

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

St Peter's Greenough Sunday Mass 8:00am

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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3 November 2024

VOCATION VIEW: We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives; a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage.

Blessing of the Fleet Today

The Blessing of the Fleet is taking place today from 9:30am to 2:00pm at Fisherman's Wharf. The Knights of the Southern Cross and our Parish Catholic Youth Group are running a Sausage Sizzle Stall at the site. Proceeds from the stall will be divided between the Catholic Youth Group in Geraldton and the John Hawes Foundation. Please support and encourage them.



Anointing Mass next Saturday

The holy Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in the Cathedral during the 9am Mass next 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.



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.



Community Garage Sale at St Lawrence's next Weekend

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 fun and rewarding experience. The Garage Sale is next Sunday on the 10th of 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 it is a good place for your Christmas shopping.



EFTPOS available. Hope to see you all there!

Annual General Meeting

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



Grand Nativity Display in Our Parish for a Week!

Marking the conclusion of 800th anniversary of the First Nativity Scene created by St Francis of Assisi in Italy in 1223, Fr Savio is setting up a grand nativity display with more than 150 nativity sets of various sizes, nature and culture. *The display will be in the Catholic Centre for a week commencing from **Sunday, 24th November to Sunday 1st December.***

Please do not miss out this unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see this grand display in our Parish.

The initial concept of this exhibition is from the Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes, who himself is a member of the **Secular Franciscan Order**.

Saint Francis of Assisi had a special devotion to the Child Jesus. It is believed that Saint Francis was first inspired by this idea after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the humble stable in a Bethlehem cave.

It is likely that this event deepened his devotion to the Child Jesus, who was born into the world in such poverty, humility, and simplicity. In fact, St Francis founded his new religious Order to imitate these very virtues which are very hard to find in the modern world even among the Catholics.

Saint Francis recreated the scene of Christ's

birth in a special ritual and Mass he held inside of a cave in Greccio, Italy, inviting both his fellow friars and the townspeople to join in the celebration. Saint Francis' recreation of that first Christmas night was so popular that the devotion spread to private homes, and in modern times even to secular institutions, so much so that it's now impossible to imagine Christmas without a nativity scene to behold. It is a historic Catholic tradition and a tool for meditation on the humility, simplicity, and poverty of Christ that he took on, from the moment of his Incarnation, out of his boundless love for his lost sheep.

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

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WORLD MISSION MONTH APPEAL | THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaatar, we thank you for your prayers and your generous donations which support programs like the House of Mercy to care for people



GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet

homelessness and domestic violence
If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so by using the appeal envelope, visiting online at

who have been affected by a range of issues such as

catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, free call on 1800 257 296, or scanning the QR code.



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



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

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.



MHC 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.



Bring and Share Curry Night

Please come along and support our fund-raising event for Guor and the people of Akot Village in South Sudan. The money we raise will help to pay the wages of our staff in the Medical Clinic and in our school.

Date: Saturday 7th December **Time:** 6pm – 10pm

Venue: Catholic Centre

Cost: Adults \$10 and Children \$5

Please bring a curry dish (or something else if you prefer) to share and your own drinks. This is a family friendly event and there will be lots of entertainment for all ages.



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



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.



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for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

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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



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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



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From the moment in Chapter 12 of the Book of Genesis when God promises salvation to Abraham, the story of the Old Testament people is one of them repeatedly being called to faithfulness. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we listen to Moses, who having just received the Ten Commandments, now tells the people not to regard these Commandments as a list of instructions to be obeyed, but words to be written on their hearts. When Jesus is questioned by the scribe about which is the first of the commandments, without hesitation, Jesus sums it all up by reminding him that everything begins and ends with the love of God and our neighbour. Happily, and for once with one of the scribes, the conversation ends in agreement and Jesus is able to assure him that he is "not far from the Kingdom of God." Notably the scribe has recognised that love is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice. I suggest that here we have a fruitful focus for our meditation. The Law of God is not there to make life difficult for us or to catch us out, but



when it is written on our hearts, it enables us to live a life of love: to live life to the full. When Jesus came into our world he presented us with a wholly new vision of God. He reveals that God is a Father who has created us for love and in sending his Son has shown us the ultimate meaning of sacrifice, for we now know that we have a God who literally loves us to death. Accordingly, in the letter to the Hebrews the nature of priesthood and sacrifice is explored. Christ has made the ultimate sacrifice "once and for all." Now it is up to us to imitate his sacrificial form of loving by recognising that love

is the emptying of ourselves so that we can give ourselves completely to God and our neighbour. That is precisely why we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist: the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and the means whereby he fulfils his promise to be with us always; the means whereby he unites us with himself and one another by feeding us with himself. Jesus assured us the Holy Spirit would lead us to all truth: the truth about God, about ourselves and about the world around us. At each Eucharist we invoke the Holy Spirit to make Christ present so that we can indeed be transformed into his Body and be able to proclaim a message of love, hope, compassion and reconciliation to a world which so desperately needs more people to have God's word written on their hearts. When we are sent forth from the Eucharist this weekend, may it be with renewed confidence that God's word is written large on our hearts.

Timothy J Buckley CSSR
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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

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.

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.



"The fire of Purgatory is the same as the fire of Hell; the difference between them is that the fire of Purgatory is not everlasting." – St. John Vianney

Parish Finances

Contributions of 27th October 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1568.25		580.85
Planned Giving \$	904.00	112.50	444.00
Parish Collection \$	968.90		294.25
Friday Fast \$	96.35		

Thank You

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.

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, until 15th 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: Gerry Criddle, Gordon McLoughlin, David Brown, Ian Shanks and Geoff Long

Recently Deceased: Carmela Anfuso.

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading (Deuteronomy 6:2-6)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.' 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 17)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

R.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

R.

Second Reading (Hebrews 7:23-28)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. . . . **Alleluia!**

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*



*"He who saves a soul saves his own and satisfies for a multitude of sins."
- St. James the Apostle."*

Gospel (Mark 12:28-34)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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

1 Kings 17:10-16 | Psalm 145 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44

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.

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



Feast of the Week

4 Nov Mon Saint Charles Borromeo
9 Nov Sat The Dedication of the Lateran