Mark 16:15-20

## 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

## You are now a nonagenarian Lila Criddle!

One of our parishioners Lila Bunter Criddle is turning 90 years this Tuesday on 7<sup>th</sup> May. It is an impressive accomplishment for Lila and her family. **Wish you a very Happy Birthday and God's blessings Lila!**

