

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
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Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm
Monday – Friday 7:00am **Friday** 12:05pm
Saturdays & Public Holidays 9:00am

Confessions
Friday 11:30am -11:55am
Saturday 11:00am -12:00pm & 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

First Sunday of Advent

Year C

1 December 2024

VOCATION VIEW: *It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true.
Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.*

Advent

Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of how God's plan **has been revealed** in Christ, **is now revealed** in every Mass we celebrate, and that Christ **will be revealed** in his glory at the end of time.

For each Sunday of Advent, we take our focus for the Advent Wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament, we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

This year we will also anticipate and pray for the process and outcomes of the Plenary Council.

Advent Wreath Ceremony

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we read the prophet Jeremiah's words who promised that there shall be honesty and integrity in the land.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, that we may love one another and the whole human race as you did.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, we must stay awake as you will come again as the Son of Man.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.



Please collect your Nativity Sets tomorrow

All who have kindly loaned their nativity sets to the Grand Nativity Display are requested to collect it back tomorrow morning before lunch time. Since the Catholic Centre has to be handed over in the afternoon, it has to be cleaned and vacated before then. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Christmas Lunch for all Volunteers

All Church Volunteers are invited to the Christmas lunch held next Sunday on 8th December in the Catholic Centre to acknowledge and express thanks for their great involvement in the day to day operations of our Churches. Arrival time is 11:30am for a 12:00pm start.

Please RSVP by tomorrow, Monday 2nd December to Jane Whiteaker on 0427 273 729 or whiteakerjd@bigpond.com



New Roster for Cathedral Readers

New roster for Cathedral readers, commencing from the next weekend is available now. It was emailed to all in the last week. If you wish to have a hard copy, please collect it from the Sacristy.

Geraldton Parishes Morning today

Feast of St Francis Xavier and the Conclusion of Nativity Display

For celebrating the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier, our Patron as well as the conclusion of the Grand Nativity Display, you are cordially invited to join in the morning tea today in the Catholic Centre after the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. *Any donations would be appreciated.*



Cathedral Closure this Wednesday

The Cathedral will be closed after the morning Mass on Wednesday, 4th December for the repair of skirting. Though the doors and windows will be opened to eliminate the smell of adhesives, no access will be permitted.

Advent Reflections

Everyone is invited for Advent Reflections on Sunday Gospels at 6pm next Thursday and the following Thursday, 5th and 12th December respectively. Resources of Liturgy Brisbane are used this year.



Grand Nativity Display Concludes Today

The grand Nativity Display being held in the Catholic Centre has been embraced and enjoyed by the community with great joy and excitement. Hundreds of people including students, care home residents and individuals have made their way to the venue last week.

The Display will conclude today by 5pm. If

you didn't get a chance to visit so far, please make it today to avoid any disappointments.

We are deeply grateful to Fr Savio, Fr Gerard, all sponsors, a team of very dedicated and hardworking volunteers and those who



loaned their nativity sets who made this event happen. It would not have been a reality without their support.

A few photos are uploaded on our website which you can access via this QR Code or using this URL <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/gallery/gallery-of-nativity-display/>



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Feast of Saint Francis Xavier, our Patron Tuesday, 3 December

PRAYER

Lord God,
by the preaching of Saint Francis Xavier
you brought many nations to yourself.
Give his zeal for the faith to all who believe
in you, especially all who are gathered here
today and who worship as a community
under the patronage of Saint Francis Xavier.
May your Church rejoice in continued growth
throughout the world.

May this prayer fill us with the same love
that inspired Francis Xavier to work for the salvation of all.
Help us to live our Christian calling
and to inherit the promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



Bishop's Christmas Communion Appeal

The Season of Advent begins today and we hear the powers in the heavens will be shaken and we will then see the Son of man coming in the clouds. There is no better way for us to be ready for such an unexpected coming of the Lord than faithfully carrying out his commands in our daily lives - living a life of faith, loving service and generosity towards our neighbour. "Together we can make a difference". Please support the Christmas Communion Appeal. *All donations are tax deductible.*

Scan the QR Code or click on the link <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/bishops-communio-appeal/> for more details and mode of payments.

Pew Envelopes are available today.



Cathedral Busy Bees

In preparation for Christmas the Cathedral is holding a Busy Bee on Saturday 14th December 9.30am to 12 noon. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own cleaning gear such as cleaning cloths, broom, banister brush and dustpan. Gloves and masks supplied. Thank you.



St Lawrence's Busy Bees

St Lawrence's Church is holding a Busy Bee on Saturday 21st December starting at 8:00am. We are asking for volunteers to please come and help and to bring own cleaning gear such as cloths for dusting pews, broom, cobweb broom, banister brush, bucket and gear for window cleaning and etc. Thank you.



Syro Malabar Mass and Youth Retreat

Next Malayalam Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday, 9th December at 6pm. Confessions start at 5:30pm. Children and youth from Year 1 to Year 12 and above are invited to attend a one day retreat in the Catholic Centre on Tuesday 10th December, commencing with Mass at 8am in the Cathedral and concluded by 3pm. It is lead by Fr Anish James VC and a team of Syro Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) in Perth.



Join the Cathedral Christmas Choir

We all love singing Carols at Christmas and our Cathedral Choir is looking for extra voices to boost their number at Christmas and if possible to have singers at all the Masses. If you would like to join the choir for Christmas please come along to our choir practices in the Cathedral every Thursday evening commencing at 5pm for an hour. If you play a musical instrument you are also most welcome to come along. *The more the merrier our Christmas will be!*



Centacare Christmas Appeal

Supporting programs and special projects throughout the year

If you would like to help those in need this Christmas, we are seeking support through Donations of :

- ⇒ Non-perishable food items and treats by 12th of December.
- ⇒ Toys & gifts for children/teenagers (new/unopened),
- ⇒ Gifts for adults - toiletry packs etc.
- ⇒ Financial contributions

To find out more, call 9921 1433

Or email ProjectsUser@centacaregeraldton.org.au



Have you bought enough Christmas Cards? Cards and Nativity Sets are available in our Holy Shop

Christmas is fast approaching! Be in time to send out your messages to your loved ones.

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.



Columban Calendars & Josephite Calendars 2025

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for the year 2025 is available in the Parish Office for only \$11. Beautiful Josephite Calendars are also available for \$10.

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.



Feasts of the Week

3 Dec Tue Saint Francis Xavier

7 Dec Sat Saint Ambrose



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

Churches	Christmas Eve (Sunday)			Christmas
	Vigil	Carols	Night	Morning
SFX Cathedral	6pm	9:30pm	10pm	7:30 & 9:30
St John's Rangeway	No Mass due to Church renovation			
St Peter's Greenough				8:00am
St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point	6pm (Under cover area)			9:00am
St Mary's Northampton				8:30am
OLHC Church Kalbarri				11:30am
OLF Church Nanson	5:30pm			
SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION				
SFX Cathedral	11 th Dec	Wednesday		7:00pm

No Evening Mass

Diocesan Office

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

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At the year's end, God comes — Christ is coming — as a baby at Christmas, coming into the dailiness of our lives, and at the end of time. It may seem odd at the beginning of Advent to hear Jesus speak of the second coming, but when Jesus says we're to watch and stay awake, he doesn't say it to play on our fears. Instead, he calls us to be alert to the signs of God's presence in our lives, encouraging us to have faith in God who is present in the person with whom we are talking, and in the smallest act, though we may only come to understand this sometime later.

As we grow in our faith, his coming 'with power and glory' will seem less a fearful prospect than the moment of our liberation.

One way we can prepare for it, says Jesus, is not to let the cares of life overwhelm us. But what might we say to the woman with a life-threatening illness who said recently: 'My mental health is an ongoing battle because I live in the unknown. I'm scared every time I get sick. I live in fear.'

Her words speak to us whenever we find

ourselves adrift in the unknown, where nothing makes sense anymore and everything we've done to secure our future is called into question. Often our fears are disabling, and we wonder

stand with confidence before the Son of Man and we will be with God forever. This is the liberation of which Jesus speaks.

In the first reading, while the false prophets speak only of doom and gloom in the face of exile and what seems like impending disaster, Jeremiah reassures the people that God will remain true to his promises and send them a ruler of honesty and integrity. Enabled to face what is happening, alert to God's presence, the prophet discovers there, not simply an end, but a new beginning. In the second reading, Paul describes the life we're called to live



where we might find help to face them. This is what Jesus is offering us in the gospel, the gift of himself; and receiving it, in turn we're asked to give it away. It's what the vivid, apocalyptic language of the gospel seeks to do: to help us be more aware of God's presence in our lives.

As we gradually grow into this awareness through prayer and our being with one another, when God's kingdom is revealed in its glory at the end of time, we will find ourselves able to

in preparation for Christ's coming again. Whatever our differences, loving one another in a community of hope reveals the life of Christ to us and to 'the whole human race.'

Whenever this happens, God's kingdom is made real on earth, as in heaven. It's the coming of the kingdom both now and in the future: it's the promise of Advent..

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Free Community Christmas Lunch at QEII Centre Wednesday, 25 December 12 - 2pm

Centacare warmly invites community members in need, or those who find themselves alone this festive season, to join us in a joyous celebration on Christmas Day.

To register your interest in attending, volunteering or to make a donation, please call 9921 1433.



Christmas Gifts from Palms!

Are you looking to give something really special this year? Something that makes a tangible difference? Palms has the shop for you! Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect GIFT here! Just scan the QR or go to palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop



Advent Retreat Online

Advent is a time when we as Catholics are encouraged to focus more on our spiritual life to prepare for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

This Advent, we are inviting people around the world to Join us for a weekend Advent Mission Event online Retreat on 7-9th December and accessible online for all of Advent. To find out more, the website link is: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Parish Finances

Contributions of 24th November 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1518.65		676.35
Planned Giving \$	534.00	117.00	290.00
Parish Collection \$	825.15		305.40
Friday Fast \$	56.30		

Thank You

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, **with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.** Next Friday, 6th December 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral. Welcome everyone to adore the Lord!



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Brian & Espie Edwardes at 4 Wilton Close, until 13th of December. Rosary prayed at **5pm, Monday-Friday**



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, Dymrna Kipps, Jim Grego, Pat Miragliotta and Nadeem Turkia.



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

Anniversaries: Maria Masiello, Fr Tim Manley and Ron Adam.

Recently Deceased: Collette Joy Taylor, Carlo Ponta, Michael Simpson.

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame..

First Reading (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24)

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O Come, let us adore Him!

Friday 6 December, 11 am in the Cathedral:

Hour of prayer and reflection as we adore Jesus present in the Eucharist and prepare our hearts for Christmas.



Little blue books

A beautiful resource for daily reflections during Advent, the **Little Blue Books** are available in the church for only \$4.



Next Sunday 8th December

at Maitland Park, Geraldton

Family Activities 5-6:30pm | Carols 7-9pm

Smoke, Vape & Alcohol free event.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation..... **Alleluia!**

LORD, SHOW US YOUR
MERCY AND LOVE



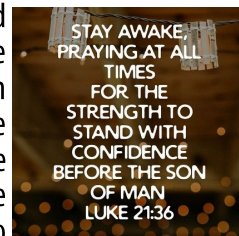
Gospel (Luke 21:25-28,36)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

Baruch 5:1-9 | Psalm 125 | Philippians 1:3-6:8-11 | Luke 3:1-6

Pre-Christmas Garage Sale next Saturday Venue changed to Catholic Centre

Come along and have fun and find a bargain before Christmas with a Pre-Christmas Garage Sale for Saint John's Church, Rangeway, held in the Catholic Centre.

next Saturday, 7th December 2024, from 8:00am onwards.

Face painting, lucky dips, toys, games, cakes, tea & coffee, hamper raffle, plants, gardening items, kitchenware, linen, tools, novels, cook books, furniture, bikes, electronics & much more to be found!

We request donations of cakes and slices for the morning tea stall and items for a hamper raffle please.

For more details please ring: 0437 488 589 or 0419 216 621.



Bring and Share Curry Night has been postponed

The curry night of next Saturday has been postponed to the new year. The date of the event will be announced later.

