



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

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### Year B

### 2 June 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like... purified... ready to serve. Pray for Vocations.

In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgina diocese of Liège, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast. From Liège, the celebration began to spread, and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church.



For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied

by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by.

In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.

## Celebration in our Cathedral

We celebrate this great solemnity in the Cathedral with Holy Mass at 9:30am followed by Eucharistic procession reciting Holy Rosary. Subject to the weather, we will process 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.**



## 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 today, Sunday, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, at 9.30am Mass. 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 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Let us embrace the Synod with joyful anticipation and enthusiasm.



## Congratulations new Special Ministers

Prayerful wishes and hearty congratulations to Daniel Hately, Mary Sterry, Anna Holly, and Moira McLean who will be commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral today on this special feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.



## Cathedral Holy Hour | Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Next 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!



## 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.



"If I were Satan and my ultimate goal was to thwart God's kingdom and purposes, one of my main strategies would be to get churchgoers to ignore the Holy Spirit."  
 - Francis Chan

## Parish Office & Holy Shop

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



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## 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 encourage all parishioners to be 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 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 contact the parish office or 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 or Sacristan.



### Morning Tea next Sunday

Our monthly Sunday fellowship will be held next Sunday on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June in the Divine Mercy garden after 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.*



### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)



### Thank you

A very big "Thank you" to all who supported the fundraiser movie last Sunday. We raised over \$1700. This money will be used by Guor to buy resources for our school "St Benedict's Under the Tree" in Akot Village, South Sudan. If you would like to donate to our Registered Charity, please leave a donation at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre for collection. Or, if you wish to donate online, please use the following details: Athiolget Women's and Children's Health  
BSB 633 000 Acc No. 195271036.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.

Next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.

Welcome everyone to adore the risen Lord!

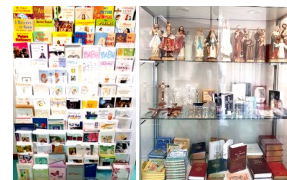


### Thanks to all from St Lawrence's

St Lawrence's Bluff Point Garage Sale raised \$6,160. We thank St Lawrence's Primary School for the use of their undercover area, our sponsors Mitchell and Brown, Rigters IGA, Dome, Orana Cinemas, Sandra Carr ALP, Geraldton Golf Club, Wonda Bake, Radio Mama, Triple M Radio, Fusion Australia Friday Circulars, our many patrons who purchased our items, the numerous who donated plants and secondhand goods and a great thanks to our hard-working volunteers who made it all possible for this event to be such a great success and fun to do. **Thank you so much!**

### 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!**

### Fr Brian Ligouri Morgan passes away

Formerly a Christian Brother of Tardun, then ordained a Priest in the Phillipines (Tagbilaran) and a Priest of the Bunbury Diocese Fr Brian Morgan passed away in Bunbury last Monday on 27<sup>th</sup> May, aged 92. Funeral Mass will be held in Bunbury Cathedral on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. May his soul Rest In Peace!

### Diocesan Office

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In the gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to prepare for the Passover, a Jewish feast celebrating the Hebrew's liberation from slavery in Egypt which is also known as Pesach which means "to pass over," commemorating the fact that God spared the Jewish firstborn from the final plague.

Pharaoh's resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, that the bread they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise, so it is also known as the feast of Unleavened Bread. Six hundred thousand adult males, plus many women and children, left Egypt on that day and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth as God's chosen people.

The tradition is that a family has a special meal called the seder to commemorate this critical event. Foods of symbolic significance commemorating their liberation are eaten, prayers and the reading of the Exodus story are part of the seder meal. Passover is a time of great rejoicing, but strict dietary laws must be observed, and special prohibitions restrict work at the beginning and end of the celebration.

Jesus, as an observant Jew, asked his disciples to prepare a room for this special occasion. However, as Mark tells us there is something different when Jesus, on the eve of his execution on Calvary, gives to his disciples the gift of himself in the form of bread and wine as his

the life of Christ who calls us to communion (relationship) with God and mission which means outreach to those in our world who are in need and those who have not heard the good news.

The eucharist is a source of nourishment and renewal. When we gather to celebrate eucharist we are reminded of the need to recall the Jewish origins of Catholic and Christian life and to remember that we are called to community and to mission. The first calls us into relationship with God and one another and the second reminds us that we do not exist for ourselves but for the mission proclaimed by Jesus which is to make a difference in our world as we share in his mission for the realisation of the kingdom of God.

We cannot create the kingdom, but we can contribute to its realisation. Our regular participation in the eucharist nourishes and strengthens us as a community and continually encourages us to go beyond the doors of our local community to make a difference in our world.

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body and blood. Building on the Jewish-Christian tradition we have, over the centuries, developed the eucharist as a liturgy of thanksgiving for what God has and is doing for us.

In November 1964, Vatican Council II in its Constitution on the Church declared the eucharist as the "source and summit of the Christian life." Long before this declaration Catholic Christians celebrated the eucharist as their participation in

### 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.

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#### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Cecilia Barrett at 5 River Valley Road, Woorree until 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-Friday.**



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1740.60</b>		<b>662.70</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>514.00</b>	<b>242.00</b>	<b>375.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>1146.55</b>		<b>405.85</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>74.45</b>		

Thank You

### 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:** Fr John Martin CSsR, Bill Kennedy, Hazel McLoughlin, John Rowe, Jozef Schobben, Paddy Pluschke, Antonio Condo, Giovanna Chila and Eugene Bianchini.

**Recently Deceased:** Joe Priolo, Fr Brian Ligouri Morgan, Geoff McCann, Fay Clifford, and Geoffrey Sands.

## Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

## First Reading (Exodus 24:3-8)

### A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 115)

**R. I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.. **R.**

## Second Reading (Hebrews 9:11-15)

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

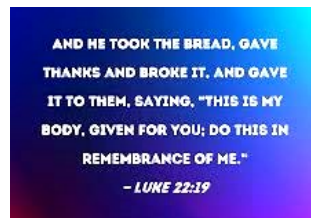
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Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.



Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine

In fields of immortality;  
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.



## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! ...**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.....**Alleluia!**

## Gospel (Mark 14:12-16,22-26)

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

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 3:9-15 | Psalm 129 | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 | Mark 3:20-35

## Roster for Cathedral Readers

New roster for Cathedral readers, commencing from this weekend is available now. It was emailed to all a week ago. 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.

## Feasts of the Week

3 Jun Mon Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions  
5 Jun Wed Saint Boniface  
6 Jun Fri The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
7 Jun Sat The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

