



St John's Rangeway



St Peter's Greenough

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 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

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

9 June 2024

VOCATION VIEW: If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham – called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call.

First Holy Communion Celebration next weekend

Hearty Congratulations to the students who are celebrating First Eucharist next weekend as follows. Please keep these children in your prayers for them to become more deeper in faith and more closer to Jesus in the Eucharist as they grow older.



Saturday 15th June at 3pm at St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point
Students from St John's Primary School, Rangeway

Saturday 15th June at 4pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral
Students from St Francis Xavier Primary School and non-Catholic Schools (After School Program).

Sunday 16th June at 11am at St Lawrence's School Under Cover Area
Students from St Lawrence's Primary School Bluff Point

Notice to the Readers and other Ministers

We gently remind all Readers, Special Ministers, Altar Servers and all volunteers involved in any ministry in a Mass, to **Sign-In** and **Sign Out** the Safeguarding Register kept in the Sacristy. It is mandatory to enter your details in the register on the day of your reading or other ministries regardless of weekdays or weekends. Thank you.

Morning Tea today

Welcome all to the monthly Sunday fellowship which will be held today after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. Due to the weather, the venue has moved to the Catholic Centre. Please come and join for a chat and sip a cuppa. *More helpers wanted to run this ministry smoothly. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to give a hand.*



Welcome Pilgrims

Welcome to our Pilgrims who are beginning their 4 Day Pilgrimage at the 9:30 Mass this weekend. They will spend 4 days travelling by luxury coach, discovering the Heritage of Hawes in the Midwest, guided by their Spiritual Director, Fr Robert Cross, who will celebrate Mass in a different Hawes Church each day. If you would like to join the group on any day you would be most welcome. Have a look at the program on the website www.monsignorhawes.com and contact Gerry (0417 912997).



"Do not let the past disturb you. Leave everything in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and begin again with joy." -St Teresa

Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

Availability of New Envelopes

Those who are already using planned giving envelopes will receive new envelopes next weekend, to be used from 7th July onwards.

Planned Giving System

It is a system whereby parishioners make a pledge to contribute a certain amount of money to the Parish for the year ahead by weekly, monthly or yearly. Either it can be through envelope system or by Direct Debit. We encourage all parishioners to become a member of this system. It is in lieu of the second collection to meet the running costs of our parishes including bulletins, energy bills, liturgy expenses, wages for staff 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 closure of Catholic Church Insurance.

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 and if you wish to revise 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 fill out a pledge form 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.

Request to Envelope Users

All envelope users are kindly requested to set up a direct debit as soon as possible, 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. *For more details or Direct Debit forms, visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/planned/> or scan this QR code. Forms are also available in the Sacristy of the Cathedral as well as St Lawrence's. Please talk to a Priest, Sacristan or Parish Secretary*



What is the First Collection for?

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.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530
 PO Box 46, Geraldton, WA 6531

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

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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)

Join the Meal Train

We are delighted to share that the Hatley family is blessed with the birth of their 5th child last week and it's a girl again! Hearty congratulations to Daniel and Cassy! As a community, we have the opportunity to support them during this joyful time. We are organizing a meal train to help the Hatley family with meals. If you are able to volunteer and provide a meal, please get in touch with Michael Carkeet on 0413 429 061 or email mjcarkeet@live.com.au



Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this 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*



Roster for Cathedral Readers

New roster for Cathedral readers, commencing from the last weekend is available in the Sacristy. It was emailed to all those who have provided the email address. If you wish to have a hard copy, please collect it from the Sacristy today and arrange a substitute if you are not available on the day. Thank you.

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

Looking for First Holy Communion Gifts or Cards?

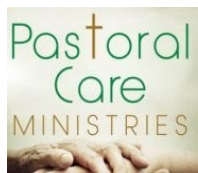
There are many piety gift items available in our holy shop for First Holy Communion and other occasions.

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!



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.

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.



Prayer for the Synod of Geraldton Diocese

Ever loving and merciful Father,
Your presence is all around us
We, Your people, freely come together
seeking Your will and the inspiration
of the Holy Spirit as we work together
to discern our way forward as a local Church.
You feed us with Your Word, who is Christ our Lord.
Open our hearts to listen, to understand,
and to respect each other
as we humbly walk together on this synodal journey.
Renew us in the light of Your Truth
and give us the wisdom to participate
with open hearts and minds,
that we may grow in communion
and engage in mission to the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St Francis Xavier, Patron of the Geraldton Diocese,
Pray for us.

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.



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.

Enroll 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 next month. 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://geraldtoncatholic.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



You can also enroll for other Sacraments to be celebrated next year.

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.**

Diocesan Office

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

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When people hear the word 'myth', they often think 'fiction' or 'untrue'. However, in ancient times, myths – stories rich in symbols, expressions, and characters that were easily recognisable and familiar to audiences – were the primary way for people to ponder and talk about events and experiences that were important to them, but beyond their understanding.

In the Jewish-Christian tradition, the Book of Genesis uses a mythic story to portray the origin of sin. In today's first reading, we're invited to imagine a garden where there's complete harmony between man and woman, between humans and nature, and between humans and God. Peace and union are the hallmarks of this garden.

However, eating from the tree that gives full knowledge is forbidden. Despite God's warning, the woman and man know better! Tempted and seduced by the serpent, the woman eats the forbidden fruit and shares it with the man who also eats. Both think they can act independently of God and follow their own desires without proper discernment. Both fail to grasp the reality that human beings must live within limits.

Their eyes are opened, but rather than becoming

like God, they become estranged and naked, fully exposed and vulnerable; which neither can handle. Afraid of God and ashamed of themselves, they sew fig leaves together to hide



from each other and from God. Concealment, cover-up and discord are now the hallmarks of this garden.

This mythic story teaches us a fundamental truth about sin: that our lives and relationships become fractured and disconnected, and we're unable to face ourselves, God and others honestly and openly.

Thankfully, God doesn't abandon humanity in its shame and sinfulness. God takes the initiative and is portrayed walking in the garden seeking and searching for the fearful and hiding couple, who are unable to face the consequences of their

choices. God asks, "Where are you?" It's not a threat, but a question from someone who cares deeply.

Like so many of us, rather than accept their fault, the woman and man look for excuses and try to justify themselves by blaming each other. The man blames: "the woman you (God) gave me." Of course, he doesn't blame the woman alone; he also indirectly blames God who had generously blessed him with a partner. On the other hand, the woman blames: "the serpent that tempted me." Neither of them says, I'm sorry, I'm wrong, it's my fault or please forgive me.

God created humanity with a capacity for freedom and self-determination, and at times we make wrong choices and poor decisions. By acknowledging our mistakes and wrong doing we maturely take the first step in accepting responsibility for our lives and choices, rather than blaming God or others.

Wherever we find ourselves in life and whatever struggles we're carrying, God is with us. Listen attentively to God's personal and loving question to each one of us today: "Where are you?"

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June, the Month of the Sacred Heart

In His first apparition to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a member of the Visitation Sisters, through whom Jesus asked for devotion to



His Sacred Heart, Jesus enveloped her in a mystical experience of His love. She reported that Jesus allowed her "to recline for a long time on His divine breast, where He disclosed to me the marvels of His love and the unutterable secrets of His Sacred Heart." In His second apparition to her, a First Friday in 1674, Jesus showed St. Margaret His Heart, "more dazzling than the sun and transparent as crystal." The Cross stood above it, and a crown of thorns encircled it, signifying the wounds it had endured as a result of our sins.

Christ told St. Margaret that He wanted to reveal His wounded Heart because He could not abide watching as countless people turned away from Him. He wanted all to experience His love, mercy, and grace, and to attain salvation. Jesus' request came at a time when many people had embraced the heretical teaching of Jansenism, which instilled a radical pessimism that implied that most people would be damned and only a few would be saved (by means of their rigorous observance of rules). It has been said that Jansenism—which puts too much emphasis on God's Divine Justice, teaching that one has to be perfect to come to Jesus - breaks the Lord's Heart.

Courtesy: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

Parish Finances

Contributions of 2nd June 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1734.10		665.05
Planned Giving \$	486.00	415.00	602.50
Parish Collection \$	900.80		365.10
Friday Fast \$	141.85		

Thank You

Feasts of the Week

9 Jun Tue Saint Barnabas

13 Jun Thu Saint Anthony of Padua



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

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be in the St John of God Hospital Chapel until 14th June. Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-Friday**. All welcome.



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: Cecilia Taylor, Aleyamma George, Allannah Langton and Anne MacCormac.

Recently Deceased: Joe Priolo and Fr Brian Ligouri Morgan.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading (Genesis 3:9-15)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 129)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture - I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . .

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 3:20-35)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went home, with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying: 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So Jesus called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom can not last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he can not stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies: but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' The mother and brothers of Jesus arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.



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

Ezekiel 17:22-24 | Psalm 91 | 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 | Mark 4:26-34