



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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

7 July 2024

VOCATION VIEW: *There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.*

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) Sunday

On this day, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we are called to be a Church that goes forth, embracing all cultures and peoples. Let us open our hearts to the wisdom and spirituality of our First Nations Peoples, recognizing the presence of Christ in our stories and traditions. May our celebration this weekend be a moment of



grace, healing, and transformation for all of us.

The themes for today—*“Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in faith”* are very much related and so necessary for those working for Reconciliation. Being strong in faith is to keep the fire deep within our hearts burning. For it is to retain hope that God’s ways, whatever the rejections and insults and agonies, will in the end win out. And faith attaches us to God, so we can continue to know God’s love deep within our hearts, which gives us the capacity to love and to forgive even in the darkest of times.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolizes our unity as one people in Christ,

and we urge both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.

THE NATSICC LOGO

The NATSICC Logo depicts a willy willy, the wind force in the centre a symbol of God’s Spirit. The round concentric circles at the top symbolise God and Life, the base depicts men and women receiving the Holy Spirit. The logo was designed by Mrs. Olive Boddington, from Western Australia.



For resources and more details please visit www.natsicc.org.au

BISHOP'S BRUNCH Come and join Bishop Michael Morrissey for Holy Mass at the Cathedral and then Brunch at Laian's as he shares with us his vision and inspiration for the 2024 Geraldton Diocesan Synod.



On Saturday, July 13, 9am Holy Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Geraldton | 9:45am Brunch at Laian's Restaurant. Hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross WA, Midwest Branch 118.

The Event is aimed to cater to Adult Males both Catholic and non-Catholic to be able to spend time with Bishop Morrissey; however, both locations are public spaces, open to all, particularly the Mass.

ALL ORDERING FOOD, please check Laian's latest Menu (<https://www.laianrestaurant.com/menu.html>) and email your food item choice to Daniel (danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com) by July 7, 2024 to help Laian's organise the catering. Drink orders do not need an RSVP, although all RSVPs would be helpful to organise chairs before the event. Payment is at the till on the day.

Synod of the Diocese of Geraldton

Last Chance! The diocese needs to hear your thoughts.

Please visit www.geraldtoncathedral.org and have your say. Submissions are anonymous. 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 about our local church; what we need to do is to focus on the issues and concerns in our own local geographical area of the Church, this is what this Diocesan Synod is dealing with. We need to hear your hopes and concerns. We are listening with an open heart. Together we can build a better future for our diocesan community.



Parish Morning Tea



Please make your way to the Catholic Centre to enjoy a nice cuppa and community chat, after the 9.30 am Mass. A massive “thank you” to Amy Zinetti & helpers for organising our monthly Bring & Share Morning Tea.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Parish Office & Holy Shop **Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parishes in September this year.



After School Program commences Soon

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 commencing on Wednesday, 17th July. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them immediately. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started.

Parent/Child Meeting

All Candidates for Confirmation from the St Francis Xavier Primary School, St John's Primary School, Rangeway and After School Program, along with their parents have to attend the parent/child meetings held in the Catholic Centre on Wednesday, 24th July at 5pm.

Commitment Masses

The candidates for Confirmation this year should attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitment.

Saturday 27th July 6pm Vigil in the Cathedral and St Lawrence's
Sunday 28th July 7:30am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral
9:00am at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.

Saturday 3rd August 6pm Vigil in the Cathedral

Students from St John's Church Rangeway also have to attend either in the Cathedral or St Lawrence's on the above dates.

Please present the completed *Sacramental Commitment* form along with a copy of the baptism certificate while attending the Commitment Mass. These forms are available from the School or can be downloaded from the parish website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or scan the QR code.



Celebration

St John's Rangeway : Tuesday 3rd September at 6pm
At St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

St Francis Xavier Cathedral : Wednesday & Friday
4th & 6th September at 6pm

St Lawrence's, Bluff Point : Thursday 5th September at 6pm

After School Candidates : Friday 8th September at 6pm

For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 08 9964 1608 or Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

"Be assured that there is no sin you have ever committed that the blood of Jesus Christ cannot cleanse."
- Billy Graham

ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER

You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You. Father You are good.

You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You.

Father You are good. We believe your Word,
Father, We are Your children, give us bread today.

We believe Your Word, Father,
We are Your children, give us bread today.

We have done wrong, we are sorry,
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.

We have done wrong, we are sorry,
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.

Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them,
Father, today. Others have done wrong to us,

And we are sorry for them,
Father, today. Stop us from doing wrong,

Father, Save us all from the evil one.

Stop us from doing wrong,
Father, Save us all from the Evil One.

(Repeat first verse)



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.

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

This 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

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

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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

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The three main characters in today's readings suffer rejection and humiliation. Their pain is summarised in today's Psalm: "Indeed, all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain."

Sometimes, following God means being a witness to people who do not respect us or our faith. As the prophet Ezekiel hears in the first reading, the task of the faithful disciple is to keep witnessing to our faith, "whether they listen or not".

In the second reading, St Paul explains how he perseveres when he is confronted with rejection and humiliation. Paul's second

letter to the Church in Corinth was motivated by a vicious attack on his ministry and reputation. Some within the community, who styled themselves as 'superapostles', disparaged Paul and his teaching. Instead, they boasted about the incredible visions and secret knowledge they had received, which proved their superiority over Paul.

Instead of trying to compete with his rivals' boasting, Paul brags about his own weaknesses and failures. Paul does not go into detail about what he means by the "thorn in his flesh." Theories have included health difficulties,

reoccurring temptations, or difficult people around him.

Struggles like these that seem to get in the way of us trying to live out his faith should be familiar to all of us. However, Paul explains that



God sometimes allows these obstacles in our lives because our weaknesses make the grace and love of Jesus most evident.

Instead of succumbing to the temptation to boast about his accomplishments, Paul uses his weaknesses to constantly remind himself of his dependence on God's power. Through his weaknesses, Paul learns about the self-sacrificial kind of service that God desires. As a result, God's presence and activity in Paul's life are even more present because of the weakness that appears on the surface. Paul is a better witness of God's power because he demonstrates with his

life what Christ can do with any person in any situation.

Jesus himself embraces this way of living in today's gospel. Previous chapters of Mark's Gospel make Jesus seem unstoppable. Disease, demons and even death all give way before him. However, Jesus' mission appears to have stalled when he does not overcome Nazareth's lack of faith.

Perhaps Jesus could have forcefully displayed his power when he returned to Nazareth and broken down the barriers of unbelief. But what is a faith in God that is based on overpowering, dominating, and controlling?

It would eliminate the opportunity for people to encounter God's love and mercy and for the spiritual change towards selfless love that God most desires.

Jesus most clearly proves that he is from God in his acceptance of suffering. His rejection by those closest to him is another step towards the cross, where he will demonstrate to the world and all history what God's love truly means.

Our weaknesses can invite us to deepen our loving relationship with God and invite others to encounter Jesus. Let us always.

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July, the Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

In the month of July, the Church honours the Precious Blood and encourages us in this devotion. The traditional feast day devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ is 1st July.

In more recent times, this devotion has more widely taken root in our Catholic tradition. Devotion to the Precious Blood spread greatly through the prayer, preaching, and work of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, a 19th century Roman priest, and founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. St. Gaspar brought this beloved devotion out of the sanctuary and into the hearts of Catholics around the world. It is through his life's work that the devotion grew widespread in the Church.



The faithful are encouraged to honour the Precious Blood always and especially during the month of July. Consider making an act of love to the Precious Blood every day this month, such as an Act of Consecration to the Precious Blood of Jesus and the Litany of the Precious Blood as an act of love and reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Precious Blood courses through the Church, giving life to the Body of Christ. It was the cleansing agent that allowed the holy saints and martyrs to wash their robes clean. It is the price of our redemption, the object of our salvation, and the assurance of our eternal inheritance.

As we honour the Precious Blood of Jesus in union with the Church this month, may it awaken in our hearts a love and gratitude for Christ's gift to us, for He has saved us by His blood.

Feasts of the Week

11 Jul Thu Saint Benedict



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THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be

At the Bishop's House on 7 Maitland Street

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, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: David Edser, Santos Lopez, Jasmine Reynolds, Mary Cream, Marykuty Thomas, Andree Hayward, Robert Krummenacher and Richy Halliday.

Recently Deceased: Brenda Watson (nee O'Brien), Malcolm Kupsch

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading (Ezekiel 2:2-5)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 122)

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . . The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. . . . **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 6:1-6)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country



among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A prophet is despised only in his own country...

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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

Amos 7:12-15 | Psalm 84 | Ephesians 1:3-14 | Mark 6:7-13

Anointing Mass

The next Anointing Mass for the Catholic Community of Geraldton will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturday, 10th August at 9am. You are welcome to attend this Mass if you seek healing or wish to be anointed.



MHHC 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.



Parish Finances

Contributions of 30th June 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1836.05		686.85
Planned Giving \$	TBA		TBA
Parish Collection \$	971.35		287.00
Friday Fast \$	126.40		

Thank You