

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

The Ascension of the Lord

Year B

12 May 2024

VOCATION VIEW: *There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel, I am with you always.'*



Mother's Day marks the contributions and sacrifices a mother makes for her children and the entire family. Mother's Day is not just about showcasing your emotions to your real mother, but it's a day of reaching out to each and every woman who has been inspirational and a constant support for you and wrapped

you with all the motherly affection and love in every phase of life.

Let us pray for all mothers and mother figures with a great gratitude before God that He sent them to our life and that they are to be blessed with His abundant grace!

if you wish to have a Mass offered for your mother or grandmother, please use the Mother's day Mass Bouquet envelopes available at the church door today. Money received from these envelopes will go towards the funding of our **GodStart** program. **GodStart** is an evangelisation program run by volunteers who send birthday cards each year to the babies who have been Baptised in our Parishes, up until they are 4 years old, with faith tips and prayers for parents included. The Mother's Day Mass Bouquet book with the names listed from the Mass Bouquet envelopes, will be placed before the altar during the month of May.

Grand Garage Sale at Bluff Point next Sunday

The most awaited Grand Garage Sale will be held next Sunday, 19th May from 8:30am to 1:30pm in the undercover area of St Lawrence's School.

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 next **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.

Please do not bring any items to the Parish Office.



Mothers' Day Morning Tea Today

All Geraldton Catholic community are invited to join the morning tea today in the Divine Mercy Garden after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral to celebrate Mothers' Day!

More helpers wanted to run this ministry smoothly. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to give a hand.



Prayer for Mothers

Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You.
Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service.

Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed.

Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen.



Courtesy: Christianity.com

First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2024

Parent/Child Meeting this week

The candidates for the First Holy Communion celebration this year from St Francis Xavier primary School, St John's Primary School Rangeway and After School Program, along with their parents have to attend the parent/child meeting this **Wednesday 15th 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

Saturday 15th June at 3pm at St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point

SFX Primary School and After School Program

Saturday 15th June at 4pm in the Cathedral.

St Lawrence's Primary School Bluff Point

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

For any enquiries or enrolment, please contact the parish office on 9964 1608 or email gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au
Enrol now for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated in the next term as well as for any other sacraments.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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



Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

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

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.



Diocese of Geraldton Synod Consultations

"The door opens wide, but my heart more so"

Two more sessions of listening Consultations for the Catholic community of Geraldton (St Francis Xavier, St Lawrence's, St John's, and St Peter's) will take place on the following dates at the Catholic Centre:



31st May, Friday 5.30 pm – 7.15 pm (*Supper provided*)
1st 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!**



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

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship **Closing Date 31 July 2024.**

Stella Maris College Reunion

Reunion for Class of '71 (1960 to 1971) of Stella Maris College will be held on Saturday 12 October 2024, 4pm at Clement Street, Swanbourne. For 'expression of interest' please contact Judi Maurice (nee Keeffe) on 0413 588 405.

Baptism Preparation Meeting this Tuesday

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this Tuesday, 14th May at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the parents of the eldest child to be baptised.



For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

Hawes Heritage Trail 4 Day Pilgrimage

June 9th-12th \$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 or Phone Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997.



"Every vocation to the priesthood comes from the heart of God, but it passes through the heart of a mother."
- St. Pius X

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 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.

WA Professional Standards Office
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Imagine how many times, through their days living with and following the Lord, that the disciples found themselves dumbstruck. His teaching fell on them like thunder. Parables, like mysterious worlds, snapped and popped about, opening new, wonderful, bottomless points of view.

And his symbolic actions! He cursed the fig tree. He forgave sins. He woke up in the boat and rebuked the storm. He marched right into the temple and, like a whirlwind, drove out the moneychangers. And, of course, there were the miracles! He touched and healed lepers, the infirm, the blind from birth. He turned water into wine. He walked on water. He even raised a man from the dead!

And all of this was like a plane on a runway, gathering speed, faster, faster, to go . . . where? To the cross! The man died. The spear went into His side. They saw his blood spill. They saw His naked body hanging lifelessly from the wood. They saw him taken down and placed into the earth. They were certainly confused then: the whole movement, the whole world-changing, upside-down, inside-out revolution he started ends in total defeat?

Of course, from our place in the long line of heirs to this story, we know it's not over: on the third day He returns from death. Reading or hearing the story ourselves, we can almost taste the mixture of confusion with unutterable joy and



amazement that drenches the page. And there's more. He is with them, from that first Easter morning, for forty glorious and strange days, days beyond comprehension, where time and space were surely refigured around his presence—heaven, as they say, on earth. There's little said about this time, but, yes, it's strange: they struggle to recognise him. He appears and disappears. He passes through locked doors. He eats fish. He breaks through Thomas' doubt: 'Here, put your hand in my

wounded side!' He reconciles and recommissions Peter: 'Feed my sheep!'

And you can just as palpably taste the disciples' wondered confusion now at His ascension. Before their very eyes he passes on into the heavenly realm, the cloud of glory hiding him from their sight. He suffered, died, descended to hell, and returned—and wait, he now leaves for heaven? The story has been strange all along. But three of the gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—end with this event.

'And what do we do now?' You can almost hear the disciples saying to themselves. In the gospel story that is exactly the question we, who also believe, are supposed to ask. The Lord ascended to heaven, to the place of all authority. He, that man, Jesus of Nazareth, sits on the divine throne. And it's still not over. The rest of the story includes us. It includes all creation. It's still being written!

Our question today is the same as the disciples' then: 'What do we do now?' Keep reading, keep listening, to find out.

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Fundraising Movie Screening

Please buy a ticket to our Fund-raising Movie screening and support Guor's Health Clinic and school in Akot Village, South Sudan. *"The Way, My Way"* is a charming and captivating true story of a stubborn and amusingly self-centred Australian man who decides to walk the famous Comino de Santiago pilgrimage route through Spain. The screening will take place at Orana Cinemas on Sunday 26th May at 3:30pm. That is only a few weeks away so please buy your tickets as soon as possible. Adult tickets cost \$25 and Pensioners/Students are \$20. This includes a free drink and a complimentary popcorn.

Tickets will be available after Sunday morning Masses, from Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre or by phoning 0438 804 191.



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.



Feasts of the Week

13 May Mon First Fatima Apparition
14 May Tue Saint Matthias the Apostle



Parish Finances

Contributions of 5th May 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1704.75		755.55
Planned Giving \$	2174.00	492.00	535.00
Parish Collection \$	908.10		368.30
Friday Fast \$	104.45		

Thank You

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else." - Judy Garland

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.**



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

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, Gliceria-Chan Rebanon, Ian & Colleen Shanks, Tony Baker, Isabella Campbell, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Anne Ridge, Eric Shields, Bing Baker and John Crimmins

Recently Deceased: Lily Ricciardi, Isabel Perestrelo, Phil Jack, Maria Cristina Oliver, Gwendoline Mary Cornelius.

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 1:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 46)

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . . Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. . . . **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 16:15-20)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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 2:1-11 | Psalm 103 | Galatians 5:16-25 | John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Training for Special Ministers and Acolytes

Prior to the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, a training session will be held for Special Ministers and Acolytes on Saturday, 25th May from 10am-12pm in the Parish seminar room. It is scheduled for the new members as well as for those who could not attend and recommission last year. Any other existing members wish to attend it are also welcome. Registration is mandatory. Please contact the parish office for registration.