

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priest Fr Savio Nguyen
Nagle Chaplain Fr Joel Nyongesa

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17 November 2024

VOCATION VIEW: 'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God – forever.

COMMUNIO SUNDAY

As the Season of Advent approaches, Bishop Michael once again appeals to us to consider those in need. Please collect a Christmas Communio Appeal letter of Bishop Michael from the Church today.

Please take it home with you and prayerfully consider how you may help.



Annual General Meeting today

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



Little blue books available today

A beautiful resource for daily reflections during Advent, the **Little Blue Books** are available in the church from today onwards for only **\$4**. Get your own copy in time and be ready for Advent this year! Just put your money in the bowl and take your copy.

Red Wednesday this week

Red Wednesday is on 20th 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.



Thanks from the Community Garage Sale Team

St Lawrence's Church Community Garage Sale team expresses their immense gratitude to all who were involved and supported the event. St Lawrence's Primary School for the use of their undercover area and for advertising our event, along with St John's School, St Francis Xavier School and Nagle Catholic College, our sponsors Mitchell & Brown, Rigters IGA, Dome, Orana Cinemas, Radio Mama, Triple M Radio, Fusion Australia Friday Circulars, the numerous businesses who promoted and supported, parishioners and friends of all of our Parishes, Catholic Youth Group and our many patrons who purchased our items. The garage sale was a huge success as it has raised **\$6,738.59**. **Thank You**

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!

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We will celebrate this feast next Sunday in the Cathedral with **Holy Mass at 9:30am followed by Eucharistic procession**, reciting the holy Rosary, which will be concluded with a solemn Benediction.

This feast celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. It emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation.



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

Pre-Christmas Garage Sale at St John's Church

Come along and have fun and find a bargain before Christmas with a Pre-Christmas Garage Sale at Saint John's Church, Rangeway



on Saturday, 7th December 2024, from 10am 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!

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

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master." – St John Maria Vianney

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)

Grand Nativity Display Commencing Next Sunday in the Catholic Centre

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 next Sunday, 24th November and concluding on following Sunday, the 1st of 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.

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!

Divine Will Retreat

"The Gift of Living in the Divine Will" Retreat in the Catholic Centre on Saturday 30th November and Sunday, 1st December 9:30am-4pm. All Welcome. *Living in Divine Will is the deepest union between the soul and God that is possible. Register by 25th November, 99641608.*



Centacare Christmas Appeal Volunteer Opportunities

For Christmas Lunch at QE II Centre

Christmas Eve-Tuesday 24th December

Setup volunteers - 15 (11 am-1 pm)

Christmas Day-Wednesday 25th December (11 am- 2 pm)

Dining assistants - 10 Volunteers

Drink station assistants - 5 Volunteers

Kitchen assistants - 15 Volunteers

Foyer assistants - 6 Volunteers (Meet & Greet & Registration)

Registration Volunteer - 1 Team Leader

Pack up volunteers - 15 (2 pm - 4 pm)

For any further information on volunteer registration, interested individuals can contact Marline or Steph on 99211433 or email cvs@centacaregeraldton.org.au



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



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

Eucharistic Processions - Bringing Jesus to the world!

"The procession with the Blessed Sacrament reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives."

- Pope Francis

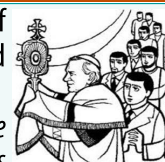
In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized as we go forth into the world. Not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago as they walked with Jesus, proclaiming

the Good News to the world. A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host. For those who participate in the procession, it is an opportunity not only to proclaim their faith but also to grow in their faith. The procession is finally an invitation to

Jesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live.

"We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness. May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence." - Pope Benedict XVI

Inviting everyone to join in the Eucharistic Procession next Sunday at the Cathedral.



Diocesan Office

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

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Next week, we will bring this liturgical year (Year B/Mark's Gospel) to an end, with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Another year has passed. It's a fitting moment then to think about the passing of time and, indeed, of the end time and the passing away of the world.

So, in our last reading for this year from the Gospel of Mark, he writes about the end time. He knows, at the time of his writing, that his audience is suffering oppression and persecution and is thinking and expecting the end time is nigh. He writes to comfort and assure them.

The Book of Daniel, from which the first reading comes, is an influential apocalyptic writing from the Old Testament, well known among the Jews at this time. It tells of the oppression and persecution of the Jewish people in earlier times. In it the prophet Daniel proclaims the resurrection of the dead: "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." In his gospel, Mark writes about the end time in similarly apocalyptic terms that his listeners will

understand. He recalls Jesus teaching his disciples that the things of this world and indeed time itself will pass away. "Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus teaches, "but my words will not pass away."



As for when this will happen, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree. When the fig tree puts forth its new leaves, we know that summer is approaching. In other words, watch for the signs of the times.

Not even Jesus knows — only the Father — when that time will be, but there is no doubting that an end time will come. There is also no doubting that God's designs will not be thwarted and that

the reign of God will triumph. But Mark's point is that, before the end time, the gospel must be preached to the whole world. This indeed is our time and our mission. We, like the Christians for whom Mark wrote his gospel, live in the in-between time, the time between the time of Jesus and the end time. For us, as for them, this is a time for preaching and spreading the good news of the kingdom. St Francis of Assisi urged his followers, "Preach always," adding, "and, if necessary, use words." We, as disciples of Jesus, are called to preach the good news of Jesus, to take the good news of God's abundant and steadfast love to every part of the world in which we live. We too must preach always in our actions first and foremost, in love of neighbour, compassion for the broken-hearted, care for the marginalised, and concern for those in need. Let our actions speak every day!

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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. **On Saturday 7th December 6pm– 10pm**



In the **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.

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.

Nativity Sets and Other religious gifts are also available.

Lots of new arrivals are there to browse and buy. Advent candles, beeswax candles, beautiful fleece blankets with religious / floral designs are just a few among them.



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**.



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be with Sr Flora at Unit 2/141 Cathedral Avenue, until 22nd of November.

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, Dympna Kipps, Jim Grego, and Pat Miragliotta.



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: Michael Duplex, David Pope, Eugenio Condo, Fred Hug, Caterina D'Agostino, Vincenzo Paparella, Lisa Siemiginowski and Raul Jimenez.

Recently Deceased: Tristan Thomas (Perth).

Parish Finances

Contributions of 10th November 2024

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1718.35		640.65
Planned Giving \$	589.00	135.00	390.00
Parish Collection \$	1098.30		365.20
Friday Fast \$	120.30		

Thank You

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading (Daniel 12:1-13)

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 15)

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

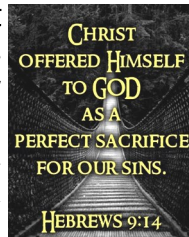
Second Reading (Hebrews 10:11-14,18)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. . . . **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Mark 13:24-32)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress,

the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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

Daniel 7:13-14 | Psalm 92 | Revelation 1:5-8 | John 18:33-37

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.

Feasts of the Week

21 Nov Thu The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 Nov Fri Saint Cecilia



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 10th 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.



Looking for beeswax candles?

100% pure beeswax candles are available at the Parish Holy Shop.