



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

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

25 August 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus, teach us about life everlasting: "Your words Lord are spirit and life ..." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life.

**- SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - TRUTH AND PEACE, A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD -**

The last century was the most violent in human history, with the piles of corpses of Auschwitz and Hiroshima its demonic emblem. At the dawn of the new century and the third millennium there were hopes for a time of peace. But that was not to be. In 2022, it was reported that there were 55 statebased conflicts around the world and 82 non-state conflicts. According to the United Nations, this is the highest number of violent conflicts the world has faced since the Second World War. Two billion people live in countries wracked by such conflicts. We are all too aware of some conflicts such as the slaughter in Ukraine and the Holy Land, with the media saturated with reports of these wars and the immense human suffering they bring. But other conflicts – without the same global implications, perhaps – tend to be overlooked or forgotten. The scale of human suffering is immense, the loss incalculable.

There are also rising tensions in the Pacific and the build-up of military power that accompanies them. In the Asia-Pacific region too there are conflicts about which we hear little. The military coup



*"A global ceasefire is urgent: either we do not realise it or we are pretending not to see that we are on the brink of the abyss." In a place like Australia The words of Pope Francis may seem overstated, but not when we consider the facts worldwide.*

in Myanmar continues with both peaceful protests by citizens and armed conflict between the military and resistance groups. The Rohingya people continue to be driven from their homes and chased from country to country. Public demonstrations by prodemocracy groups in Hong Kong have ended because of a government crackdown which has seen pro-democracy supporters

arrested and jailed. The violence in West Papua continues, and there have been new outbreaks of strife in Papua New Guinea. The cries of human suffering are heard close to our shores and even in our own land.

At their core both Fascism and Communism were atheistic, and that is where the lie began. For the Bible, God is truth and the source of all truth to which human beings have access. In the beginning, God speaks a word which is utterly reliable and powerful, true in that sense: God says, "Light" – and there is light (Gen 1:3). The biblical creation story testifies to the truthfulness of God's word and its power to bring light out of darkness, fullness out of emptiness and order out of chaos. The divine word is unfailingly trustworthy.



From the Social Justice Statement 2024-2025

For more reading please use the URL below

<https://bit.ly/sjs-ovej>

## Annual Mass and Picnic at Kojarena today

Annual Mass at St James' Chapel, Kojarena will be celebrated today Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of August at 11am by Fr Brenton Taylor, followed by BYO picnic.



**Everyone is welcome.**

## Daily Mass Book and Ordo 2025 - Order now!

If you wish to have a copy of the Daily Mass book or Ordo for the next liturgical year, please order it this week by contacting the Parish Office. Though the prices are to be confirmed yet, it will be approximately \$30 and \$18 respectively. No order will be accepted after placing our bulk order to the supplier. Books will be delivered in October.



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

## 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!



## Fathers' Day Next Weekend

Fathers' Day this year falls on next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Fathers' Day Morning Tea next Sunday

Please come and join in a special bring and share Fathers' day morning tea in the Divine Mercy Garden after the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, to celebrate and honour all Fathers! Bring your father along! Everyone is invited to have a chat and sip a cuppa! Helping hands are also needed.



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



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## Prayer for Social Justice

O God, Trinity of love,  
from the profound communion of your divine life,  
pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.  
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,  
in his family of Nazareth,  
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,  
discovering Christ in each human being,  
recognising him crucified  
in the sufferings of the abandoned  
and forgotten of our world,  
and risen in each sister or brother  
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves. AMEN.

*Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti*



## Centenary Celebrations

### Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Mullewa – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.monsignorhawes.com) or contact Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997, email [monsignorhawes@gmail.com](mailto:monsignorhawes@gmail.com)



### Volunteers Urgently Required

The Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre Museum is desperately in need of more people to man the desk for 3 hours on a weekly or fortnightly roster. Why not join this dedicated group of volunteers in the rewarding work of sharing one of Geraldton's top tourist attractions and the story of our own local legend John Hawes with the many visitors to the Museum and Cathedral? Training and information provided. For more information or to register your name as a volunteer please phone Di Trotter (0407 217 312) or Gerry Eastman (0417 912 997).



### Hour of Communal Prayer and Reflection Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 11am in the Cathedral

Being with Jesus to thank and adore Him  
as we enter a new month with Him. You are invited!



### Christian Meditation every Wednesday

Christian meditation group gathers in the Cathedral crypt every Wednesday at 7:30am following the morning Mass. Meditation is for only about 30 minutes. We welcome anyone interested.

### Readers' Roster

New roster commencing from the Second week of September is available now for Cathedral readers. It was emailed to all in the last week. If you wish to have a hard copy, please get it from the Cathedral Sacristy and arrange a substitute if you are unavailable.

### 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](mailto:flora@preswa.com.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 mark this date on your diary.

### Family Mass next Saturday

Cathedral Vigil Mass at 6pm next Saturday on 31<sup>st</sup> August, will be a family Mass of Year One students from St Francis Xavier Primary School. Readings and other ministries will be led by the children and their families. Mass duration is expected to be longer than usual.

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

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

Please support St John's Car Boot Sale to help raise some funds towards the cost of the repairs of the church ceiling. Come along and pay a bay fee of \$20 per car per bay to set up your stall.



Everyone is welcome to St John's Rangeway carpark to **bring and set up your stall and sell your wares.**

**Please note:** All items on sale are the responsibility of the seller. No food sales in the carpark. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale in the Parish Family room on the day. *Conditions as per the registration form.* For more information, please contact:

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

### 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!**

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It must have been tough being a disciple of Jesus, an eloquent public speaker, who could sway large crowds with his rhetoric. He healed the sick, cast out demons, stilled a storm at sea, walked on water and raised the dead. Jesus appeared to bear all the hallmarks of the expected Messiah.

And yet, there were times when Jesus said and did things that made him look like he was demented or demon-possessed.

At one point in Mark's gospel, as we heard back on the Tenth Sunday of the Year, Jesus' family sought to "restrain him" because people were saying "He has gone out of his mind" (Mk 3:21).

The gospel presents us with another of these episodes where Jesus' claims proved a threat to the cohesion of his team of disciples. Last week, we heard how Jesus said he was "the bread of eternal life" whose "flesh is real food and [whose] blood is real drink" (Jn 6:55), and "anyone who eats [his] flesh and drink [his] blood has eternal life" (Jn 6:54).

This week, we learn that numerous members of Jesus' team found this teaching "intolerable" (Jn

6:60). But, instead of offering an explanation, Jesus chose to *up the ante* by making an even more outrageous claim about his pre-existence as a being come down from heaven.

The reaction of his teammates was perfectly

despite their confusion they were prepared to stick with Jesus, because Jesus alone "had the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).

In Peter and the Twelve, we find our models of discipleship – women and men who, despite doubts and dark moments of uncertainty, choose to stay in the game. Faith is not built entirely on reason – although it is far from completely irrational. It is built on a relationship with a personal God whom we have experienced as one who stays in the game with us. And so, like Peter we stay and say back to God, "To whom [else] can we go?" (Jn 6:68)

Every time I read this gospel story, I am reminded of these words from the prayer of Thomas Merton:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. . .

*But I know you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.*

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understandable. Such claims were "intolerable" on purely rationalistic grounds. Jesus refused to compromise, saying, in effect, "take it or leave it". John tells us that "many" decided to "leave it". They turned aside from their commitment to Jesus; or, as we would say, "they took their ball and went home" (Jn 6:66).

By contrast, when challenged, the Twelve through their spokesperson, Peter, admitted that

## Volunteer Opportunities Overseas

### English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2025 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands.

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link:

<http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project

Email: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)



## Parish Finances

Contributions of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1725.00		606.40
Planned Giving \$	539.00	132.00	740.00
Parish Collection \$	929.40		269.35
Friday Fast \$	75.50		

Thank You

## Feasts of the Week

- 27 Aug Tue Saint Monica
- 28 Aug Wed Saint Augustine
- 29 Aug Thu The Passion of St John the Baptist



## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Mary Marsh at 102A Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton until 30<sup>th</sup> August.

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, 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, Anselmo Scarpuzza and Les Rowe.

**Anniversaries:** Rosetta Scarpuzza, Maria Ricupero and Clara Beccari.

**Recently Deceased:** Nathan Valenti and Sue Harris.



### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### First Reading (Joshua 24:1-2,15-18)

#### A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our 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.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

R.

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

R.

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

R.

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

R.

### Second Reading (Ephesians 5:21-32)

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will

become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** . . . Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.....**Alleluia!**

### Gospel (John 6:60-69)

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

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.  
John 6:63

### Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

### 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

Deut 4:1-2,6-8 | Psalm 14 | James 1:17-18,21-22,27 | Mark 7:1-23