



St John's Rangeway



St Peter's Greenough

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

## St Francis Xavier Cathedral

**Administrator** Fr Gerard Totanes VG  
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**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

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**22 September 2024**

**VOCATION VIEW:** When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?"

### Interested in becoming Catholic? or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith?

There will be information sessions in the coming weeks for those who are looking to become Catholics. For more details, please visit our website either by scanning the QR code or using the link <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/rcia-rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>



### Public Holiday Tomorrow

Being a public holiday tomorrow, the Holy Mass will be at 9am in the Cathedral on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### God's Word 2025 is now available in the Parish Office

God's Word for daily readings and reflections for 2025 is available now in the Parish Office for \$22. Only limited number of copies available and if you wish to have one, please visit the parish office at the earliest.



### Youth Pilgrimage in Geraldton

A pilgrimage of 70 young people from the Neocatechumenal Communities of Perth between the ages of 14-24 will be arriving in Geraldton this week and visiting the Cathedral next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10am for celebrating lauds followed by a brief talk on St Carlo Acutis until 11am. Any interested youth from our parishes are welcome to join them.

### Catholic Youth Group in Geraldton invites all youths

Are you 14-20 years old and looking to be part of a fun-loving dynamic youth group?

Meet us next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 4-6pm in the Parish Seminar Room, Catholic Centre at 9-11 Maitland Street, Geraldton.

For more information please contact Lea on 0437 612 006 or email [lea-obadia@outlook.com](mailto:lea-obadia@outlook.com)

### Mass at Utakarra Chapel

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

### Public Rosary

The Secret of the Rosary, St Louis Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy."



The public Rosary of the Geraldton Catholic Community this year will commence soon after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral with a procession to the Divine Mercy Garden on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please mark this great event in your diary and welcome all to join and pray with other volunteers across Australia on the day.

### 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.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11am in the Cathedral**

We are invited to be with Jesus in thankfulness and adoration as we enter a new, significant month, the month of the Holy Rosary.



### 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)

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

### Make your contributions online

If you forgot to bring money for Cathedral collections, scan this QR code and donate online using your debit/credit card (A surcharge of 2.2% will be deducted from your donation). Alternatively you can make EFT transfer using **BSB 086 006** and **Account Number 826504934**, AC Name: SFX Cathedral Parish. Please put an appropriate reference/description such as "donation, second collection, Planned Giving" etc.



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*Contd from last week...*

4. Why is there so much evil in the world? Why so much injustice, so many fratricidal wars that kill children, destroy cities, pollute the environment and leave mother earth violated and devastated? Implicitly evoking the sin of Adam, Saint Paul states: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now" (Rom 8:22). The moral struggles of Christians are linked to the "groaning" of creation, ever since the latter "was subjected to futility" (v. 20). The entire universe and every creature therein groans and yearns "impatiently" for its present condition to be overcome and its original state to be restored. Our liberation thus includes that of all other creatures who, in solidarity with the human condition, were placed under the yoke of slavery. Creation itself, like humanity, was enslaved, albeit through no fault of its own, and finds itself unable to fulfil the lasting meaning and purpose for which it was designed. It is subject to dissolution and death, aggravated by the human abuse of nature. At the same time, the salvation of humanity in Christ is a sure hope also for creation, for, "the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Consequently, thanks to Christ's redemption, it is possible to contemplate in hope the bond of solidarity between human beings and all other creatures.

5. In our hopeful and persevering expectation of the glorious return of Jesus, the Holy Spirit keeps us, the community of believers, vigilant; he continually guides us and calls us to conversion, to a change in lifestyle in order to resist the degradation of our environment and to engagement in that social critique which is above all a witness to the real possibility of change. This conversion entails leaving behind the arrogance of those who want to exercise dominion over others and nature itself, reducing the latter to an object to be manipulated, and instead embracing the humility of those who care for others and for all of creation. "When human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies" (*Laudate Deum*, 73), for Adam's sin has tainted our fundamental relationships, namely with God, with ourselves, with one another and with the universe. All these relationships need to be integrally restored, saved and "put right". None of them can be overlooked, for if even one is lacking, everything else fails.

6. To hope and act with creation, then, means above all to join forces and to walk together



with all men and women of good will. In this way, we can help to rethink, "among other things, the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. Our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, yet we have not realized that at the same time we have turned

*"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.*

into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival" (*Laudate Deum*, 28). Unchecked power creates monsters and then turns against us. Today, then, there is an urgent need to set ethical limits on the development of artificial intelligence, since its capacity for calculation and simulation could be used for domination over humanity and nature, instead of being harnessed for the service of peace and integral development (cf. *Message for the World Day of Peace 2024*).

7. "The Holy Spirit accompanies us at every moment of our lives". This was clearly understood by the boys and girls assembled in Saint Peter's Square for the first World Day of Children, which was held on Trinity Sunday. God is not an abstract notion of infinity, but the loving Father, the Son who is the friend and redeemer of every person, and the Holy Spirit who guides our steps on the path of charity. Obedience to the Spirit of love radically changes the way we think: from "predators", we become "tillers" of the garden. The earth is entrusted to our care, yet continues to belong to God (cf. Lev 25:23).

This is the "theological anthropocentrism" that marks the Judeo- Christian tradition. To claim the right to possess and dominate nature, manipulating it at will, thus represents a form of idolatry, a Promethean

version of man who, intoxicated by his technocratic power, arrogantly places the earth in a "dis-graced" condition, deprived of God's grace. Indeed, if the grace of God is Jesus, who died and rose again, then the words of Benedict XVI certainly ring true: "It is not science that redeems man: man is redeemed by love" (*Spe Salvi*, 26), the love of God in Christ, from which nothing and no one can ever separate us (cf. Rom 8:38-39). Creation, then, is not static or closed in on itself, but is continuously drawn towards its future. Today, thanks to the discoveries of contemporary physics, the link between matter and spirit presents itself in an ever more intriguing way to our understanding.

8. The protection of creation, then, is not only an ethical issue, but one that is eminently theological, for it is the point where the mystery of man and the mystery of God intersect. This intersection can be called "creative", since it originates in the act of love by which God created human beings in Christ. That creative act of God enables and grounds the freedom and morality of all human activity. We are free precisely because we were created in the image of God who is Jesus Christ, and, as a result, are "representatives" of creation in Christ himself. A transcendent (theological-ethical) motivation commits Christians to promoting justice and peace in the world, not least through the universal destination of goods. It is a matter of the revelation of the children of God that creation awaits, groaning as in the pangs of childbirth. At stake is not only our earthly life in history, but also, and above all, our future in eternity, the eschaton of our blessedness, the paradise of our peace, in Christ, the Lord of the cosmos, crucified and risen out of love.

9. To hope and act with creation, then, means to live an incarnational faith, one that can enter into the suffering and hope-filled "flesh" of others, by sharing in the expectation of the bodily resurrection to which believers are predestined in Christ the Lord. In Jesus, the eternal Son who took on human flesh, we are truly children of the Father. Through faith and baptism, our life in the Spirit begins (cf. Rom 8:2), a holy life, lived as children of the Father, like Jesus (cf. Rom 8:14-17), since by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in us (cf. Gal 2:20). In this way, our lives can become a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and find their fullness in holiness.

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

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**This** week's reading from the Book of Wisdom illustrates the kind of thinking that was common in the ancient world: If God is with someone then, assured of God's protection, they will prosper. If, on the other hand, they are suffering and not prospering, then it must be that God is not on their side.

How, then, would the ancient world have understood the teaching of Jesus in the gospel? "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death." If his enemies were to kill him, let alone if he was to be publicly humiliated and suffer, surely he could not be the messiah for whom the people waited.

This is the second time in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus has prophesied his death. At this point, the disciples don't understand and are too confused and afraid to ask Jesus what he really means.

When instead the disciples talk about who among them is the greatest, they still dream of becoming earthly lords and princes of status, power and authority. But before we judge the

disciples too harshly, we must remember that this story from Mark's gospel has been recorded to mirror our own sins and temptations. We too have ambitions and desires that impede our

For Jesus, greatness is not in career achievement, status, power, attention or appreciation in the world. Instead, Jesus calls us to set aside our desires and ambitions to get ahead. As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, it is those who are willing to lose their lives who will find life. It is those who put their own egos last and lowest who will be first and greatest in the eyes of God.

St James reflects on this mystery in the second reading. He describes the disciples' self-interest and ambition as told in today's gospel as destined to result in "disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done".

But look at the benefits that come from discarding this self-centred way of living and thinking. James describes the wisdom that Jesus brings as bringing "peace". It makes us "kindly and considerate", "full of compassion", and "shows itself by doing good".

There in that way of living is true freedom and true greatness.

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ability to respond to what Jesus wants from us.

Jesus is charting a very unusual and very new path to what it means to be great in the eyes of God, one that cuts against the culture of his day. In his eyes, serving God means loving and serving the lowliest and those most in need.

When Jesus instructs his disciples to welcome children, he is taking the side of the most neglected, least powerful, and least respected members of society.



### Feasts of the Week

23 Sep Mon Saint Pious of Pietrelcina  
27 Sep Fri Saint Vincent De Paul



If you or family members are admitted to hospital (or sick and at home) and wish to receive holy communion/pastoral visit, please ring the Parish Office on 9964 1608. You can also request the hospital staff to inform the Parish Office that you have been admitted in the hospital.

### SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

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### Parish Finances

Contributions of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1754.90</b>		<b>641.05</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>3709.00</b>	<b>172.00</b>	<b>355.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>1022.20</b>		<b>409.95</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>130.10</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 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Rosary prayed at **5pm, Tuesday-Thursday only.**



### 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:** Paul Gorman and Joanne Shoesmith.

**Recently Deceased:** Daniel Williamson, Frances (Frankie) Clancy, Lorna Briginio Dela Torre, Emiterio Santos Briginio

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading (Wisdom 2:12,17-20)

#### A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 53)

#### R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

### Second Reading (James 3:16-4:3)

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

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

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

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.....**Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Mark 9:30-37)

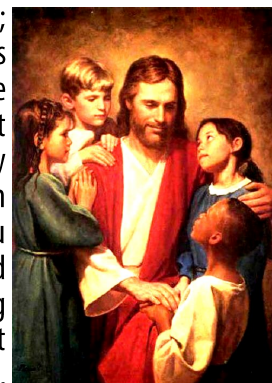
#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man

will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### 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

Numbers 11:25-29 | Psalm 18 | James 5:1-6 | Mark 9:38-48

### 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.

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