

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 Most Holy Trinity

Year B

26 May 2024

VOCATION VIEW: God is Lord in heaven above and on earth below. Having received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, you are called to proclaim "Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come."

'One God in three Persons'. The Trinity should be more than a baffling mystery that we accept on faith. This Sunday's liturgy invites us to listen again to familiar texts, and to recognise - perhaps for the first time - how they invite us to share in the life which unites Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To appreciate what these texts have to tell us we must recall the foreshadowing that took place in the Old Testament. The mystery of God's life is revealed in what God has done for God's people. In the ongoing story of God's action in the life of the old Israel, 'the word of God' and 'the Spirit of God' were themes that described God's self-expression.

The coming of the eternal Son among us



brought a dramatic revelation of the ultimate identity of the Word of God and the Spirit of God, in the overflowing superabundance that is the divine life. The Son shows himself to be the Word so perfectly expressing all that the Father is as God, that they share the one divine life and glory; the Father and the Son give full expression to all the love and joy that they share, in the Spirit.

This text is so familiar because of its

reference to baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Scriptures, names are seen to embody, make present, the person named. Baptism 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is being plunged into the intimate life of the three divine friends who give themselves to us - something that has been described so magnificently for us in the Easter meditations of John's gospel.

The energising Spirit transforms the lives of those who share in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery - 'sharing his sufferings. So as to share his glory' - making us 'cry out. Abba, Father!' because we are truly coheirs with Christ'.

The Emmaus Series by John Thornhill sm

Formal Convocation of Diocesan Synod 2024

Bishop Michael is formally calling on all faithful, clergy, religious, Catholic schools, diocesan agencies to come together, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to listen to one another, engage in prayerful dialogue and discussion, as we discern a path forward in our shared mission as a community of disciples in our diocese. This convocation will take place on Sunday, 2nd of June, at the 9.30 am Mass on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. A Eucharistic procession will follow the Mass, signifying our journey as a synodal Church, walking together along the same path as one Body in Christ. The actual Synod Assembly is in August 2024, from 21st-23rd. Let us embrace the Synod with joyful anticipation and enthusiasm.



Next Synodal Consultations

Two more session 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

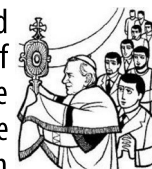
(Morning Tea & Lunch provided)

Choose a session you would like to attend. Phone 9964 2716 to register. **Your voice is valued more than you think!**



Eucharistic Procession next Sunday

We celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) next Sunday, on 2nd of June. As part of our celebration this year, the Eucharistic procession will be commencing from the Cathedral after 9:30am Mass and moving through *Maitland St.-Augustus St. - Fitzgerald St.-Sandford St. - Cathedral Avenue* and coming back to the Cathedral for benediction. Everyone is invited to take part in this great event in proclaiming our faith in the Eucharist. The procession will be contained wholly on the footpath at all times and will not cross or be on any road at any time.



Morning Tea for June is postponed

The First Sunday fellowship for the month of June has been postponed to the following week on the 9th of June, due to the Eucharistic Procession on the First Sunday being the feast of Corpus Christi.

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



Mass in Utakarra Chapel next Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra next Saturday **1st June at 9am**. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

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Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

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

Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

We are grateful to all for your tremendous support of the planned giving for the year 2023-2024. This system enables us to budget for the needs of the parish for the year ahead.

As the new financial year commences at the beginning of July, we would request to those who made the pledge to finalise it at the earliest.

Why Two Collections every Sunday?

First Collection

It is known as Clergy Remuneration. The first collection of all churches in the diocese goes to the Clergy Remuneration Account to meet the expenses of priests in the diocese to pay their stipend and living expenses. Priests are only supported by parishioners.

Second Collection

The source of income for our parishes is the great generosity of the people only. The welfare of the Parish and the Parish Priests relies on the contributions of each and every Parishioners. All monies needed to operate the parish effectively, comes from the parishioners through the Planned Giving system and the second collection. It is used for the running of the parish including

wages for staff, liturgy expenses, pastoral care activities, bulletins, water, electricity, Telephone, insurance, building maintenance etc.

The post-covid rise in living cost has heavily impacted on our parishes in many ways. The insurance in particular has increased by three times this year due to the end of business of the Catholic Church Insurance.

Planned Giving System

It is a system whereby parishioners make a pledge to contribute a certain amount of money for the year by weekly, monthly or yearly. Either it can be through envelope system or by Direct Debit. This system enables the parishes to make a budget for the year ahead. We request to all of you to become a member of this system.

How to Join?

If you are already a member of the system and wish to keep the same, you don't need to do anything as it will be automatically renewed for the next year. However please consider a review of your contribution due to rising cost of living and if you wish to change

your contribution, please contact the parish office at the earliest quoting your Planned Giving number or Envelope number.

For new donors

If you are not a planned giving donor yet and wish to become a member to support your parish, please contact the parish office or fill out a pledge card available in the Church today and put it in the collection bowl, hand it over to a priest or sacristan; or drop it at the parish office as soon as possible. Alternatively you can email it to the parish office.

Often forget to bring the envelope?

Setting up a direct debit (only for second collection), is the best option for hassle free payments.

Request to Envelope Users

All envelope users are kindly requested to set up a direct debit by next year as it can reduce both the workload of our staff as well as the costs involved in it. We currently live in a world of electronic transactions and cashless and chequeless society. Banks are also closing their branches and ATMs.

Contact details are available on the first page of this bulletin.



Visits to Opal and Hillcrest Residents

Our fellow-Catholics in residential care will gladly welcome parishioners who would like to come and visit. You are welcome to join me there. Our times are:



10.15 - 12.00 on Wednesday at Opal Shore in Fitzgerald St

10.15 - 12.00 on Thursday at Juniper Hillcrest in Onslow St

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

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th June 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

Enrol now for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Any child in year 6 (or higher) and not attending a Catholic Primary School, who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September this year, must attend after-school preparation classes which will be commenced in July. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them as soon as possible. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. For more information and enrolment form, please scan the QR code or visit our website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



Hawes Heritage Trail 4 Day Pilgrimage

June 9th-12th \$400 per person

You're invited to participate in a voyage of discovery of the iconic buildings and sites relating to the heritage of Priest/Architect John Cyril Hawes, in Midwest Western Australia. A luxury coach is departing each day from Geraldton. (*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.



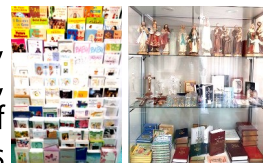
Stella Maris College Reunion

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.

Looking for First Holy Communion Gifts or Cards?

There are many piety gift items available for First Holy Communion in our holy shop.

Beautiful statues, Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads, necklaces as well as a great selection of greeting cards for various occasions such as Birthdays, Christening, Feast days, Wedding, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Jubilees, Anniversaries and many more. . . .



EFTPOS available... **Welcome to visit during the office hours!**

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The Jesuit spiritual writer, Mark Link, begins his widely read book *Experiencing Prayer* (1984) with an extract from Eugene Ionesco's play *The Bald Soprano* (1950). In the scene, a couple meet and enter dialogue about their lives. They discover that they share much in common – they live in the same city, on the same street, in the same apartment, and they each have a daughter named Alice.

Much to their surprise, they also discover they are husband and wife.

As Mark Link observes, this story is repeated in many households, where husbands and wives, sons and daughters, rarely develop deep and abiding relationships. They never truly come to "know" their life partner or sibling, as their relationship remains "largely on the surface."

Similarly, our relationship with God is often superficial. Outwardly we may appear committed to our faith. We wear crosses, scapulars or miraculous medals. We attend Mass every Sunday. We can recite the Nicene Creed by heart, proclaiming that in Jesus, God became human.

However, many of us do not really "know" this

God who became like us. We do not share an intimate relationship with the divine, the ground of all being, the life that gives us life, despite our belief in the Incarnation.



Today's gospel reminds us that we were baptised into a community that has for centuries been initiating catechumens into the faith via the Trinitarian formula of Father, Son and Spirit (Mt 28:19; cf. 2 Cor 13:13). Paul writes to the Romans (8:14-17) in our Second Reading, that through Baptism we are adopted into the family of God, liberated from slavery, and called to intimate relationship with the Father through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Like Matthew, Paul and the first Christians saw in the coming of Christ an invitation to commune

with God whose essential nature was a mutual sharing of three persons in one Godhead. As John says elsewhere, "God is love; so, whoever does not love, does not know God" (1 John 4:8).

It is because God is a trinity of persons that we can speak of God as love. But it also because God the Father sent his Son into the world that we can both know and participate in the love of God. While we can come to appreciate the love of God by looking at the divine handiwork in creation, we can only truly come to "know" God's through the divine Word made fully incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth.

The story of the Incarnation and its revelation of the Trinity teaches us that because God became human, we can become like God. Entering communion with God through Christ, we are transformed and empowered by the Spirit to transcend our limited existences, live lives of love and self-sacrifice, and inherit eternal lives in God. Like the couple in Eugene Ionesco's play, we are called to a conversation with God, which leads us to discover we are children of God.

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Love thy neighbour

We need your help! Join Father Savio and Vietnamese Farmers on Tuesday afternoons at 4pm, to help the farmers with their English. Enjoy a cuppa and conversation to be held in Wandina, stay an hour or two with these delightful people, so they can learn and practice. Phone Denise 0422215606 if you wish to help or for more info.

Do you enjoy working in the Garden?

Would you like to assist in some small projects at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre and Cathedral gardens as to:

- ⇒ grow a tray of cuttings at your home with instructions
- ⇒ assist in a planting day at the gardens
- ⇒ assist in a maintenance day at the gardens

If you would like to assist, please contact Annalise Fosbery by email MHHlandscape@gmail.com

Cathedral Holy Hour | Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 7 June, 11am

Being with Jesus to thank, adore and honour Him as we celebrate the love of God. He brings us in Person every day!



Feasts of the Week

- 31 May Fri The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 1 Jun Sat Saint Justin



Thank You

Parish Finances

Contributions of 19th May 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1580.20		657.80
Planned Giving \$	549.00	218.00	385.00
Parish Collection \$	753.35		467.05
Friday Fast \$	100.95		

WA Professional Standards Office for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

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Saxon Gee (Perth) 1800 072 390/08 9221 7762

Email director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au



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, Holy Queen.

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, Gliceria-Chan Rebano, Ian & Colleen Shanks, Tony Baker, Isabella Campbell, Colleen Shanks, Isabel Perestrelo, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Peter Guagliardo, Carmen Pace and Agnes Criddle.

Recently Deceased: Geoff McCann, Fay Clifford and Geoffrey Sands.

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading (Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32)

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke: and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading (Romans 8:14-17)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . .

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given

to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 24:3-8 | Psalm 115 | Hebrews 9:11-15 | Mark 14:12-16,22-26

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Divine Mercy Holy Hour
today Sunday 26th May 3 - 4pm
at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.
Welcome all to be with the risen Lord for an hour!

