

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG

Assistant Priest Fr Savio Nguyen

Nagle Chaplain Fr Joel Nyongesa

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

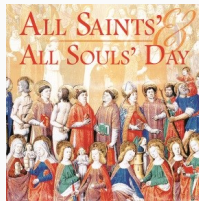
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27 October 2024

VOCATION VIEW: 'Master grant that I may see'. The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, and to witness His love.

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

Blessing of the Fleet next Sunday

Helpers Needed

The Knights of the Southern Cross are running a Sausage Sizzle Stall at the Blessing of the Fleet at Fisherman's Wharf next Sunday 3rd November from 9:30am to 2:00pm. 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*



Reflection and Adoration next Friday

Honouring all saints and praying for all souls next Friday, the 1st day of November at 11am in the Cathedral followed by mid-day Mass. Our November First Friday is on All Saints' day! Come and join in the adoration, petition and celebration in remembrance of our loved ones who have died as we ask our Saints' ongoing support!



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.



Interested in becoming Catholic?

or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Come along to the next and final enquiry evening on

this Wednesday 30th October at 5:30pm

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.



Utakarra Mass and Blessing of Graves next Saturday

November, being the month of the Holy Souls, Holy Mass will be celebrated next 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.

WORLD MISSION MONTH APPEAL | THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We thank you for the generosity in supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy. Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so by using the appeal envelope, visiting online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, free call on



GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet



1800 257 296, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world. Thank you.



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

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530

PO Box 46, Geraldton, WA 6531

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www.geraldtoncathedral.org



Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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. EFTPOS available. Hope to see you there.

Parish Council Meeting this week

Parish Council meeting of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton will be held this 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.



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.

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.



WA Professional Standards Office

for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

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Geraldton Catholic Parishes

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

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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*



Save the Date

Please save Saturday 7th December for a Bring and Share Curry Night to support Guor and the people of Akot Village in South Sudan. It will be held at the Catholic Centre from 6 – 10pm.

Christmas cards and Nativity Sets Available now

Christmas is coming closer! 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

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



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

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and, on the journey, he has been emphasising what it means to be his disciple. Peter does not get it, refusing to accept that Jesus must die on the cross. The rich young man does not get it, turning away because the cost of discipleship is too high. The sons of Zebedee, James and John, do not get it, asking Jesus to be at his right and left when Jesus comes into his kingdom.

Jesus arrives in Jericho, the last stage on his journey to Jerusalem, and he encounters someone who does get it. Now Jesus has performed many miracles to this point in the gospel, healing a deaf-mute, a blind-man, a lame-man, as well as the demon-possessed, but none are named, except this blind-beggar: he is Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

For Mark, the significance of Bartimaeus is that he demonstrates the characteristics of a real disciple. The twelve do not comprehend the mission of Jesus and they vie for power. The rich young man chooses to keep his money rather than give it away and follow Jesus. It is a

wonderful irony that the sighted do not see, but the blind beggar sees and follows the Lord into Jerusalem.

In the time of Jesus, those with a disability had to resort to begging to make a living, but it

homeless and indigent are rounded up and kept away when community leaders want to make a good impression on important visitors. Sadly, we often want to make the needy invisible.

Jesus hears the voice of Bartimaeus and says to his followers, "Call him here." When he comes forward, Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus may be wondering if he wants material assistance.

However, the blind-beggar comes forward, boldly knowing that Jesus is his only hope. His response is, "Rabbuni, Master, let me see again."

Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has saved you." Instead of disappearing, he follows Jesus along the road.

Mercy is the gift of God; it calls us to a deepened insight into who Jesus is, a capacity to recognise our deepest needs, the faith to turn in our need to the Lord for mercy, and the compassion to reach out to the needy in our world.

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worked moderately well as it brought together their need to make a living and the need for law-abiding Jews to give alms.

There is a crowd around Jesus and Bartimaeus senses this is his moment. He begins yelling at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Everyone tells him to keep quiet as it is embarrassing to hear the cries of a beggar when a distinguished person comes to town. Like many cities and towns in our own day, the

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

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for the year 2025 is available 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 priced at only \$15.

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.



Parish Finances

Contributions of 20th October 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1741.40		685.30
Planned Giving \$	487.00	207.00	561.00
Parish Collection \$	1179.50		411.30
Friday Fast \$	107.10		



Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction. Next Friday, 1st November 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The rosary statue will be in the Cathedral Crypt until 1st of November.

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.

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, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Anne Connolly and Margaret Hovell.

Recently Deceased: Carmela Anfuso.

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading (Jeremiah 31:7-9)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 125)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

R.

Second Reading (Hebrews 5:1-6)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text:

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.... **Alleluia!**

Anointing Mass

The holy Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 9am Mass on Saturday, 9th November. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are encouraged to participate. The entire parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



Feast of the Week 28 Oct Mon Saints Simon and Jude

Gospel (Mark 10:46-52)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 | Psalm 17 | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Mark 12:28-34

No Morning Tea next Sunday

Due to the involvement of many of our parishioners, Knights and Youth Group members at the blessing of the fleet next Sunday, there will be no morning tea.

Apologies for the inconveniences it may cause.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

