



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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

16 June 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished and continue to grow towards fuller maturity. Always open to further growth.

Synod of the Diocese of Geraldton

Last Chance!. The diocese needs to hear your thoughts.

Please visit www.geraldtoncathedral.org and have your say. Alternatively, you may scan the QR code or visit the Geraldton Diocesan website <https://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au/diocesan-synod/share-with-us-your-hopes-for-the-local-church>



What we need to do in this Synod is **not about the wider Church, it is about the local church**, not about what happens in Rome, the Vatican, or other areas, what we need to do is to focus on the issues and concerns in our own local area.



If we can focus on issues in the local geographical area of the church, this is what this Synod is dealing with. We are listening with an open heart. Together we can build a better future for our community, we just need to hear your hopes and concerns for your local Church. Your submissions are anonymous.

"Put your sins in the chalice for the precious blood to wash away. One drop is capable of washing away the sins of the world."
 - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Congratulations

Hearty Congratulations to the candidates who celebrate the First Eucharist in our parishes this weekend. 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.



Collect your Planned Giving Envelopes today

Those who are in the planned giving system and using envelopes can pick up their envelopes from the Church today. Please **do not use** any unused envelopes of this year after the 1st of July.

Rangeway Parishioners

Those who are using envelopes from Rangeway Parish can pick it up either from the Cathedral or St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point depending on where you attend Mass regularly.

"The work of the Spirit is to impart life, to implant hope, to give liberty, to testify of Christ, to guide us into all truth, to teach us all things, to comfort the believer, and to convict the world of sin." - Dwight Moody

Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

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.



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. Priests are only supported by the generosity of all parishioners.

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

[@gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)
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)

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th July 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



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

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://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>
You can also enroll for other Sacraments to be celebrated next year.



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.

Anointing Mass

The next anointing Mass for Geraldton Parishes will be on Saturday, 10th August at 9am in the Cathedral. Welcome all to attend if you wish to be anointed.



WA Professional Standards Office

for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Professional Standards Office WA

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

Email director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au



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.

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.

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.

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.



St Lawrence's Parish - Suggestion Box

The suggestion box can be found at the entrance of the church. Your suggestions can be anonymous and we would love to hear from you

Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable of our parishes.



Amy Zinetti



Leonie Golding



Melinda Jupp



Simon Place



Ron Pace



Rosemary Taylor



Safe and Supported

Contact Number 0470 207 707

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

Diocesan Office

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

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Most things start small. Someone asks you to be part of a group and a few years later, on reflection, it turns out to have played a significant part in your life. You just kept turning up and something grew there almost unawares. Then, at a particular point, you may have come to understand God was present there and had been all along.

This is how parables work in today's gospel. They begin where we are, with the familiar, as Jesus speaks to the crowd about God's kingdom. In the first parable, seed is planted which sprouts of its own accord and grows steadily until the time to harvest comes. We're involved in the planting and the harvesting, and may help to facilitate its growth, but ours is not the key role. This is a time of waiting – we wait upon God and God waits with us, and as we do we may recognise God is already present in our lives and the lives of others.

In the second parable Jesus could have mentioned a mighty cedar to suggest what the kingdom of God is like, instead he speaks of the nondescript mustard seed and the bush that

emerges from it, 'the biggest shrub of all', where all nations and strangers may find shelter. From what seems insignificant to begin with, like turning up for the first time, there emerges what

he'll plant on the mountain of Israel. It will provide shelter for every kind of bird, like the mustard bush. The growth of the cedar and other trees won't depend on us, but on the power of the Lord and 'he will do it.' This promise is a sign of hope to his people, after their conquest and exile.

In the second reading Paul speaks of the tension between wanting to be with the Lord forever and his calling to live the good news of Jesus Christ. He recognises one depends upon the other. What we do in this life will be the response we make to Jesus in the life to come. So, we're called to live with confidence, walking by

faith, doing what pleases him, until, in his presence, our lives will speak for us. Keep turning up then, remain faithfully present to one another, and allow the seed that has been planted to come to fulfillment as God has promised. This is what the kingdom is like, and we are to be its agents: it's the mission entrusted to us.

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we could hardly have foreseen, in God's time.

Don't be concerned about the lack of dramatic signs in this time of waiting. It's not our job to make something happen, because it is growing, and it will flourish. So, be patient as Jesus is patient, not waiting passively by, but alive to the presence of God and each another.

In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel the Lord's power is revealed when he speaks of a 'noble cedar', an image of his kingdom, which

June, the Month of the Sacred Heart

Devotion to the Sacred Heart emphasizes the vastness of God's concern and love for struggling humanity. It serves as a reminder to the sinful and hurting people to trust in His Heart, which so tenderly loves each of us. In the Image of the Sacred Heart, Jesus shows His burning love for us and His desire that we return that love.



This calls to mind the Gospel of St. Matthew, when the Lord remarks on the mercy He wishes to bestow. He says, "How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing (23:37).

In addition to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, leap forward to 1931, and we come to another simple and humble woman whom our Lord charged with spreading the message of His merciful love: St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), the so-called Secretary of Divine Mercy. Through the message of Divine Mercy, Christ intends to gather His children - saints and sinners alike - stressing how no soul should be frightened to approach Him. As Jesus tells us through St. Faustina: *Come to Me, all of you. ... Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to me. . . .*

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

Parish Finances

Contributions of 9th June 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1737.70		612.80
Planned Giving \$	645.00	255	2237.50
Parish Collection \$	1041.60		343.40
Friday Fast \$	86.40		

Thank You

Feasts of the Week

- 21 Jun Fri Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
- 22 Jun Sat Saints John Fisher and Thomas More



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be in the St John of God Hospital Chapel until 21st 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, Maria Masiello, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Iszac Rowe, Stephen Varghese, Lilly Jose, Antony & Thomas, Daniel, Donnelly Felipe Balolong, Eulogia Calunod, Mick Clarke, Maureen McCagh and Eugene Bianchini.

Recently Deceased: Gavin Drew.

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading (Ezekiel 17:22-24)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . .

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 4:26-34)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when

he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

Job 38:1, 8-11 | Psalm 106 | 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 | Mark 4:35-41

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 EFT 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.

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.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart is the extraordinary remedy for the extraordinary needs of our time.

-Pope Pius XI.