



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

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

28 July 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** We are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these tributes.

## COUNTDOWN TO THE DIOCESAN SYNOD: 25 Days To Go

### Diocesan Synod Prayer

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.

### The Door is Open, The Heart Even More | "Janus Patet Cor Magis"

Please support our diocesan synodal journey. Join with us in praying for our Synod next month, to pray for Bishop Michael and all delegates, and for the needs of our local Church.

### An Hour of Prayer

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



All are encouraged to pray and seek the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us to be a Synodal Church, walking together with a renewed sense of participation, communion and mission.

### RANGEWAY AFTERNOON TEA, SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST 2024 2:00 pm

This is an open invitation to everyone who feels connected to St John's Church, to come along, reconnect and join in afternoon tea for a friendly catch up chat! Come along to the Family Room at St John's Church, Rangeway, where we will gather and share our stories. Feel free to bring a plate of finger food to share. All are welcome. For more details please contact: Sis: 9921 4634 or Kaye: 0437 488 589 or the Parish Office.



## 2024 WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please, take care of your grandparents: love them!

*Pope Francis*

### Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment Masses

All Confirmation Candidates this year are attending one of the following Masses this weekend for making their commitment:

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 6pm Vigil, Cathedral & St Lawrence's**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 7:30am, 9:30am or 6pm, Cathedral**

**9:00am St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 6pm Vigil, Cathedral**

### Celebration of Confirmation

St John's : Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6pm, St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

St Francis Xavier's : Wed 4<sup>th</sup> & Fri 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, Cathedral

St Lawrence's : Thurs, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, School Undercover Area

After School Program : Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, Cathedral

### Important Information For Confirmation Candidates

Completed *Sacramental Commitment* form must be presented along with a copy of your baptism certificate while attending the Commitment Mass this weekend.

Forms are available from your School or can be downloaded from the parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or by scanning the QR code. These forms will be collected and kept in the Parish Office until your details are entered in the Confirmation Register and notifications sent to the church where you were baptised.



### CATHEDRAL FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

**2 August 2024, 11 am**

Being with Jesus to thank and adore Him as we prepare our hearts for a new month in which our Diocesan Synod will take place.

Together, let us pray, "Come Holy Spirit!"

### Morning Tea next Sunday

Our first Sunday "Bring & Share" Morning Tea/Fellowship will be held next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August in the Divine Mercy Garden (weather permitting) following the 9:30 am Mass. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to give a hand.



*Welcome all to enjoy the cuppa and a community chat!*

### 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

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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)*

## THE RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

**Celebrant** Families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please come forward.

**Celebrant** My dear candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, You received the life of Christ when you were Baptised. On that day when you were welcomed into the Christian community, your Parents and Godparents made promises for you. Now you are old enough to speak for yourself, so today you have the opportunity of reaffirming your baptismal promises.

**Celebrant** Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

**Candidates I do**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**Candidates I do**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Candidates I do**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and who will be given to you Sacramentally in Confirmation?

**Candidates I do**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,



the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

**Candidates I do**  
**Celebrant and People: Thanks be to God.**



### COMMITMENT

**Celebrant** Children, please make your commitment.

**Candidates** We will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending Mass and participating in the celebrations of our parish. We will strive to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer. We will actively participate in the Confirmation Program. We will accept the gifts that God has given us, and use them as best we can, in the parish and in the community.

**Celebrant** Parents and carers of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please make your commitment.

**Parents** We promise to help our children to prepare for their Sacrament of Confirmation by striving to set a good example in our own faith life. We will attend Mass with our children, encourage them to pray, and support them in what they are learning.

**Celebrant** All members of the parish community please stand to make your commitment.

**Parish** We, the community of *St Francis Xavier Cathedral / St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point / St John's Church Rangeway*, through our encouragement and prayers, support these families and children in their preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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

### CAR BOOT SALE at ST JOHN'S CHURCH RANGEWAY SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2024, from 9:00 am

Please support St John's Car Boot Sale to help raise some funds towards the cost of the repairs of the church interior. All are welcome to St John's Carpark to set up and sell your wares. The bay fee of \$20 per car is required to set up your stall. Please note: No food sales in the carpark. Please contact Sis: 9921 4634 or Kaye: 0437 488 589 or Amy 0419 216 621 for further details.



**Monthly Morning Tea**, at St Lawrence's Bluff Point after the 9 am Mass today, being the last Sunday of the month. We have a special birthday cake to celebrate the birthdays in July. Sincerest thanks to Jane Whiteaker for organising the cake. A plate of food to share is always welcome. Come and enjoy being part of St Lawrence's community!

### Notice to Readers and other Ministers

All Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers and all volunteers involved in any ministry during Mass are asked to **Sign-In** and **Sign-Out** on the Safeguarding Register kept in the sacristy. It is mandatory to enter your details in the register when carrying out a ministry, whether it's on weekdays or weekends. Thank you.

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

### 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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St Jerome said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." On the back cover of my Bible, this famous line is printed beneath an image of the fourth-century hermit-saint in his study. Scriptures in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin are open on desks behind him. He seems to be taking a break from his translation project to pull the thorn out of the lion's paw.

One thing Jerome meant is that understanding the New Testament requires deep familiarity with the Old Testament, the original Scriptures. The New is contextualized by the Old. The Evangelists wrote in such a way as to embed the story of Jesus in the biblical horizon. We could therefore elaborate on Jerome's words and say: Ignorance of the Old Testament makes the New Testament opaque. The story of Christ's feeding of the five thousand is an example of Jerome's principle. Having John 6 set beside the story of Elisha's miraculous feeding from 2 Kings 4 is useful. We can see that the gospel author emphasises parallels between Jesus and Elisha. Barley loaves are used in both miracles; incredulous disciples in both stories are commanded to feed the people; and there are

plenty of leftovers in each. The first part of Elisha's wider story chronicles seven key miracles; and John organises the first part of his story of Jesus with seven miraculous "signs." Elisha and Jesus both cure the blind, heal lepers, and raise the dead. Both are

"basketfuls" in excess, an incredible amount of abundance from out of such a small beginning. And the people fed by Jesus realise how much more he is than a miracle working prophet: he is "the Prophet," they exclaim, the savior-king whom Moses told them to wait for. They even try to make him king by force.

Elisha's prophetic role was to hold unfaithful kings of Israel accountable to God for their abject failure in administering justice and steering God's people away from idolatry. Elisha apparently failed: the story shows Israel falling into greater and greater apostasy that culminates in national disaster. Yet the suffering of Israel becomes the seedbed of their salvation.

The gospel story intensifies the role of the miracle-working prophet, Jesus, to the point of something truly new: the prophet is himself the expected king, and yet his kingship is unexpected. John portrays Jesus' elevation on the cross as his enthronement! An apparent failure that is actually victory. Jesus embodies the story of Israel and transforms it.

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betrayed by the love of money. Even their names are similar in Hebrew: Elisha means "God is salvation," and Jesus means "Yahweh is salvation."

When you see the similarities, the differences between the stories become more important: Elisha feeds one hundred with food enough for twenty; Jesus feeds five thousand with a lot less. Elisha feeds with bread; Jesus feeds with bread and fish; Elisha's story says "there was some left over;" Jesus' story says there were "twelve

### Baptism Preparation Meeting for the month of August

will be held on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August at 5:30pm** in the Parish Seminar Room. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for parents who are seeking baptism of their child/children for the first time. Both parents are encouraged to attend this information session. It is a friendly and welcoming environment. Babies and children are welcome, too. *To book a baptism, email [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au) or phone 9964 1608*



### Feasts of the Week

- 29 Jul Mon Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
- 31 Jul Wed Saint Ignatius of Loyola
- 1 Aug Thu Saint Alphonsus Liguori



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be at **St John's Presbytery Rangeway**  
Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday- Friday.**



### Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Thursday after the 7am Mass until 8 am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00 am followed by Mass and First Fridays 7:30-9:30 pm with solemn benediction.

### St Lawrence's Church Adoration with Benediction

Second Sunday of the Month 8.15-8.50 am



The **St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust** provides scholarships for lay people to enhance their leadership, ministry, or specialized activities like promoting faith, social justice, and pastoral care. Application forms are available at [pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship). Closing date is **31 July 2024**.

### Make Your Contributions Online

Forgot to bring some cash to put into the collection plate? Not a problem! 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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1712.95</b>		<b>630.00</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>574.00</b>	<b>224.00</b>	<b>395.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>796.50</b>		<b>549.50</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>98.65</b>		

Thank You

### 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, Cherrille Quilty, Andrew Benzie, and Zenaida Tan.

**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:** Bishop Francis Thomas, Fr Rudy Hoffman, Mitzi Shultz, Fr Steve Cooney, Sr Elizabeth Quirke pbvm, Cona Madalena Palumbo, Francesca Sciuto and Pat Heelan.

**Recently Deceased:** Yvonne Marsh, Raymond Culloton and Rodney Michael Barndon



### Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading (2 Kings 4:42-44)

#### A reading from the second Book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 144)

#### R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### Second Reading (Ephesians 4:1-6)

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** . . . A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. . . . **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (John 6:1-15)

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

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going

to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### 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

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 | Ps 77 | Ephesians 4:17,20-24 | John 6:24-35

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour Today, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 3 - 4pm**

at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

Welcome all to be with the risen Lord for an hour!

### St Lawrence's Church 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.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.

"It is the blood that unites the beginning and the end; that gloriously restores what sin had destroyed."

- Andrew Murray