



# 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

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

Year B

29 September 2024

**VOCATION VIEW:** Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And if they are not – nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.



**110<sup>th</sup>** World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
**29-IX-2024**



In the Message of Pope Francis on the 110<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2024, there is the reference to the synodal dimension of this day.

We are becoming increasingly familiar these days to the words "synodal" and "synodality". These ancient but new words for us in Australia refer to our "walking together" with the Lord "as the People of God journeying through history on pilgrimage, "migrating", we could say, toward the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Pope contrasts the images of the biblical exodus and migrants. There are similarities. These include the fleeing "from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development."

The Message insists that the Exodus and each type of Exodus shares the fundamental reality that "God precedes and accompanies his people."



Over the years I have observed the truth of this insight. So many migrants and refugees have, for example, humbly come up to me and asked for the blessing of medals, religious pictures, rosaries, bibles and so on. For these people on the synodal journey of life, such articles are essential travelling companions. They are a reminder that Jesus travels with them in the hazardous journeys they are enduring.

Pope Francis reminds us "God not only walks

with his people, but also within them." The encounter with the migrant is an encounter with the migrant Jesus. It is Jesus, *within* the migrant, who asks us for shelter, opportunity, visits, basic essentials, and so much more. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25/35). We are to be ready with our practical charity on our common synodal journey.

In his final exhortation, Pope Francis in his Message on this special day exhorts us to "unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be "synodal together".

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**  
 Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees  
 Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

<https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024>

## Mass at Utakarra Chapel next Saturday

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

## Hour of Communal Prayer and Reflection next 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.



## Malayalam Mass

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 attend. Thank you.

## Welcome to our Christian Community

Congratulations to *Huu Loc Nguyen and Van Mung Nguyen* who will be receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist) by Fr Savio this Tuesday on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Congratulations also to *Hoang Sang Khuat* who is celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

## Morning Tea next Sunday

Our first Sunday bring & share morning tea will be held in the Divine Mercy Garden next Sunday, on 6<sup>th</sup> October following the 9:30am Mass. If you are able to give a hand, please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti.



Welcome all to enjoy the cuppa and a community chat!

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

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

## Month of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary

*Do your troubles never seem to end? Is your family in need of special graces? The Rosary of Hope is your solution!*

Our Lady of the Rosary herself said **"You will obtain all you ask of me through the recitation of the Rosary"**.

When we feel powerless to solve the problems and difficulties of life: remember that we hold incredible power in our hands, when we are holding our rosary!

Because it is such a powerful prayer, and

because it pleases Jesus and Mary so much, all across Australia, people will come out to pray the Rosary together in public on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. This is nearest Saturday to the 13<sup>th</sup> October, the anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima. It will be a bouquet of spiritual roses that Australians of all ages and backgrounds will offer to our Lady.



Coming together to pray in public, will draw down God's blessings upon our country, and will console Our Lady, as she requested at Fatima: *"You at least, console the heart of your Mother, so wounded by the sins of ungrateful men."*



**Holy Rosary in the Cathedral this month**  
*Holy Rosary will be prayed in the Cathedral crypt at 5pm Monday to Friday this month. All are invited to take part in this great devotion.*

### Prayer on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

God, Almighty Father,  
we are your pilgrim Church  
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.  
We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners.  
Every foreign place is our home,  
yet every native land is foreign to us.  
Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven.  
Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world  
you have given us as a temporary home.  
Help us to keep walking,  
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,  
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.  
Open our eyes and our hearts  
so that every encounter with those in need  
becomes an encounter with Jesus,  
your Son and our Lord. Amen



By Pope Francis

on the 110<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrant and Refugees

### Migrant Settlement Services by Centacare

Centacare is dedicated to supporting newly arrived migrants in settling into a new country and regional area. Our team support individuals in navigating the challenges of the transition process along with providing information and referrals relevant to the Midwest Region. Our experienced team provides personalised assistance tailored to your individual and families unique needs. We are committed to your successful integration in the Midwest Community.

Please contact us by email: [mss@centacaregeraldton.org.au](mailto:mss@centacaregeraldton.org.au), visit our website [www.centacaregeraldton.org.au](http://www.centacaregeraldton.org.au) or phone 9921 1433.



### 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.

### 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.



### Movie Fund-raiser Thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a ticket or gave a donation to our Movie Fund-raiser for "Runt" last Sunday. It was a sell-out and the funds will be used to build some new classrooms in our school in Akot Village in South Sudan. Special thanks to the volunteers at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre who helped to sell the tickets and to the staff at Orana Cinemas who were fantastic. You helped us to raise \$1600. God bless you all for your generosity. Please save the date for our **next Fundraiser Curry Night** on 7<sup>th</sup> December.



### Public Rosary in our Parish

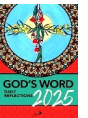
The Secret of the Rosary, St Louis Montfort states: *"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy."*

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.



### 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.



### 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/>



### MHHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open daily from 10am-4pm. If you would like to learn more about John Hawes and the SFX Cathedral, tours are available on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 and Friday at 4:00. Tickets (\$5) are available at the museum.



### WA Professional Standards Office

#### for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

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A flock of geese flying in formation is a beautiful sight. Scientists who have researched why they fly in a V-formation have discovered some fascinating details.

First, it conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird in front of it. This decreases wind resistance for each bird. Second, the geese take turns at being the leader and fall back in the group when they get tired. This enables them to fly for a long time before they need to stop for a rest.

The tired geese support the group from behind and recharge themselves as they fly at a slower speed. Third, the V-formation enables them to keep track of every bird in the group, and to communicate and coordinate with the group. In fact, research has also discovered that flying in formation is so beneficial that other birds such as ducks, ibis, swans, seagulls, pelicans, and flamingos also fly in formation.

Valuing the initiative and contribution of each person at different points in their journey and drawing the best from each member in the group are also important tenets in faith communities.

In this week's gospel, Jesus discourages the

disciples from preventing a man from working a miracle in his name. Jesus tells them, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us". Jesus thus redirects



the disciples' initial focus on excluding those who may not be in their immediate circle, to emphasising the commitment to doing the will of God: healing, teaching, and proclaiming the good news that God's love is available to everyone.

Today, we are called to embrace diversity amongst the faithful and to appreciate that the variety of our gifts and talents nourishes and enriches the entire community. Jesus speaks with great tenderness of every-one who acts in faith and good will, calling them his "little ones". He

encourages us to be generous and to not exclude anyone from whole-hearted and loving service of God.

The community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France is a modern example of a community of faith which embraces diversity. When Brother Roger founded the community towards the end of World War Two, it initially sheltered war refugees. Taizé is now renowned for being an ecumenical community of brothers, who have created beautiful music and work for peace and justice. Currently, it comprises eighty brothers from Catholic, Anglican, Protestant traditions, from nearly thirty countries.

Brother Matthew, the current prior, penned a beautiful prayer recently which describes this spirit of diversity in service:

God the Creator, all that comes from your hands is good. Help us to discern your presence in the beauty of your creation, and to rejoice that we are a part of it. May your light shine on every corner of this earth and on every creature with which we share our common home.

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### Feasts of the Week



- 30 Sep Mon Saint Jerome
- 1 Oct Tue Therese of the Child Jesus
- 2 Oct Wed The Holy Guardian Angels
- 4 Oct Fri Saint Francis of Assisi



### 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!



### Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction. Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be in the Cathedral Crypt until 31<sup>st</sup> of October, in the month of the holy Rosary. Rosary prayed at 5pm, Monday-Friday. All welcome.



### Volunteer Opportunities Overseas

#### English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliari 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://cagliari.org.au/>

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

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliari Project

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

### Parish Finances

Contributions of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1630.30		584.20
Planned Giving \$	526.00	232.00	380.00
Parish Collection \$	864.05		302.75
Friday Fast \$	89.35		

Thank You

### 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:** Bro Len Newman, David Whiteaker, Patricia Hovell, Pas Miragliotta, Santha Lena and Margaret Gillmore.

**Recently Deceased:** Daniel (Danny) Williamson.

## Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## First Reading (Numbers 11:25-29)

### A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 18)

### R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R.**

## Second Reading (James 5:1-6)

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

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.....**Alleluia!**

## Gospel (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

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

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us

we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

AND IF ANYONE GIVES EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES BECAUSE HE IS MY DISCIPLE, TRULY I TELL YOU, HE WILL NEVER LOSE HIS REWARD."

## Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

## 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

Genesis 2:18-24 | Psalm 127 | Hebrews 2:9-11 | Mark 10:2-16

## 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)*

