



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

18 August 2024

VOCATION VIEW: John's Gospel reveals God's promise of the Word made flesh. This is revealed through the sacrifice made by Christ: "I am the living bread, come down from heaven... the bread I give is my flesh for the life of the world..." Do this in memory of Him.

FIRST EVER SYNOD OF THE GERALDTON DIOCESE COMMENCING THIS WEDNESDAY

To hold a "synod" means to walk together. I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with their Lord who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together. - Pope Francis, Francis of Assisi, 4 October 2013

What is a Synod?

'Synod' is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church, whose meaning draws on the deepest themes of Revelation. It indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as 'the way, the truth and the life' (Jn 14,6), and to

the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called 'followers of the Way' (cf. Acts 9,2; 19,9.23; 22,4; 24,14.22).

Synodality ought to be expressed in the Church's ordinary way of living and working. In this sense, synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us. Ultimately, this path of walking together is the most effective way of manifesting and putting into practice the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God (PD, 1).

The entire People of God shares a common dignity and vocation through Baptism. All of

us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. In parishes, small Christian communities, lay movements, religious communities, and other forms of communion, women and men, young people and the elderly, we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who comes to guide our human efforts, breathing life and vitality into the Church and leading us into deeper communion for our mission in the world. As the Church embarks on this synodal journey, we must strive to ground ourselves in experiences of authentic listening and discernment on the path of becoming the Church that God calls us to be.

(From the Vademecum on Synod on Synodality)

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

An Hour of Prayer

Tomorrow, Monday 19th August 5 - 6 pm in the 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.

Holy Masses for the Synod this week

The opening Mass of the Diocesan Synod will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, 21st August and closing Mass will be at 5:00 pm on Friday the 23rd. There will be **no mid-day Mass at 12:05pm this Friday** on the 23rd of August due to the Synod. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend both opening and closing Masses.

Annual Mass and Picnic at Kojarena next Sunday

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



Columban Calendar 2025 available now

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for the year 2025 is available now in the parish office for only \$11. It will be also available with Fr Gerard at St Lawrence's Bluff Point. Get your copy soon before being sold out!



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.



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.

Social Justice Sunday next Weekend

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25th August. In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World", Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace.



More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

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!**

Centenary Celebrations

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Mullewa – 14th September

An *open invitation* is extended to all with a special interest in the history of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church and the life and work of Monsignor Hawes, to join us in **Mullewa on September 14th 2024** to commemorate the Centenary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone. The celebrations will commence with Mass at 11am followed by a social gathering with light lunch and refreshments provided. Coach transport from Geraldton will be available if required.



If you have any photo relating to the history over the past 100 years, we would be interested in seeing them with a view to including them in a photographic display.

Please respond to advise attendance via our website either by scanning this QR code or by using the URL address www.monsignorhawes.com or contact Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997, email monsignorhawes@gmail.com



"Yes, I am happy, perfectly happy; and do you wish to know where I find true happiness? At the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

– Augustine Maria of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

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In the book of Exodus, God appeared to Moses asking him to free the Israelites who were enslaved by the Egyptians. Unsure of his ability to achieve this outcome, Moses asks God what he is to say to the Israelites.

God says to Moses, "I am who I am," and that he should answer their question by saying "I am has sent me to you."

When Jesus tells his followers, "I am the bread of life," his words confused his audience as they understood them literally. They also wondered if Jesus was making a claim about his identity. His followers understood the statement as an assertion that Jesus was identifying himself as God.

There are six more incidents in John's gospel where Jesus uses the words "I am," and each time an action accompanies his words. In this first saying, Jesus' claim follows the feeding of five thousand in the wilderness.

"I am the light of the world" is the second of the "I am" statements and comes after the healing of a man born blind. Jesus not only says he is the light, but he proves it, and in doing so

echoes the words of Genesis where God said, "Let there be light and there was light."

"I am the door," and "I am the good shepherd" are both statements about the sheepfold, and

synagogues, offers a definitive response to those who rejected them by asserting, "I am the way, and the truth and the life."

The final statement, "I am the true vine, and you are the branches,"

emphasises the sustaining power of Christ without whom we will not bear fruit in the Christian life.

There are two more "I am" statements in John's gospel, but they are not metaphors like the above seven instances but are instead declarations applied by Jesus to himself. "I tell you the truth," Jesus says, "before Abraham was born, I am." The final instance occurs in the

Garden of Gethsemane when the mob comes to arrest Jesus and, when he asks them whom they seek, they say, "Jesus of Nazareth," and Jesus replies, "I am he."

All of these statements of Jesus make it abundantly clear that Jesus is God. Each day we are invited to accept the presence of Jesus in our lives and to walk faithfully in his way.

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the shepherd as the one who loves and cares for the flock even to the point of death. The title of good shepherd is unmistakably one of God's titles as we learn in the beloved twenty-third psalm.

Jesus states, "I am the resurrection and the life," after raising Lazarus from the dead. Again, his words are not empty rhetoric but substantiated by action. This gospel, written at a time when the followers of Jesus were being cast out of the

Car Boot Sale at St John's Church Rangeway

Saturday, 7th 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.



Fathers' Day Mass Bouquet

Fathers' Day this year falls on Sunday, 1st of September. It is a day to remember, honour and appreciate your father, grandfather or father figures! *If you wish to have a Mass offered for them whether they are living or deceased, please use a*

"Father's Day Mass Bouquet" envelopes available at the church doors today. Money received through these offerings will be used to support the GodStart program through which the newly Baptised children will receive birthday cards and prayer tips until they reach 4 years of age. A register listed with the Mass Bouquet beneficiaries will be placed before the Altar during the Month of September.



Parish Finances

Contributions of 11th August 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1594.60		811.80
Planned Giving \$	399.00	207.00	410.00
Parish Collection \$	942.75		624.30
Friday Fast \$	106.70		

Thank You

Feasts of the Week



20 Aug Tue Saint Bernard
21 Aug Wed Saint Pius X
22 Aug Thu The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 Aug Sat Saint Bartholomew



St Lawrence's Parish - 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

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, 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, Vince Campagna, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Sr Val Deakin, Carmela Bertonie, Pat Quinlan, Ron O'Neill and Colin Culloton.

Recently Deceased: Kenneth Henry Burns and Sue Harris.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading (Proverbs 9:1-6)

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Leave your folly and you will live. walk in the ways of perception.

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.**

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R.**

Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **R.**

Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. **R.**

Second Reading (Ephesians 5:15-20)

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

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . .

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (John 6:51-58)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink

my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 | Psalm 33 | Ephesians 5:21-32 | John 6:60-69

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th September 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*



Malayalam Mass

The next Malayalam Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday, 14th October at 6:00pm. Commencing with Confessions at 5:30pm. All Keralites are requested to mark this date on your diary.

*"The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."
- St. Thomas Aquinas"*

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

