



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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

4 August 2024

VOCATION VIEW: I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." "Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist." Consider a call to the Priesthood.

COUNTDOWN TO THE DIOCESAN SYNOD: 18 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 Diocese, Pray for us.



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

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. Also, from the 12th -20th of August a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** will be prayed before the end of the 7.00 am Mass in the Cathedral. Copies of the prayer will be available for individual and communal use.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Responding to the isolation of colonial families, Mary Mackillop pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. She is the patron and the first Saint of Australia. Her feast is celebrated on the 8th of August each year. St Mary McKillop, pray for us.



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

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week coinciding with the feast of the country's first saint: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, which falls on 8th August.

As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply. We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

We all have a vocation. The word vocation comes from the Latin *Vocare*, which in English means *to call*. God calls each one of us to holiness. Being called to holiness means being called to love God and others.

National Vocations Awareness Week 4-11 August 2024

Someone's specific vocation is the particular path or the unique specific way that he or she is called to follow Christ, to be more like him, but with their own personality, and characteristics, gifts, talents, weaknesses and their circumstances. Following God's call is not about becoming someone that we are not, but about become more fully the ones He created us to be. How am I called to love others, making God's love present in the world?

Today, on this first **Sunday of National Vocations Awareness Week**, we focus on the vocations of *ordained ministry and religious life*. The priests, religious sisters and brothers, and deacons of tomorrow are with us today: in our homes, schools, parishes and work places. We pray today, and the year

ahead, that many young people will hear the call to dedicate their lives to God and make a commitment to love and to serve God's people wholeheartedly as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons.

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in 2020, Pope Francis reminded the faithful that unlike a secular career, a vocation is a gift born from God's own initiative: "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God into our freedom; it is not a 'cage' or burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be a part of a great undertaking."

Something to think about:

In what way do you support and encourage priestly and religious vocations? Prayer is the first step for yourself and others, the rest will follow.

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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.

MORNING TEA TODAY!

Our first Sunday "Bring & Share" Morning Tea/Fellowship will be held at the Divine Mercy Garden following the 9:30 am Mass. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to help set up or provide food. *All are welcome to enjoy the cuppa and a community chat!*



RANGEWAY AFTERNOON TEA, SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST 2024

2:00 pm Family Room, St John's Rangeway

Everyone who feels connected to St John's Church, please come along, reconnect and join in afternoon tea for a friendly catch up. We will gather together 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.

Anointing Mass. The Sacrament of 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 entire parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



CAR BOOT SALE at ST JOHN'S CHURCH RANGEWAY

from 9 am SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2024

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



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



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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

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Complaining about life's woes is a fairly common human experience. We find it in today's Exodus account of the Israelites wandering in the desert. Although they had been freed from slavery, they now find themselves in search of food and bitterly complaining of their situation to Moses and Aaron. Yet, we also know how the story ends: the Lord sends them heavenly bread, but only after they have been tested to learn the lesson that God does not abandon the chosen people.

"What have you that you have not received?" asks Paul in a letter to the complaining Corinthians.

We know we live in a world where so many have legitimate grounds for complaint: people without jobs, housing, education, medical necessities, drinkable water or adequate food. There are some Australians who live in urban and outback places who go without basic human needs.

Yet, most of us enjoy more than adequate 'things' to live by. Probably, though, we simply accept these 'gifts of life' without too much thought about the blessings we have received. Often it is those of us who have most who are the least aware of our need to be thankful.

Everything we have, including life itself, says Paul, is a precious gift of our Creator.

In today's letter to the Ephesians, Paul asks us up front: are we still corrupted by illusions? Are

(another) sign. After all, they say, did not Moses give a sign by providing "manna in the desert"?

Jesus rebukes this kind of thinking, reminding them it was not Moses but God who gives "bread from heaven". Jesus then confronts them with his astounding claim: he is the true "bread of life"; and those who come to him will never be hungry.

As disciples, we are called to reassess our lives in light of Jesus' invitation to enter into living relationship with him. He is the "bread of life" we share in the Eucharist and other sacraments, the one we seek in prayer, the one we find in those most neglected, forgotten and in need.

If we stay centred on ourselves and our own little worlds, we will find many things that cause pain and sorrow. If we focus on the ills of the wider world, we will have even more reason for despondency, even despair. Rather, let us become spiritually alive to God's abundant generosity that is freely given. Let us become Christ for others.

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our lives taken up with false desires — power, success, money, prestige — to the point that we Christians live an aimless kind of existence and have learnt nothing from Christ? No, says Paul, this is not good enough. Rather, we must undergo a "spiritual revolution" and "put on the mind of Christ" to learn that God's abundant blessings are everywhere about us.

After feeding of the 5,000, Jesus leads his disciples to spiritual awakening. He tells them they need to think beyond material things and "work for food that lasts forever". Most of the disciples remain dumbfounded and ask Jesus for

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



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.



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.



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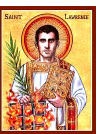
Contributions of 28th July 2024

| | Cathedral | Rangeway | Bluff Point |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Priests' Collection \$ | 1801.05 | | 651.85 |
| Planned Giving \$ | 519.00 | 127.00 | 1365.00 |
| Parish Collection \$ | 612.50 | | 467.55 |
| Friday Fast \$ | 108.70 | | |



Feasts of the Week

- 6 Aug Tue The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8 Aug Thu Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- 10 Aug Sat Saint Lawrence



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton until 9th August.

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, Andrew Benzie.



For the deceased: Frank Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Rosetta, Vince & Pat O'Dea, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Josie O'Brien, Colleen Shanks, Brian Kings, Ron Bradfield, Gladys Moore, Luigi Paparella, Mike Vanderleur and Lina Zinetti.

Recently Deceased: Vincenzo Campagna and Rodney Barndon.

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading (Exodus 16:2-4,12-15)

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 77)

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

Second Reading (Ephesians 4:17,20-24)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . .

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. . . . **Alleluia!**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1 Kings 19:4-8 | Psalm 33 | Ephesians 4:30-5:2 | John 6:41-51

Gospel (John 6:24-35)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next 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*