



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

8 September 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) has been created to promote and oversee a nationally consistent, comprehensive and sustainable framework for the protection of children and adults at risk within the Church



in Australia. We have zero tolerance of abuse and we work to ensure a safe Church for everyone.

ACSL's role is to help Catholic entities and organisations create and maintain a safe and nurturing environment for all who engage with the Catholic Church in Australia. They do this by providing a range of professional services and resources that are informed by Catholic social teaching, and support Church entities to meet their responsibilities to provide safe environments for children and adults at risk.

ACSL's Safeguarding services include:

- Providing advice to Church Authorities about their safeguarding responsibilities
- Providing tailored education and professional development programs
- Producing training and support materials for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Officers
- Undertaking research and analysis of professional standards and safeguarding efforts
- Monitoring the implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- Managing databases related to Church safeguarding
- Overseeing the management of complaints against Church Authorities
- Providing an independent certification and accreditation audit and review program of safeguarding practices

Find out more at: www.acsltd.org.au

Centenary Celebrations next Saturday

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Mullewa

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 next Saturday on 14th September** 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



Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea Today

Everyone is cordially invited to celebrate the Safeguarding Sunday today on the second Sunday in September following the 9am Mass at St Lawrence's Church. Come along for a cuppa and a delicious morning tea which will be held in St Lawrence's School Undercover area.



Mass Sublime

Choristers and musicians from St Mary's Cathedral Choir will join the St Francis Xavier Cathedral Choir on Sunday 15th September at the 9:30am Mass. After Mass, parishioners and visitors are welcome to join the Choirs as they sing a couple of Marian Hymns in the Cathedral crypt's Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows whose feast day occurs on this day.



Happy Birthday Bishop Michael

Bishop Michael is turning 72 tomorrow, on the 9th of September. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts as he leads us in faith.



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

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

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Prayer for Safeguarding

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.**



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!



“**Hope and Act with Creation**” is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation held this year on 1 September 2024. The theme is drawn from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans (8:19- 25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

1. Let us begin with a question, one perhaps without an immediately obvious answer. If we are truly believers, how did we come to have faith? It is not simply because we believe in something transcendent, beyond the power of reason, the unattainable mystery of a distant and remote God, invisible and unnameable. Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, it is because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are believers because the very love of God “has been poured into



our hearts” (Rom 5:5) and the Spirit is now truly “the pledge of our inheritance” (Eph 1:14), constantly prompting us to strive for eternal goods, according to the fullness of Jesus’ authentic humanity. The Spirit enables believers to be creative and pro-active in charity. He sends us forth on a great journey of spiritual freedom, yet one that does not eliminate the tension between the Spirit’s way of thinking and that of the world, whose fruits are opposed to each other (cf. Gal 5:16- 17). We know that the first fruit of the Spirit,

which sums up all the others, is love. Led by the Holy Spirit, believers are children of God and can turn to him with the words “Abba, Father” (Rom 8:15), just as Jesus did. Moreover, they can do so with the freedom of those who no longer fall back into the fear of death, for Jesus has risen from the dead. This is our great hope: God’s love has triumphed and continues to triumph over everything. Indeed, even in the face of physical death, future glory is already assured for those who live the new life of the Spirit. Nor does this hope disappoint, as was affirmed in the recent Bull of Indiction of the forthcoming Jubilee.

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From the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for Creation.

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Today

“ Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our Lord”.



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).



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 .

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

Bees wax candles

Bees wax candles are available at the Parish Office holy shop. 100% Natural. 20.5x1.5cm in size, 2pack for \$16 or 5 pack for \$37.

Diocesan Office

(Opening Hours: 8:30am - 4pm Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri | 8:30am - 1pm Wed)

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It's difficult not to make distinctions. Invariably, we favour some people over others. For example: we choose our friends, we choose a person to be our husband or wife, we choose 'sides' in disputes, we choose to avoid some people, and we choose to forgive some people and condemn others.

In the second reading, St James calls on believers never to make distinctions or show favour on the basis of social class, wealth, position, status or power. Everyone is to be treated equally regardless of their social background, and when it comes to worship, there are to be no seats of honour set aside for VIPs! Everyone ought to feel equally welcome and valued.

St Paul has a similar vision. In his letter to the Galatians (3:28) he declares that in virtue of baptism, "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Jesus doesn't make distinctions based on social class. In fact, the gospels portray him as having particular concern for the poor, the outcast, the

voiceless, the afflicted, the vulnerable and the weak. Today's gospel is a classic example. A deaf man with a speech impediment is brought to Jesus by his friends.

In such an oral and aural culture where people

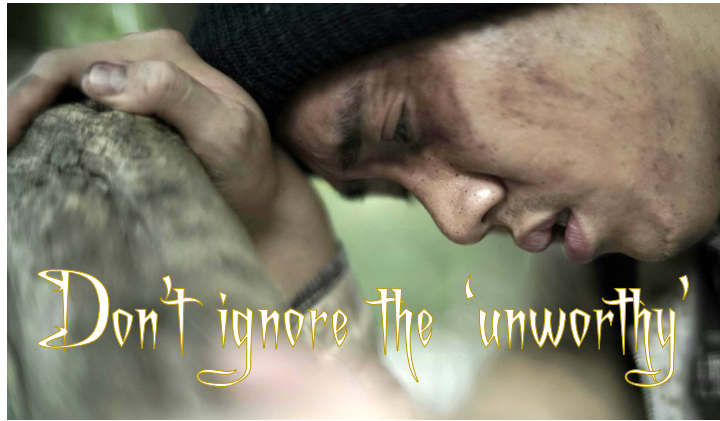
so Jesus touches his ears, puts his fingers into them, and touches the man's tongue with his own spittle. Jesus also looks up to heaven, in prayer, for it was Jesus' relationship with God that will bring new life to the man.

It's important to remember that the man was not a Jew. The Decapolis ("ten cities") was predominantly Gentile territory. But, there's no distinction here. Jesus is the Messiah for all nations. He saw a brother in need, and in solidarity, lovingly reached out to him.

St James challenges us to 'look around' our faith community. Do we see any unhealthy favouritism? Are

there people being forgotten, ignored or made to feel unwelcome? Are there voices not being heard? Are there people being discouraged from sharing their gifts and talents, or from becoming involved? Are people's contributions being devalued? Hopefully, such things are not happening; however, it's important for us all to 'keep our eyes and ears open'.

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were generally illiterate, not to be able to speak or hear properly was a significant disadvantage. Such people were virtually invisible. They couldn't communicate, and they couldn't be communicated with, in any meaningful way. Thankfully, the man in the story is blessed to have caring friends who bring him to Jesus who has a reputation for giving new life.

Jesus gives very personal attention to the man. He takes him away from the crowd, so that they can be alone. Although the man can't hear or

Thank you

Thanks to all who organised the Father's day morning tea last Sunday especially Amy & Mario Zinetti and team. Thanks a bunch to all who brought a lot of food to share. Fathers are indeed pleased with your treat! Well done!!



PPC Meeting and AGM

Parish Council of the Catholic Parishes is meeting this Thursday, 12th September at 6pm. All PPC members are requested to attend. Annual General Meeting will be held on 17th November at 10:30am in the Catholic Centre. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."
- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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.



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 1st September 2024			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1805.10		598.10
Planned Giving \$	624.00	147.00	545.00
Parish Collection \$	998.70		315.20
Friday Fast \$	88.85		



Feasts of the Week

- 13 Sep Fri Saint John Chrysostom
- 14 Sep Sat The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Letitia Siemiginowski at 2 Mark Street, Beresford until 13th 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, Zenaida Tan, 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 & Anselmo Scarpuzza and Mary Ricciardi.

Anniversaries: Bruce McLeary, Kevin King, Sr Maria Power OP, Sr Gemma Foran pbvm.

Recently Deceased: Ann Blayne and Angelina Giometti.

Entrance Antiphon

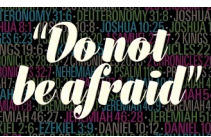
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading (Isaiah 35:4-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading (James 2:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St James.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! . . .

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick..... **Alleluia!**

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be this 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*



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.

Gospel (Mark 7:31-37)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



" BE OPENED "

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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 50:5-9 | Psalm 114 | James 2:14-18 | Mark 8:27-35

St Lawrence's Offertory Procession Roster

St Lawrence's Church is once again having the Offertory Procession which is a significant part of our Mass as it represents the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We are inviting you to put your name on the Offertory Procession roster which is on the table at the entrance of the church.

For further information please ring Ron Pace 0408 947 716.

