



# 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

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

Year B

15 September 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** When Jesus says "Who do people say I am?" We could interpret this as Jesus asking for feedback from His disciples about Himself. If you were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?'

## Mass Sublime on the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

We welcome choristers and musicians from St Mary's Cathedral Choir who will join the St Francis Xavier Cathedral Choir today at the 9:30am Mass. After Mass, parishioners and visitors are invited 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 we celebrate today.



## Office Closure

The Diocesan Office and CDF Office will be closed on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, re-opening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am.

## St John's Church Car Boot Sale

On behalf of the St John's Church community, I wish to say a big Thank You to everyone who gave up their Saturday morning and came and worked at the car boot sale, including those who prepared the food, promoted the event, donated items to sell and those who came and bought items and also gave cash donations towards the fundraising effort. Your contribution is invaluable and the success of the overall takings for the day was **\$1,018**. With warm appreciation and again, Thank You to everyone involved.

Thank You

**NB:** Due to the success of this car boot sale, we will hold another car boot sale in the Cathedral car park in October... More details to follow in the next bulletin.

## 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!

## Happy Birthday Fr Gerard

Fr Gerard is celebrating his 55<sup>th</sup> birthday this Tuesday, on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Since he is leaving to Europe on a pilgrimage tomorrow with a group of pilgrims, his celebration will be in Poland on the day. We wish him a very happy birthday and a safe and holy pilgrimage. He will be back in Geraldton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.



## 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).



"If He prayed who was without sin, how much more it becometh a sinner to pray!" - St Cyprian"

## Movie Fundraiser next Sunday

To support Guor's school in Akot Village, South Sudan, there will be a Fund-raising movie screening at Orana Cinemas on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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



"Every conversation matters"

Contact Number 0470 207 707

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

## Parish Office & Holy Shop

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2. The life of a Christian, then, is one of faith, active in charity and abounding in hope, as we await the Lord's return in glory. We are not troubled by the "delay" of the Parousia, Christ's second coming; for us the important question is whether, "when the Son of man comes, he will find faith on earth" (Lk 18:8).

Faith is a gift, the fruit of the Spirit's presence in us, but it is also a task to be undertaken freely, in obedience to Jesus' commandment of love. Such is the blessed hope to which we must bear witness. Yet where, when, and how are we to bear that witness? Surely by caring for the flesh of suffering humanity. As people who dare to dream, we must dream with our eyes wide open, impelled by a desire for love, fraternity, friendship and justice for all. Christian salvation enters into the depths of the world's suffering, which embraces not only humanity but also the entire universe, nature itself, and the oikos, the home and living environment of humanity.

Salvation embraces creation as an "earthly paradise," mother earth, which is meant to be a place of joy and a promise of happiness for all. Our Christian optimism is founded on a living hope: it realizes that everything is ordered to the glory of God, to final consummation in his peace and to bodily resurrection in righteousness, as we pass "from glory to glory." Nonetheless, in the passage of time we are not exempt from pain and suffering: the whole creation groans (Rom 8:19-22), we Christians groan (vv. 23-25) and the Spirit himself groans (vv. 26-27). This groaning expresses apprehension and suffering, together with



longing and desire. It gives voice to our trust in God and our reliance on his loving yet demanding presence in our midst, as we look forward to the fulfilment of his plan, which is joy, love and peace in the Holy Spirit.

3. The whole of creation is caught up in this process of new birth and, in groaning, looks forward to its liberation. This entails an

*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.*

unseen and imperceptible process of growth, like that of "a mustard seed that becomes a great tree" or "leaven in the dough" (Mt 13:31-33). The beginnings are tiny, but the expected results can prove to be infinite in their beauty. Similar to the anticipation of a birth – the revelation of the children of God – hope can be seen as the possibility of remaining steadfast amid adversity, of not losing heart in times of tribulation or in the face of human evil.

Christian hope does not disappoint, nor does it deceive. The groaning of creation, of Christians and of the Spirit is the anticipation and expectation of a salvation already at work; all the same, we continue to find ourselves enduring what St. Paul describes as "tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword" (Rom 8:35). Hope, then, is an alternative reading of history and human affairs. It is not illusory, but realistic, with the realism of a faith that sees what is unseen.

This hope is patient expectation, like that of Abraham. I think of that great visionary believer, Joachim of Fiore, the Calabrian abbot who, in the words of Dante Alighieri, "was endowed with a spirit of prophecy". At a time of violent conflicts between the Papacy and the Empire, the Crusades, the outbreak of heresies and growing worldliness in the Church, Joachim was able to propose the ideal of a new spirit of coexistence among people, based on universal fraternity and Christian peace, the fruit of a life lived in the spirit of the Gospel. I spoke of this spirit of social friendship and universal fraternity in *Fratelli Tutti*, but this harmony among men and women should also be extended to creation, in a "situated anthropocentrism" (*Laudate Deum*, 67) and in a sense of responsibility for a humane and integral ecology, the path to salvation for our common home and for us who inhabit it.

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

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### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 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 mark this date in your diary.

### Make your contributions online

You can now make a contribution to the Cathedral by scanning this QR code. Alternatively you can make a transfer using **BSB 086 006** and **Account Number 826504934**, Account Name: SFX Cathedral Parish. Please put an appropriate reference or description such as "donation, second collection" etc.



### Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am in the Catholic Centre. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

### SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

By Knights of the Southern Cross Education Foundation  Knights of the Southern Cross

The Trustee of the KSC Education Foundation Inc. (a project of the Knights of the Southern Cross) takes pleasure in again inviting applications from teachers of Religious Education in Catholic Schools in Western Australia to undertake further study for units in Religious Education and Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia in 2025. Application forms and further information are available from: The Trustee, KSC Education Foundation Inc.,

PO Box 1048, SOUTH PERTH WA 6951

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Applications open now and close on **28 October 2024**

website <https://wa.kscwa.org.au/KSC-Education-Foundation.html>

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**With** the reading from the Gospel of Mark (Chapter 8), we come to a turning point in Jesus' public ministry, before the journey back to Jerusalem where he will be crucified.

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And then, "But who do you say that I am?"

Having witnessed his authoritative teaching, his powerful acts of healing and his wonderful miracles, Peter replies on behalf of them all: "You are the Messiah."

And how they and all of Israel longed for the coming of the Messiah. But what the disciples are slow to understand is that this is not the Messiah that they had longed for and expected.

It was unimaginable for them that Jesus, as Messiah and God's Beloved Son, was to suffer and die.

Instead of commending Peter for his response, not even confirming it, Jesus instead proceeds to speak to them of his impending passion and death.

The disciples' slowness to understand, their blindness, their struggle, and their resistance to this understanding that Jesus' mission would lead to his arrest, suffering and death is starkly

depicted in Mark's gospel. We see it here in Chapter 8, again in Chapter 9 and again in Chapter 10. They just don't get it!

So, as Jesus, accompanied by his disciples,

Jesus, having explained to his disciples the suffering and death that he will soon endure, goes on to say to them that they too will also face suffering. He tells them: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

So too for us. Discipleship will inevitably require self-denial and taking up one's own cross. There's no denying it! And each one's cross is uniquely their own.

When we make the Sign of the Cross, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we identify and mark ourselves as follower of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Our cross-making in the Sign of the Cross symbolises the reality of suffering not just in Jesus' life but in our lives as his followers, not just his cross but the cross that is ours to carry in our lives. It reminds us too of the resurrection and life of the world to come.

We are not alone in our journey. Jesus is with us every step of the way.

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journeys to Jerusalem where he will be arrested tortured and crucified, the disciples slowly progress on a journey of coming to understand Jesus' identity and mission as the Messiah.

In our lives we too, each and every one of us, struggle in various ways to understand Jesus, our Saviour, and his role in our lives and in the world. We too often have misguided expectations of God. And we too, each one of us, are called to respond to Jesus' question: Who do you say that I am? What do I mean to you in your life?

### Feasts of the Week

- 16 Sep Mon Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian
- 20 Sep Fri Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul, Chong Ha-sang and Companions
- 21 Sep Sat Saint Matthew



### 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)

### Parish Finances

Contributions of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1695.80</b>		<b>612.55</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>529.00</b>	<b>165.00</b>	<b>365.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>812.40</b>		<b>289.30</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>118.25</b>		

Thank You

### 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.

### Columban Calendar 2025 available now

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for the year 2025 is available now in the Parish Office for only \$11. Get your copy soon before being sold out!



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Mrs Letitia Siemiginowski at 2 Mark Street, Beresford until 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-Friday.**



### 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, Andrew Benzie and Dymrna Kipps.



**For the deceased:** Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza.

**Anniversaries:** Stephen Flynn, Tony Guagliardo, Keyse Siemiginowski, Brendan McCagh, Bren Prunster and David McCarley.

**Recently Deceased:** Ann Blayney and Frances (Frankie) Clancy, Lorna Briginio Dela Torre, Emiterio Santos Briginio.

### Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### First Reading (Isaiah 50:5-9)

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 114)

#### R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

### Second Reading (James 2:14-18)

#### A reading from the letter of St James.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

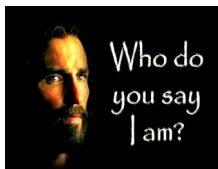
**Alleluia, alleluia! . . . .**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world..... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Mark 8:27-35)

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

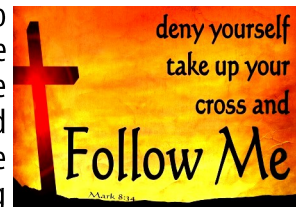
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the



prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### 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

Wisdom 2:12,17-20 | Psalm 53 | James 3:16-4:3 | Mark 9:30-37

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

### 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.*

