



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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1 September 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

Father's Day brings us an opportunity to reflect on the biblical importance of dads and honour the significant role they play in our lives. Throughout the Scriptures, we find profound examples of fatherhood that serve as a testament to the immense impact fathers have on their families, communities, and the spiritual growth of their children. On this special day, let us celebrate and encourage fathers, recognizing their vital role in shaping and moulding the lives of



their children, and let us express our heartfelt gratitude for their sacrificial love, strength, and unwavering support. 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.

Father's Day Morning Tea Today

Please come and join in a special Father's day morning tea today in the Divine Mercy Garden after the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral, to celebrate and honour all Fathers! Bring your father along!



*Everyone is invited to have a chat and sip a cuppa!
 Helping hands are needed always and would be appreciated.*

Prayer for Fathers

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing, favour, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them.

Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way. We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say "no" to what is wrong, and to say "yes" to what is right. We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace, in the name of Jesus your Son.

Amen.

Courtesy: Christianity.com

Sacrament of Confirmation this week

Congratulations to the candidates from our parish schools who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week as follows.



6pm Tuesday St John's School at St Lawrence's Bluff Point
 6pm Wednesday St Francis Xavier Cathedral (Group 1)
 6pm Thursday St Lawrence's Bluff Point, in the under cover area
 6pm Friday St Francis Xavier Cathedral (Group 2)

Please keep these children in your prayers.

Car Boot Sale at St John's Church Rangeway

Next Saturday, 7th 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.

Happy Centenary Celebrations Caterina

One of our parishioners, Caterina Condo (*nee* Chila) is reaching a very special milestone today as she becomes a Centenarian! We wish her a very happy 100th birthday and every blessings of the Almighty God.



Parish Office & Holy Shop

Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday



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National Child Protection Week: 1-7 September 2024

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message **'Every child in every community needs a fair go'**.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

The National Child Protection Week message will be complemented this year with the theme **'Every conversation matters'**.

Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people.



Conversations between

- ... children and their caregivers matter (from the very earliest days)
- ... children and their peers matter
- ... families with teachers, doctors, and other professionals matter
- ... friends or neighbours matter
- ... decision-makers and the communities they serve matter.

And, of course, conversations in the public realm and media matter...

So this National Child Protection Week we invite you to speak up – and speak together – about what needs to change for every child in every community to have a fair go.

This theme provides a platform to:

- engage in important conversations,
- promote the value of conversations, and
- equip us to have conversations that keep kids safe.

For more info, please visit www.napcan.org
National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN).



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



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).



Meal Train

We are delighted to share that the Phillips family has welcomed another son to their family! As a community, we have the opportunity to support them during this joyful time. We are organizing a meal train to help the Phillips family with meals after the arrival of their newest member.

If you are able to volunteer and provide a meal, please get in touch with Michael Carkeet. You can reach Michael at 0413 429 061 or via email at mjcarkeet@live.com.au.



Hour of Communal Prayer and Reflection

Friday 6th 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!



Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea

All Welcome to the Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea after the 9am Mass at St Lawrence's Church next Sunday, on 8th September. Everyone is invited to come along for a cuppa and a delicious morning tea which will be held in St Lawrence's School Undercover area.



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



Friday Fast Update

A further donation has been sent to Sister Christie in New Guinea to help in her work with vulnerable children, who she cares for daily. Thank you sincerely to all of you for your continuing contributions to this project. We all have so many requests for help in our time now, but the idea of money put into the "small yellow envelope" to replace that cup of coffee and probably a piece of cake enables us to help those young people who badly need assistance.

Thank you all, and any queries to Yvonne Fahl 0400978284

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 next weekend is available now for Cathedral readers. Please grab your copy from the sacristy today.

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!



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Having observed that Jesus' disciples were not complying with the religious purification laws of the time which required one to wash one's hands thoroughly before eating, the Pharisees challenged Jesus once again.

Not following those laws meant that the disciples were eating with hands that were deemed to be "unclean" or "impure". The Pharisees were infuriated Jesus appeared to be unconcerned about this matter of ritual purification.

"You hypocrites," Jesus replied. "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." The hand-washing law, he implied, is a human tradition, a man-made regulation. Jesus threw the challenge back at them: ritual purity is not a matter of cleaning one's hands, he insists, but of purity of heart! He explains: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

By Jesus' time, the rabbis had identified 613 commands that were prescribed in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), not just the 10 commandments given to Moses. It was the

impossible burden of compliance with all 613 commands that prompted the Pharisees, on another occasion, to ask Jesus which was the greatest commandment. With simplicity and

Are they in fact burdens that *we* have imposed on people? Might some of our rules and regulations actually impede people's progress on their faith journey? The rules may be well-intentioned, but they might also be misguided, not in fact closely aligned to God's commands.

Jesus leaves us in no doubt as to what really matters: it is what is in and comes from our hearts. It is, as the Psalmist says, a matter of justice. "One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." Here is the benchmark! It is justice.

Justice pertains to the way we live our daily lives, how we relate to others; it is right judgement, right intention and right action in all of our dealings.

What I want, says God to the prophet Hosea, is mercy. As Jesus stressed, it is a pure heart that is demanded of us; a heart that lives justly, shows mercy, responds compassionately and loves tenderly. The Letter of James echoes the same message: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only."

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clarity, he replied: love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. It is love that is commanded of us as his followers.

Jesus' challenge to the religious leaders also applies to us and to the Church in our time. Jesus firstly challenges all of us as Church to reflect very carefully on the rules and regulations we set before people. Are they God's commandments? Or are they human constructs?

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..



FTPOS available... **Welcome to visit during the office hours!**

Movie Fundraiser

To support Guor's school in Akot Village, South Sudan, there will be a Fund-raising movie screening at Orana Cinemas on Sunday 22nd September at 3:30pm. The movie "Runt" is a heartfelt and hilarious tale of eleven-year-old Annie Shearer and her best friend Runt, an adopted stray dog with remarkable abilities. *Adult tickets are \$25 and Pensioners/Students \$20 including popcorn and a free drink.* Tickets are available from Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre (cash please) or phone 0438 804 191. Family friendly movie.

Feasts of the Week

3 Sep Tue Saint Gregory the Great



Parish Finances

Contributions of 25th August 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1548.70		670.05
Planned Giving \$	312.00	152.00	350.00
Parish Collection \$	697.35		375.90
Friday Fast \$	92.40		

Thank You

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, **with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.** Next Friday, 6th September 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral. Welcome everyone to adore the Lord!



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Mary Marsh at 102A Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton until 6th September. 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, 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, Lil Ricciardi and Peter Rodier.

Anniversaries: Rosetta Scarpuzza, John Ricupero, Sheila Bunter, John Crimmins, Pacito Velez, Teofilo Velez, Crisanta Velez and Eduardo Velez.

Recently Deceased: Nathan Valenti.

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading (Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 14)

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

Second Reading (James 1:17-18,21-22,27)

A reading from the letter of St James.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Accept and submit
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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . .

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from

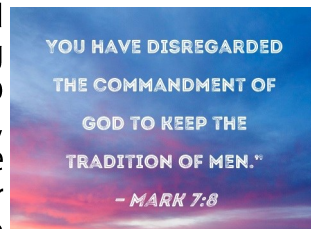
Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.



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

Isaiah 35:4-7 | Psalm 145 | James 2:1-5 | Mark 7:31-37