



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

13 October 2024

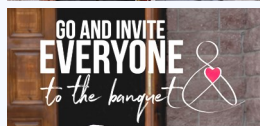
VOCATION VIEW: *If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks for total dedication, promising in return rewards that no one else can promise: "Go and sell everything you own ... then come; follow me."*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY | NEXT WEEKEND

The World Mission Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday 20th 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. In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services



provide essential services to people in need.

for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services.

Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.



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

Helpers Needed for Blessing of Fleet Sausage Sizzle

The Knights of the Southern Cross are running a Sausage Sizzle Stall at the Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday 3rd November from 9.30am to 2pm. Proceeds from the stall will be divided between the Catholic Youth Group in Geraldton and the John Hawes Foundation.



We are looking to borrow for the day two to three large plate gas BBQs. We are also looking for volunteers to help the Knights and the Catholic Youth Group in Geraldton to run the stall. *If you can provide a BBQ or help for an hour or more please contact Daniel Hatley on 0456 420 891 or email heritage@geraldtoncatholic.org.au*

Malayalam Mass Tomorrow

Fr Bibin Kurian VC will be celebrating Malayalam Mass tomorrow, on Monday 14th October at 6pm in the Cathedral. Commencing with Confessions at 5:30pm. All Keralites are requested kindly to attend.

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 commencing from this **Wednesday 16th October at 5:30pm** and the following **Wednesdays 23rd October and 30th 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 the Parish Office on 9964 2716.



Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meeting of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton will be held on Thursday, 31st October at 6pm. All PPC members are kindly requested to attend.

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton is scheduled to be on Sunday, 17th November at 10:30am in the Catholic Centre. Parishioners from all parishes are invited and encouraged to attend.



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



Parish Office & Holy Shop

Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday



Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

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

Community Garage Sale at St Lawrence's

We are kindly asking for donations of items you have no further use for although still in good condition, a treasure for another. Items such as kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, jewellery, pot plants, garden items, tools, push bikes, toys, balls and soft toys and etc. Only current tagged electricals can be accepted. Please no clothing nor books as we have. To help further, have your donation sparkling as a new Christmas gift as this adds great value to your donation. Please deliver your donations on Saturday 9 November between 11am and 2pm to the undercover area at St Lawrence's School. Donations are also required for our raffles, a gift or a small money donation greatly appreciated. A call for Volunteers to help for a few hours on Saturday between 10am and 3pm and Sunday between 8:15am and 2:30pm. It will be a rewarding experience and fun. The Garage Sale is on Sunday 10th November from 8:30am to 1:30 pm at St Lawrence's School undercover area with a cuppa available with homemade scones, cake and savory and a good place for your Christmas shopping. Hope to see you there.



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 31st, 2024.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project

Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

"Christianity is greatest when it is hated by the world."
- St Ignatius of Antioch

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.



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.kasca.org.au/KSC-Education-Foundation.html>

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, visit our website www.centacaregeraldton.org.au or phone 9921 1433.

Visits to Opal and Hillcrest Residents

Our fellow-Catholics in residential care will gladly welcome parishioners who would like to come and visit. You are welcome to join me there. Our times are:

10.15 - 12.00 on Wednesday at Opal Shore in Fitzgerald St

10.15 - 12.00 on Thursday at Juniper Hillcrest in Onslow St


Please let me know in advance, if possible, if you would like to come. Thank you! - Sr Flora 0459 119 575 / flora@preswa.com.au



Looking for beeswax candles?

100% pure beeswax candles are available at the Parish Holy Shop. A packet of 3 costs only \$15.

Last Baptism Preparation Meeting of the Year

The next and last Baptism preparation meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, 12th November at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. The following meeting will be in February 2025. 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 

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

Contact Number 0470 207 707

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



Diocesan Office

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

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The fairytales and fables we heard as kids have taught us to hope that in the end, the good will be rewarded and the evil will get their comeuppance. The humble and persecuted Cinderella won the prince, while her cruel stepsisters failed to impress. Jack got his golden egg-laying goose, while the greedy giant met a sticky end. The Little Red Hen enjoyed her bread with her chicks, while the unhelpful pig, cat, and frog went hungry.

These stories instil an expectation: virtue leads to reward, and wrongdoing brings punishment. However, today's gospel challenges this notion, showing us that eternal life cannot be won solely by our best efforts.

In the gospel, both the wealthy man and Jesus' disciples believe that their strict observance of the Law or their sacrifices for the mission will guarantee them salvation. Jesus, however, disrupts their expectations. The wealthy man is told to let go of his "many possessions" (Mk 10:22), and the disciples are reminded that their rewards come with "persecutions" (Mk 10:30). This narrative exemplifies Jesus' radical reinterpretation of God's commandments. In the

Matthean "Sermon on the Mount" (Mt 5:1-7:29), Jesus redefined righteousness. It is not enough to stay one's hand from murder; one must also avoid anger (Mt 5:21-26). It is not

Godmother, and eternal life isn't a magical golden egg. Salvation is a gift from God to all, whether blameless or blameworthy (Mk 10:27); it cannot be earned.



The point of this story is that the gospel is no fairytale, even though it promises a happy ending. The spectre of the Cross haunts every page of Jesus' story. The path to eternal life winds through dark days of persecution and disappointment. The happy ending can only be achieved through genuine self-sacrifice. On his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus warns his disciples three times that he will suffer death at the hands of his enemies (Mk 8:31; 9:30; 10:32).

enough to be devoted to one's friends; one must love those who persecute us as well (Mt 5:43-44). Similarly, the wealthy man of today's gospel might live by the "letter of the law" (Mk 10:20), yet still fall short. He "went away sad" (Mk 10:22), blinded by his riches; he was unable to fully commit to Jesus.

Like a fairy tale character, this man sought a formula to earn his place in heaven (Mk 10:17). He viewed salvation as a commodity achievable by being "good." But Jesus isn't a Fairy

So, there is no secret recipe for salvation. Eternal life comes from accepting God's gift wholeheartedly, committing everything we are and own to the vocation to which God calls us. This acceptance is not a simplistic equation: be good, win salvation! To paraphrase Mark's Jesus as he set out on his final journey to Jerusalem, "if you want to live happily ever-after, you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me" (Mk 8:34)

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God's Word 2025 still 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 a few more copies left 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.

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!

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.



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 6 th October 2024			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1469.05		628.15
Planned Giving \$	615.00	182.00	374.50
Parish Collection \$	851.70		360.65
Friday Fast \$	105.50		



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**
All welcome.



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

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.

Adoration with Benediction at St Lawrence's

Last Sunday of each month 3-4pm - Divine Mercy holy hour.

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: Lia Italiano, May & Colin Criddle, Peter Rowe, George Quinlan and Maureen Lang.

Recently Deceased: Peter Fahl.

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading (Wisdom 7:7-11)

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 89)

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

Show forth your works to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 4:12-13)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 10:17-30)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who

have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*'For men
it is impossible,
but not for God.
Everything is possible
for God.'*

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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 53:10-11 | Psalm 32 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | Mark 10:35-45



Feasts of the Week

15 Oct Tue Saint Teresa of Jesus
17 Oct Thu Saint Ignatius of Antioch
18 Oct Fri Saint Luke



*"No one can live continually in sin and continue to say
the Rosary."
- St Teresa of Jesus*