



# 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

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

Year B

11 August 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** This is the second Sunday of the National Vocations Awareness Week. In what way do you support and encourage priestly and religious vocations?

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 8<sup>th</sup> August.

As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage,

### National Vocations Awareness Week 4-11 August 2024

some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

We all have a vocation. Today, on this

second Sunday of National Vocations Awareness 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.

### FIRST EVER SYNOD OF THE GERALDTON DIOCESE – ONLY TEN DAYS TO GO!

#### Prayer for the Diocesan Synod

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 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 12<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Holy Masses for the Synod

The opening Mass of the Diocesan Synod will be at 5:45pm on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August and closing Mass will be at 4:45pm on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to celebrate.

"The Immaculate will conquer, through us, the whole world and every single soul."  
– St Maximilian Kolbe

#### Happy Independence Day to the Indian Community

Warm greetings to the Indian Community in our parishes on the occasion of the 78<sup>th</sup> National Independence Day on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> of August.



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that 'Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven'. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution



#### A Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

*Lumen Gentium* that 'the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things (n. 59)'.  
Parishioners are also welcome.

#### Mass Times

##### Cathedral

7:00am & 6:00pm

11:30am Mass for SFX Primary School  
Parishioners are also welcome.

##### Bluff Point

9:00am in the St Lawrence's School Under Cover Area.  
Parishioners are also welcome.

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

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LOGO OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD - DESIGN ELEMENTS AND THEIR MEANING

**The Green Open Door**

The Priest-Architect, Monsignor John Cyril Hawes, carved the words, *Janus Patet Cor Magis*, on the lintel of the door in the Mullewa Priesthouse which he himself had built. The inscription, which means "The door is open, the heart even more," conveys openness, a welcoming spirit, and intentional hospitality. In Revelation 3:8, Jesus says, "I have set before you an open door."

**The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Holy Spirit who is active in our lives, in the life of our local Church, and in our synodal gathering. Pope Francis says the Holy Spirit is the heart of synodality, the engine of evangelization.

**The Cross**

The cross of Jesus Christ is the most powerful symbol of redemption and forgiveness. The



Synodal journey is an experience of the transformative power of Jesus' saving and reconciling love on the cross. We gather as people who are loved and forgiven.

**The Circle**

The eternal unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit encompasses all of creation, and draws us into a life of communion with God

and with one another.

**The Aboriginal Yarning Circles**

A representation of our coming together in unity with the First Nations people from all places in the diocese to engage in prayerful and respectful conversations, listening attentively, and discerning what might be a new pastoral direction for the diocese under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**The Pathway**

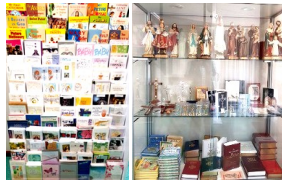
Spiritual journeys or the Christian pilgrimage is often represented as a road, a winding trail, or a pathway. It is a movement toward God involving a process of growth, transformation, and the search for divine truth. Evoking a sense of hope, the image of a pathway encourages faithfulness, humility, openness, perseverance and a sense of anticipation of new blessings to come amid life's many challenges.

**Looking for Confirmation Gifts or Cards?**

There are many piety gift items available in our holy shop for Confirmation 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!**



**Annual Mass and Picnic at Kojarena**

Annual Mass at St James' Chapel, Kojarena will be celebrated on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, at 11am followed by BYO picnic. **Everyone is welcome.**



**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.

**Car Boot Sale at St John's Church Rangeway**

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 9am onwards**

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.

For more information, please contact

Sis: 9921 4634 or Kaye: 0437 488 589 or Amy 0419 216 621.



**SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEP - 4 OCT**

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Every year, Christians of all denominations join in prayer and action for our common home and celebrate the **Season of Creation** commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the **Day of Prayer for Creation** and ending on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

**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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**Get** yourself a life coach says an online ad and you can 'turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.' At some point in our lives, it may serve a purpose but contrast it with a local parish which decided to have a weekly meal for anyone who wished to come along.

On the first occasion they had nine guests and eleven helpers, and they responded to this potential embarrassment by everyone eating together. "It was coming together and a blessing I felt," said one of the organisers.

We can see here how the ordinary stuff of our lives, eating together, can be the context for something quite unexpected to happen. The life coach ad invites us to take control of our lives and make it happen, whereas in the parish setting, something else happened.

It relates to what we hear in the first reading. The prophet Elijah is in a dark place, alone and hungry, wanting to die. In the midst of his desolation, he is fed by an angel, and comes to understand God is present in what he's living through. In doing so he discovers a renewed purpose. The food he's given enables him to make the long journey to Mt Horeb (Sinai), the

holy mountain, where God speaks to him. Desolation, the gift of food, the long journey — in the ordinariness of our lives, quite unexpectedly, we may come to discover the presence of God.



Again, in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of our daily commitment to loving one another as Jesus loves us; learning to befriend each other whatever our differences; avoiding the petty behaviours which bring us undone. Our learning to love in this way is enabled by the Holy Spirit, who reveals the unending love of the Father and Son. We're slowly learning to open ourselves to a God who loves us, come what may.

In the gospel, when Jesus says, "I am the bread from heaven," the authorities are shocked. They insist he's not from heaven, he's a local boy, we know his father. In other words, he's too ordinary. Then, amid their complaints, Jesus speaks of his divine origins and reminds us, this is Gods' initiative, to which we're invited to respond.

We're asked to let go of our securities and our prejudices and open ourselves to a bigger God, a loving God. A little like the moment at the parish meal when they decided to eat together. This is the God who draws us into Christ and into unending life, through our eating together with him. Jesus gives us his life and invites us to do the same — to give of our lives.

Before the parish meal, with everyone's agreement, they prayed, and concluded their prayer with these words: 'Thank you Lord for the blessings you have given us in our lives, especially one another. Amen.' Often, we may yearn for a special experience of God, only to miss the presence of God here, in our lives.

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*Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home.*  
— Pope Francis

### 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 2.2% 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.



### Mass at St John of God Hospital Chapel

Holy Mass being celebrated at St John of God Hospital chapel every Wednesday at 11am. Easy access. All welcome!

Parish Finances			
Contributions of 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2024			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1905.05</b>		<b>612.80</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>589.00</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>530.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>1025.75</b>		<b>344.35</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>100.15</b>		

*Thank You*

### Feasts of the Week

- 14 Aug Wed St Maximillian Mary Kolbe
- 15 Aug Thu The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton until 16<sup>th</sup> August. Rosary prayed at **5pm, Tuesday-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, Cherrille Quilty and Andrew Benzie.



**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:** Colleen Shanks, Frank Sciuto and Cissy Barley.

**Recently Deceased:** Kenneth Henry Burns.

### Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First Reading (1 Kings 19:4-8)

#### A reading from the first Book of Kings.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33)

#### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

### Second Reading (Ephesians 4:30-5:2)

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

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! . . .**

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

### Gospel (John 6:41-51)

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

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him

up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

He who  
believes in  
the Son has  
Eternal Life

John 3:36

### Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### 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

Proverbs 9:1-6 | Psalm 33 | Ephesians 5:15-20 | John 6:51-58

### Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)*



### Malayalam Mass

The next Malayalam Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6:00pm. Commencing with Confessions at 5:30pm. All Keralites are requested to attend.

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 3 - 4pm at St Lawrence's, Bluff Point.  
Welcome all to be with the risen Lord for an hour!

