



St John's Rangeway



St Peter's Greenough

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

6 October 2024

VOCATION VIEW: The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God.

Pope Francis exhorts for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace | Tomorrow 7th October

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for on October 7, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war.

"In this dramatic hour of our history," the Pope said, "while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations," the Christian

community is reminded of its call to "put itself at the service of humanity."

"Let us walk together, "Let us listen to the Lord. And let us be led by the breeze of the Spirit."

Special Holy Hour tomorrow

Combined with the call of Pope Francis for a



Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace and the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will hold an hour of adoration and holy Rosary tomorrow in the Cathedral at 5pm.

Welcome everyone to unite in prayer for peace in the world especially in the Middle East.



Public Rosary next Saturday

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 next Saturday, 12th October. Please come and join to pray the holy Rosary with other volunteers across Australia on the day organised by Australia Needs Fatima.



Christmas cards and Nativity Sets Available now

Christmas is nearly here again! Be in time to send out your messages to your loved ones. Beautiful Christmas cards are available for you to purchase in our Holy Shop.

Budget cards for just \$3.50 per packet of 8.

If you are looking to buy a nativity set for this Christmas, whether it is small or big in size, we have it in our holy shop. Please visit the parish office during the office hours. EFTPOS available.

Other religious gifts are also available

Lot of new arrivals are there to browse and buy. Pure beeswax candles, religious themed fleece blankets/throws etc also available.



Interested in becoming Catholic ?

or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Come along to a series of 3 Enquiry Evenings at **5:30pm** on **Wednesdays 16 October, 23 October and 30 October**

Venue: Seminar Room, Catholic Centre, 9 Maitland St., Geraldton. At the conclusion of the series those interested in becoming Catholic will take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a process of formation over several months that leads to reception into the Church at Easter and continues throughout the Easter Season. 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/> or call Parish Office on 9964 2716.



Malayalam Mass

Malayalam Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday, 14th October at 6:00pm. Commencing with Confessions at 5:30pm. All Keralites are requested to attend. Thank you.

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.



Morning Tea Today

Our first Sunday morning tea will be held today in the Divine Mercy Garden after the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. Thanks to Jane Whiteaker for organising it this month.

Welcome everyone 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)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY | 20TH OCTOBER

World Mission Sunday this year will be celebrated on the 20th of October. We thank you greatly for your most generous financial support and prayers in the past years, allowing those in much need to experience God's loving grace.

This year, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people requiring social services who often face



demand for them is growing. This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia

are going without the help they need. Your stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness.

Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the

kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.



Freecall: 1800 257 296 or visit the web Page: catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



Month of October | The Month of the Holy Rosary The 15 Promises of Mary to Christians Who Pray the Rosary

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
3. The rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the rosary, devoutly applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death, the Light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
10. The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask me by the recitation of the rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All those who recite the rosary are my children and brothers and sisters of my only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.



Imprimatur: Patrick J Hayes, Archbishop of New York.

Annual General Meeting

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

Diocesan Office

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

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

By Knights of the Southern Cross Education Foundation 

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

Tel 08 9368 2503 | Email: office@kscwa.org.au

Applications open now and close on 28 October 2024

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

Mission: Transform Lives.. theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice? Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our [Discovery Online](#) session this Wednesday 9th October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills to sustainable solutions.



Venue: Online via Zoom

Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024 **Time:** 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

0422 472 567 | palms@palms.org.au



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!

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 31st, 2024.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliari Project

Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

The long form of this week's gospel reading includes some strange words that are worth our careful reflection. The disciples get annoyed at people bringing children to Jesus so that he can bless them.

You can imagine their grumbling: "We have work to do, God's work! We don't have time to waste like this. We have to make it to the next town by nightfall. Crowds are waiting to be taught. Sick need healing. Possessed need deliverance. We will be here all day with all these children ..."

The disciples, the insiders, the privileged participants in Jesus' mission, in their zeal and sincerity still miss the essential point. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus' most intimate friends and his most devoted followers, struggle to comprehend what following Jesus is really all about.

They put their understanding of God, of his Kingdom, of Jesus, before God, his Kingdom and Jesus. They make a box and place God, the Kingdom and Jesus inside of it, instead of letting their little box be broken open by the wonder of who God is, and what God is accomplishing in Jesus for the world (which is called the

"Kingdom"). Just like the disciples, our ideas of Jesus and his mission can be too convenient and comfortable, too idolatrous and narrow. This was the problem



with Jesus' disciples and it's the problem with Jesus' disciples today.

But again and again, Jesus mercifully and patiently corrects his disciples' misunderstandings; he breaks open their all-too-narrow, all-too-convenient understandings of himself and his Kingdom.

How does Jesus break open and transform our understanding in this story of the little children? It's all revealed in Jesus' response to them when they try to bar the children from coming to him:

"Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

On the one hand, the disciples know that Jesus' mission is the Kingdom; the reign and rule of God over all the earth, the eradication of all injustice, suffering and evil, the gathering of all peoples as one in obedience to their Creator — all of this and more is Jesus' singular purpose in his teaching and in his actions. The disciples, like us, believe this and devote their entire lives to it. What is the problem, then? Jesus' disciples continually struggle to understand this rule and reign of God.

Jesus demands a complete undoing of what we think rule and reign is. The Kingdom is not accomplished by might, strategy and self-interest, but by humility, self-sacrifice and love. Strength, wealth, good looks and smarts get you nowhere! Jesus tells us frankly: "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it."

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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.



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!



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.

WA Professional Standards Office for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Professional Standards Office WA
Saxon Gee (Perth) 1800 072 390 /08 9221 7762
 Email director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au



Geraldton Catholic Parishes

Safeguarding Officers **0470 207 707**
 Amy Zinetti Leonie Golding Melinda Jupp
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Diocesan Director of Safeguarding **Jacqui Correy**
 Phone: **9921 3221**, Email: safeguarding@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

Parish Finances

Contributions of 29th September 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1462.70		536.90
Planned Giving \$	494.00	387.00	655.00
Parish Collection \$	791.05		302.60
Friday Fast \$	148.75		



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.

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

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be in the Cathedral Crypt until 31st of October, in the month of the holy Rosary
 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 Dympna Kipps.



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

Anniversaries: Jim Ward, George Chausis and Vince O'Dea.

Recently Deceased: Peter Fahl.

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading (Genesis 2:18-24)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 127)

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! by the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 2:9-11)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.....**Alleluia!**

Love
Orze ♥

Another
John 13:34 ♥

Gospel (Mark 10:2-16)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this

commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has



united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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 7:7-11 | Psalm 89 | Hebrews 4:12-13 | Mark 10:17-27

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this Tuesday, on 8th 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

