



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

20 October 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Life's rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we then called through our profession of faith to serve others.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma means that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they

require. On this day, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia.



You can support this work by using the appeal envelopes available in the Church today.

Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Other ways to donate

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



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

Come along to the next Enquiry Evening session
this Wednesday 23rd October at 5:30pm
and the last session on 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.

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary."
 - St Francis De Sales

Mission Sunday Guest Speaker

We welcome Sr Pat Bottriell, our guest speaker at masses this weekend for the World Mission Month appeal. She will also visit our schools whilst in Geraldton. Sr Pat has commenced her missionary life in 1962 by joining the Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition. She is a teacher with over 30 years of experience and has worked as a missionary for seven years in the Philippines and two years in Thailand. Because of her missionary experiences, she greatly appreciates the essential works we all do here by supporting Catholic Mission with prayer and financial aid. *You are cordially invited to join us for a cuppa at Laian's this Sunday at 10:30am.*



Blessing of the Right to Life Plaque

A plaque of the Right to Life will be unveiled and blessed at Saint Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point today at 9am Mass.

Pope Francis Appoints new Bishop of Broome

We can now welcome Bishop Michael back to his home diocese to be fulltime here in Geraldton as Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Bishop Tim Norton SVD as the third Bishop of Broome last week. Bishop Tim is currently the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brisbane since February 2022. Born in Sydney in 1958, Bishop Norton entered the Society of the Divine Word in 1985 and was ordained a priest in 1991. He is a missionary by vocation, and his own

congregation of the Society of the Divine Word is already a presence in the diocese of Broome. A few years before becoming the Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, he lead the Society of the Divine Word missionaries for nine years as Provincial of the Australian Province, which includes Thailand and New Zealand.



His installation as Bishop of Broome will be celebrated on the 4th of December this year. The Diocese of Broome has been very troubled in recent times, and Bishop Tim has the gifts and experience to take the process of healing and renewal into a new phase which Bishop Michael, who is the current Apostolic Administrator since August 2021, had begun. We pray and wish him every success in shepherding his entrusted flock in Broome.

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)

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.



NOVEMBER | The Month of the Holy Souls

This is a time when we remember and pray for our family members and friends who are deceased. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special **November Mass offering envelopes** available at the Church entrance today. Envelopes will be given to priests and names entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed near the Altar at each Mass during the month.



All Saints' and all Souls' Days

Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are the living. Mass times on these days are as follows.



All Saints' Day Friday | 1st November
7:00am, 12:05pm and 6:00pm in the Cathedral

All Souls' Day Saturday | 2nd November
9:00am in the Cathedral

Utakarra Mass and Blessing of Graves

November, being the month of the Holy Souls, Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 2nd November in the San Spirito chapel at Utakarra at 9am followed by the blessing of graves. There will be no Mass in the chapel in December and January.

Kalbarri Mass

Holy Mass is celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Kalbarri every Sunday at 5pm. Visitors who wish to attend Mass in Kalbarri are warmly welcome.

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!

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*

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.



An Invitation to – An Introduction to Christian Meditation

Looking for a little 'more'?

This is an opportunity to hear a little about this 4-5th century prayer form of Christian Meditation rediscovered by Fr John Main OSB (1926-1982) and re-introduced into our Christian churches over the last 50 years. How might this ancient practice enhance our lives today – offering an understanding of the importance of quiet and stillness.

Topic: An Introduction to Christian Meditation (its history and a 'how to')

Speaker: Mrs Steph Woods and John Coleman

Where: Catholic Centre (Youth Room), Maitland Street, Geraldton

When: Saturday 23 November 2024 10.00 am – 3.30pm

Cost: Donation . Morning tea and Lunch provided.

RSVP necessary Register by 18th November.

Phone 99642716/99641608

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*



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.



Diocesan Office

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

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To be human is to experience desire and ambition. To know a person's deep desires is to see into that person's soul. Desire for good, such as world peace or the end of global warming, is a positive urge of the human spirit. Other desires that focus on personal happiness and success can also be positive. However, they may also become caught up with the 'dark side' of the human spirit leading to jealousy, blind ambition and ruthless disregard for others.

Throughout the drama of human life, desire and suffering are closely linked.

This is evident, for example, in the works of Shakespeare: one thinks of the innocent, youthful desires of Romeo and Juliet, the dark and treacherous desires of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, or the obsessive desires of King Richard III. In different ways, these desires all lead to tragic suffering.

The connection between suffering and desire is also a key insight of the Buddha who taught that all suffering is caused by human desire and that happiness or enlightenment consists in the elimination of all desires. How does this compare with the approach of our own Christian Scriptures?

The long history of Israel is one of suffering at the hands of external enemies and through internal divisions. Jesus' life-story is also one in which his efforts to bring about God's kingdom



of justice and peace are thwarted by negative forces. Even Jesus' own disciples seem blind to his real mission and message.

Why are Jesus' disciples so dim-witted? In a word, they are so caught up with their petty desires and ambition for power and glory, they are unable to see Jesus for who he really is or to hear what he truly asks. They want to overcome suffering (as we all do); but they think the way to do this is in the worldly way of grabbing power, status and authority.

Jesus' response is to challenge their preconceptions: "Anyone who is to be great

among you must be your servant; anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave." Suffering is integral to our human lives. In this sense, compared to the Buddha, Jesus is more radical by insisting his followers embrace suffering as he does: "Can you drink the cup that I must drink?" Jesus is not glorifying suffering for its own sake but shows us how to place suffering in its proper context. The message is foreshadowed by Isaiah who links positive acceptance of suffering with liberation from sin and practising justice. Acting for God's

kingdom means putting one's life on the line—and even, as in Jesus' case, giving one's "life as a ransom for many".

There is another form of suffering Jesus shares with us because, like us, he experiences human weakness — though, the writer is careful to add, "he is without sin" (Hebrews). Sin is the ultimate cause of human suffering often expressed in our wayward human desires.

Jesus shows us the way to purify such desires through a life of servanthood.

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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 is 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.

Looking for beeswax candles?

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

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 13th October 2024

| | Cathedral | Rangeway | Bluff Point |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Priests' Collection \$ | 1708.90 | | 622.85 |
| Planned Giving \$ | 543.00 | 152.00 | 326.00 |
| Parish Collection \$ | 969.15 | | 345.60 |
| Friday Fast \$ | 187.85 | | |

Thank You

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday 27th October, 3 - 4pm at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point. Welcome all to be with the risen Lord for an hour!



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.



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 Dympna 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: Don Golding, Keith O'Brien, Margherita Armanasco and Freda Miragliotta.

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading (Isaiah 53:10-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32)

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 4:14-16)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LET US THEREFORE
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TO THE THRONE OF
grace, THAT WE
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IN TIME OF NEED.
HEBREWS 4:16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all!.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 10:35-45)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.'

An Association for Defending Life

The Right to Life Association of Western Australia has been defending life, from conception to its natural end, for more than fifty years. We have many programmes including our 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, our pro-life churches campaign and our Euthanasia Prevention Kit. If you would like to help the Right to Life Association of WA please ring Steve Klomp on 0417 184 789.



'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve..

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 125 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

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Malayalam Mass in December

In preparation for Christmas, the next Malayalam Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 9th December at 6pm in the Cathedral. Commencing with Confessions at 5:30pm. All Keralites are kindly requested to mark it in your diary.