

# 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 6:00pm  
 Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm  
**Weekday Masses** Monday -Friday 7:00am Friday 12:05pm  
**Saturdays & Public Holidays** 9am  
**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

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**10 November 2024**

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before us." According to St. Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

## Catholic Schools in WA : Educating and Enriching the Community at an Affordable Cost

Catholic schools have been a part of the West Australian community for more than 150 years. Parents choose a Catholic education for their child because these schools are affordable, easy to access and provide quality education in a caring and supportive environment.

Regardless of which Catholic school you choose for your children you will find a

welcoming community with excellent teachers and a Christ-centred and child-focused learning environment. The schools are an important part of the life of our parish, and students are supported in their faith journey by the committed teachers at each school.

If you are interested in enrolling at a school, we have representatives here today from

Nagle Catholic College for each Mass this weekend as follows:

### Cathedral

Saturday 6.00pm - Robyn Gummery  
 Sunday 9.30am - Michael Williams  
 Sunday 6.00pm - Murray Gardiner

### Bluff Point

Saturday 6.00pm - Tammy Zanotti  
 Sunday 9.00am - Susan Seaward



## Annual General Meeting next Sunday

Parishioners of all Geraldton Catholic parishes are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting of our Parishes next Sunday, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 10:30am in the Catholic Centre. *Morning Tea provided.*



## Afternoon Tea at St John's Church Next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

This is an open invitation to everyone to come along to join in the afternoon tea/coffee in the Family Room at St John's Church Rangeway for a reconnecting friendly catch up and chat!



Feel free to bring a plate of finger food to share. For more details please contact: Sis: 9921 4634 or Kaye: 0437 488 589 for further details.

## Red Wednesday

Red Wednesday is on 20<sup>th</sup> November which is an initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) to pray for, and draw attention to, Christians who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Notre Dame in Paris; the British Houses of Parliament and the Colosseum in Rome, are some of the landmarks that have participated by lighting their facades in red. Since 2018, ACN Australia has joined commemorations around the world for Red Wednesday. Our Cathedral will also be lighted in red this year.



## 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.



## Community Garage Sale at St Lawrence's next Weekend

The most awaited Community Garage Sale will be held today from 8:30am to 1.30pm in the St Lawrence's School undercover area. A hot cuppa and morning tea for sale and seating available. Delicious hot spring rolls, sausage rolls and curry puffs are being sold as well as pot plants, tools, books, boutique clothing, jewellery, facepainting, kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, toys, balls, soft toys and etc. Raffles drawn on the day with first prize including \$499 portable pizza oven, \$100 cash, chocolates and much more and a second prize to be won. EFTPOS available. A good place for your Christmas shopping. Hope to see you all there.



## 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!*

## Syro Malabar Youth Retreat

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 10<sup>th</sup> December, commencing with Mass at 8am in the Cathedral and concluded by 3pm. It is lead by Fr Anish James VC and an energetic team of Syro Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) in Perth.



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

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**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707

08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

## Grand Nativity Display in Our Parish for a Week!

Marking the conclusion of 800<sup>th</sup> 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, 24<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Fr Gerard Totanes, who himself is a professed 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.

### Booking Needed for Group Visits

Any school or institution wishing to make a visit, please contact the Parish Office and make a booking. All local schools whether it is Catholic or non-Catholic are encouraged to visit this great event. Please visit our webpage <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/grand-nativity-display/> or scan the QR code for more details and to see the available time slots.



## 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.



### An Invitation to – An Introduction to Christian Meditation

Looking for a little 'more'?

This is an opportunity to hear a little about this 4-5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Phone 99642716/99641608

*"Refusing further service as a Roman soldier: I am a soldier of Christ: combat is not permitted to me."*

*– St Martin of Tours*

Each year on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake. Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. "We



need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be

touched by God's love," Pope Francis said at the time. *Please keep in your prayers all of our brothers and sisters in prison, our prison ministry members and chaplains.*

## Diocesan Office

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

**Address** 7 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530

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## Christmas cards and Nativity Sets Available

Christmas is fast approaching! Don't be late to send out your messages to your loved ones. Beautiful Christmas cards are available for you to purchase in our Holy Shop.



## Prison Sunday Prayer

*God of all life,*

*Your son called us to be compassionate, just as You are compassionate. And so we pray:*

*For our generous Earth, who, even when mistreated, continues to nourish and sustain us. May we grow in mutual care.*

*For our suffering peoples, who, even when facing injustices, teach us resilience and hope. May we grow in mutual care.*

*For each one of us, who, in times of vulnerability, draws on divine love and strength. May we grow in mutual care.*

*For our prison ministries, which, in times of change, find new ways of reaching out and in. May we grow in mutual care.*

*And may we be blessed and inspired as we hear these words anew:*

*"For you had compassion for those who were in prison."*

*In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, Amen.*

*Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.*



If you sit in church long enough you will hear it read that Jesus brings a kingdom, or rather, the capital 'K' Kingdom—the Kingdom that never comes to an end, unlike all the others that have appeared in history. He's relentlessly talking about it in the gospels.

Even the capital 'P' Prayer he taught his disciples (the 'Our Father') is above all concerned with the Kingdom's arrival or accomplishment. This Kingdom defines His mission. Since we share his mission, we share too his Kingdom.

As members of the Church, we are his chosen collaborators. But why God would choose people like you and me, flawed human beings, people like St Peter (who denied him when things got dicey), and like St Paul (a violent persecutor of his followers), and so on, to accomplish his most important purpose with his creation? The old quip about Jesus being either a lunatic, or a liar, or the lord he claims to be is appropriate here. It's one of the three.

Sometimes he can appear to be a liar (when, for example, you feel abandoned in a time of

profound suffering) and sometimes he could appear to be a lunatic (when, for example, the people who bear his authority seem to fall very short of their calling). So, at the very least, his

The fact that she gave "all she had to live on, everything she had" means that she had just about nothing and gave just about nothing.

And yet, she gave "more than all the others" who were putting in large sums. Jesus' Kingdom is radically different, upside-down you could say, compared to the kingdoms of this world. Amid our kingdoms, our ways of power, authority, greatness, wealth, and so on, the poor widow gave a negligible amount. Nothing to pay attention to or applaud, of no value, with no effect. In reality, however, in the Kingdom, she gave an incredibly large amount.

The adjustment of outlook Jesus requires of his collaborators is radical. But once made, you will find that opportunities for greatness abound, maybe especially for the nobodies, the overlooked, the weak, and the poor. Are you counted among one of these? Act on your opportunities! Are you wealthy, powerful, honored, rich in the goods of the world? Be humbled and see and act according to Reality, the Reality of the Kingdom..

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lordship and the kind of kingdom he is accomplishing both require some adjustments in our outlook to perceive their wonders.

The good thing is that he clearly anticipated this need of ours for adjustment. His teachings gathered in the gospels are full of precisely such adjustments. You could even call his parables 'outlook adjustment training' for his Kingdom collaborators. One of these is his comment on the poor widow's offering to the temple treasury. The widow gives out of her poverty, two small coins, worth next to nothing in monetary value.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ProjectsUser@centacaregeraldton.org.au)



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

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Parish Finances Contributions of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1783.20</b>		<b>752.40</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>709.00</b>	<b>242.00</b>	<b>325.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>1007.35</b>		<b>471.75</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>139.80</b>		

Thank You

### 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.



#### Feast of the Week

11 Nov Mon Saint Martin of Tours  
12 Nov Tue Saint Josaphat



#### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, until 15<sup>th</sup> 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 and Nancy Ward, Emilia and Novello Amazzini, Alessandro and Ida Caratti, Giovanni and Severina Giudicatti. Don McDonald, Rosetta and Anselmo Scarpuzza, Caputo Giuseppe, Gaetano Lanza Cariccio and Rosa Lanza Cariccio.

**Anniversaries:** Fr Michael Moffat, Glenis McKay & Sr Gerard Cooney csn.

## Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## First Reading (1 Kings 17:10-16)

### A reading from the first book of the Kings.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'" The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## Second Reading (Hebrews 9:24-28)

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

*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 12:38-44)

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

## 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

Daniel 12:1-13 | Psalm 15 | Hebrews 10:11-14,18 | Mark 13:24-32

## Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next and last Baptism preparation meeting this year will be held this Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

