



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

14 July 2024

VOCATION VIEW: When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

NATIONAL APPEAL FOR STELLA MARIS, THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. It is officially held on the second Sunday in July. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need.



Message for Sea Sunday

Recognizing seafarers, every year on the second Sunday of July, known as Sea Sunday, Catholic communities throughout the world call attention to and pray for all those who do this work: the crews of the ships that transport goods and those who moor them to the pier, the dockworkers, tugboat operators and stevedores, the coast guard, maritime traffic and salvage personnel, customs agents and fishers, and all with whom they collaborate, in addition to their families and communities.

The total count of these workers plus their families is surely in the many millions. Sea Sunday makes their unseen daily realities visible. Today as well as in the past, seafaring can entail absence from home and land, for months and even years. Both the seafarers and their families may miss significant moments in the other's life. The pay may make these sacrifices worthwhile, but that benefit may be threatened by injustices, exploitation, and inequality. It is marvellous, therefore, when

the dignity and rights of seafarers are advocated for by the volunteers, chaplains, and members of the local Churches at the ports, who engage in seafarer ministry.

"Out of sight, out of mind" is an adage that can apply to the invisibility of seafarers. Addressing the tendency to remain distant and separated from each other, Pope Francis says, "True wisdom demands an encounter with reality... The process of building fraternity, be it local or universal, can only be undertaken by spirits that are free and open to authentic encounters" (Fratelli Tutti, 47, 50).

The Church is called to serve each member of the human family. Because seafarers come from every country and faith from around the world, including them in the life and ministry of the Church allows for a growth in mutual understanding and solidarity among all peoples and religions.

Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ,
 Prefect, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

In the Catholic Church, Sea Sunday is supported by Stella Maris* around the world. In Australia, Stella Maris Australia, prays for seafarers at Mass and provides resources for the parishes to use.

Parishioners have the opportunity to support this Catholic ministry through the Sea Sunday appeal. Its Stella Maris centres support seafarers' welfare, and provide pastoral care and hospitality. **There are appeal envelopes available at the Church today for you to support. Alternatively you may visit <https://stellamarisaustralia.org>**

* The special work of the church known as Stella Maris (previously Apostolatus Maris – Apostleship of the Sea), is the Church's official work of caring for people who work on the sea on ships or fishing vessels. The principal patroness is Mary, the Mother of God who, in the Litany of Our Lady, is amongst many titles, called STAR OF THE SEA.

Notice to Confirmation Candidates

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



Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th August 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*



The Door is Open, The Heart Even More | "Janus Patet Cor Magis" An Hour of Prayer

Join with us in praying for the success of our Diocesan Synod next month, to pray for Bishop Michael and all delegates, and for the needs of our local Church.

Mondays, 5, 12, 19 August 2024 5.00-6.00 pm

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Geraldton

Prayer focus for these days of prayer - "To be a synodal Church" and for a renewed experience of Communion, Participation, and Mission. All are encouraged to pray and seek the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us.



Anointing Mass The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 9 am Mass on Saturday, 10th August 2024. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are encouraged to participate. The whole parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.

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

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Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

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 this week

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 this Wednesday, 17th July. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them within 2 days. 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.

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

Parish Office may be unattended at times for the next fortnight, especially when Priests are busy with their pastoral commitments. Apologies for any inconveniences this may cause.

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.

Prayer for Seafarers

Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach the haven of peace
and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world
and cross the deserts of our time,
show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb,
for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
that in heart and mind, work and deed,
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,
"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

Our Lady, Star of the Sea,
pray for seafarers, pray for us.



Notice to All 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.

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.**

"Heaven for me is hidden in a little Host Where Jesus, my Spouse, is veiled for love. I go to that Divine Furnace to draw out life, And there my Sweet Saviour listens to me night and day."
- St Therese of Lisieux



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.

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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Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone was wealthy, popular and influential. Yet, he renounced his wealth, privilege and lavish lifestyle to follow Jesus and to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Francis of Assisi, as we now know him, embraced poverty, dressing himself in a coarse woolen tunic, the dress of poor Umbrian peasants.

In today's gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve, selected from among his disciples. He sent out the disciples in pairs, emphasising the importance of community. The disciples went forth together to preach the good news, drive out demons and heal people. Jesus also gave them specific instructions about travelling light: they were to bring no food, money, or even a spare tunic. They were utterly dependent on the providence of God and the hospitality of others.

Our call to discipleship is a profound call to live and love radically. In his encyclical Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis encourages us all to follow the example of St Francis who embraced simplicity and poverty, sowed seeds of peace and love, and walked alongside the least of his brothers and sisters. Pope Francis describes St Francis's

attitude of "fraternal openness" which allowed him to "acknowledge, appreciate and love each person".

This call to live simply does not mean that being poor is in itself a virtue. In fact, poverty often



exists because of unjust social structures which widen gaps between rich and poor and do not provide for those in need. Rather, we are called to be free from accruing status, possessions and self-importance, in order to commit ourselves deeply to living the gospel. This attitude grounds us in an entirely different set of values from those held by the world. It also emboldens us to strive to create just social structures which distribute wealth equitably and empower the weak.

Jon Owen, who leads Wayside Chapel, Sydney, is

a contemporary example of this call to live Jesus's commission. The Wayside Chapel, which has more than 600 volunteers, supports the homeless, drug addicts, domestic violence victims and refugees. It provides showers, emergency clothing, and free meals, as well as counselling, employment support, and social activities like bingo and music jam sessions.

While studying at university, Jon felt the need to work for Urban Neighbours of Hope. He left an upwardly mobile path in life to take vows of poverty in order to work with the disadvantaged. Later, with his wife Lisa, he opened their Sydney home to those in need, including refugees, former criminals and recovering drug addicts. Jon's attitude that "no one is a problem to be solved but a person to be met" has inspired him to reach people who would otherwise remain unseen.

May the radical love of Jesus inspire all of us to make a difference in our communities and in the world today.

Sophie Clements @ Majellan Media 2024 #4084

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

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.



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.



Parish Finances

Contributions of 7th July 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1596.85		581.05
Planned Giving \$	514.00	467.00	537.50
Parish Collection \$	632.80		183.70
Friday Fast \$	69.40		

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THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be

at the Bishop's House, 7 Maitland Street, Geraldton

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: Ashton Taylor, Christopher Money, Patricia Bailey, Richard Hovell, Rocco & Maria-Gracia Masiello, Darren Salter, Shirley Clancy, Nancy Ward, Mary Duplex and Bob Godwin, Kaylene Gilmartin, Jasmine Reynolds

Recently Deceased: Phil Brook, Terry Maisey (Melbourne), Doro Anne Curnick

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading (Amos 7:12-15)

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

GO
PROPHESEY
TO MY PEOPLE
ISRAEL
AMOS 7:15

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 84)

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

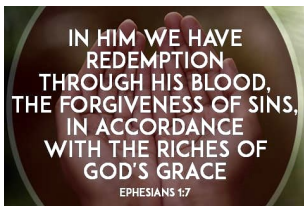
Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading (Ephesians 1:3-14)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.



The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Psalm 22 | Ephesians 2:13-18 | Mark 6:30-34

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! ... May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 6:7-13)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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.

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.



Feasts of the Week

15 Jul Thu Saint Bonaventure

