

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year B

24 November 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Christ is King.. the faithful Witness. He loved us.. and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father.
 Who are we to be called forth as the priests of tomorrow-prayerful men-leaders, ready to preach the Word of God.

Grand Nativity Display Commences Today 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 Nguyen along with a very dedicated team of volunteers have set up a Grand Nativity Display in a very dazzling and magnificent way in the Catholic Centre with more than 170 nativity sets of various sizes, nature and culture. ***This Nativity display is for everyone which will be officially opened today, Sunday, 24th November at 8:30am by our Administrator, Fr Gerard Totanes. It will be opened daily from 9am to 5pm until next Sunday, the 1st of December.***

Refreshments available along with souvenir items to purchase. Any donations would be gratefully accepted to help cover the cost.

Please do not miss out a unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to catch a sight of this

grand display in our town regardless of your religion, denomination, race or culture.

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.

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 group 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.



Solemnity of Christ the King, today

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

Please join in the Eucharistic Procession after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral reciting Holy Rosary through **Maitland Street. - Cathedral Avenue - Sanford Street** and entering into the Columbarium and coming back to the Cathedral for benediction. Everyone is invited to take part in this great event in proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ our King. The procession will be contained wholly **on the footpath at all times and will not cross or be on any road at any time.**

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

Reserved Parking Bays of the Cathedral

The Reserved Parking bays behind the Cathedral are intended for the use of Clergy and Sacristans only as they need entry and exit at any time. If you are not an intended person to park in the parking bays whether it is in the Church ground or elsewhere, please find other spots to park your car for whatever the reason be. Thank you.



Geraldton Parishes Morning Tea Next Sunday

Feast of St Francis Xavier and the Conclusion of Nativity Display

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



Cathedral Closure

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.

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.

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.*

Parish Office & Holy Shop

Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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Dear People of the Geraldton Diocese,

The year 2024 finds us all affected by the cost of living in Australia and uncertainty around our world affected by major conflicts. We also see that not much has changed since last year's appeal with homeless people, families sitting on pavements or sleeping in parks and bushland. Very little has changed with the availability of housing. We see this year an increase in families impacted by domestic violence and the broken lives that result from it. Sadly many people know of someone affected by domestic violence.

We find ourselves saying, "What can I Do, what can I do?" with a feeling of helplessness. The great virtue of our Faith is HOPE, revealed to us through a Saviour who cares for each one of us and strengthened in us through the work of the Holy Spirit. A Saviour who has shown us by example, 'what we can do'.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus, walking through the country of Galilee meets a leper who pleads, "If you want to, you can cure me". Like Jesus, we would like to help this person who is in a very difficult situation. Our assistance might not be as dramatic as Jesus' response, "Of course I want to, be cured", but by following his example, what little we might do is from our heart, and the simple support we give, in ordinary ways, makes a difference to another person and brings Hope to their life.

Pope Francis also encourages us to respond to the need, "...thank the Lord that so many men and women are devoted to caring for the

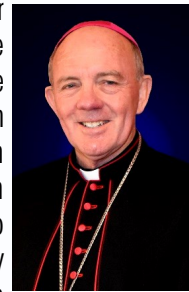
poor and the excluded; they are persons of every age and social status who show understanding and readiness to assist the marginalized and those who suffer. They are not superheroes but "next door neighbours"; ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor. They do more than give alms: they listen, they engage, they try to understand and deal with difficult situations and their causes. They consider not only material but also spiritual needs; and they work for the integral promotion of individuals".

The *Communio Christmas Appeal*, held annually throughout our diocese during the season of Advent, commenced in every Diocesan Parish last Sunday, on 17th November.

This Appeal is a means for individuals to contribute financially, to quietly help offer assistance and bring a little 'hope' to others in need of support and encouragement.

Despite the vastness and remoteness of many communities in our diocese, through this Appeal we are able to care and support each other and the various ministries that assist people's lives. But it is only through your ongoing generosity that any assistance can happen in the first place. The excellent work of the Men's Hub at Centacare in Geraldton receives little Government funding, but with support from Communio funds it is able to continue to make a notable difference for the wellbeing of men struggling with personal issues in their lives, that often impacts on their relationships and families.

More and more our Priests or Pastoral Associates are approached for assistance around the diocese. These can often be supported from Communio, as is Nazareth House, who are able to purchase items not funded by the Government, to help improve the wellbeing of their residents.



Communio continues to support the ministry of Mrs Cathy Jones, Pastoral Leader with the local Catholic and Aboriginal Communities in the Inland Parish of Mount Magnet, Cue and Meekatharra. Your support of Communio lets these communities know they are not forgotten, and we are all connected through our generosity and kindness towards each other in faith.

Payment options are available in my personal letter to each family in our diocese. If you haven't received it on the last weekend, please collect one today from the Church.

Finally, I thank all those who generously contributed to the 2023 Christmas Appeal's total of \$30,269. On behalf of all those who benefit from these funds, I request your prayerful consideration to support this year's Appeal.

Yours sincerely

+ M. Morrissey

The Most Rev. Michael H. Morrissey
Bishop of Geraldton

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!

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.

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!*



Feast of the Week 30 Nov Sat Saint Andrew

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



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.



NOVEMBER | The Month of the Holy Souls

Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special **November Mass offering envelopes** available at the Church doors. 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.



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What is the Kingdom of God? Gerald Darring, a retired high school and college teacher of theology, explains it this way:

“The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith. The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace.”



The Kingdom of God, God’s Reign in the world, is Jesus’ central and urgent message. In proclaiming the Kingdom, Jesus announces that a new age has come and that the Reign of God

the dominant culture of power, control and position. Jesus turns the lives of these ‘little ones’ around, loves them into life, and sets them on new paths of living, loving and relating.

In our time, who are the ‘excluded’ and ‘forgotten’, the demonised and condemned, the oppressed and abandoned, whom we are called to love into life? Called to love into life with love that affirms their dignity, love that breaks down the barriers of discrimination, love that heals and comforts, and love that is practical and hands on.

is near – underway, but not yet complete. Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom was so counter-cultural to those who heard him and witnessed his works that he was put to death on a cross.

Jesus’ Kingship is a reversal of the Kingship of empire building. Instead of striving for power, prestige and privilege, Jesus seeks out ‘excluded’ or ‘forgotten’ people – for example, the leper, the adulteress, the sinner, the blind, the lame, and the Samaritan; people who were oppressed, put down, voiceless and seen to be worthless in

This week’s Mass Preface describes Christ’s Kingdom as one of “truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace.” Such a Kingdom is not some ‘pie in the sky’ ideal or utopian dream. The Kingdom is a reality which may have small beginnings but has the potential to change the world and the way we live. And each of us has a role to play to bring about this reality wherever and with whom we find ourselves.

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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

Syro Malabar Mass and Youth Retreat

Next Malayalam Mass will be celebrated 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).



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 17 th November 2024			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests’ Collection \$	1778.70		649.60
Planned Giving \$	464.00	172.00	298.00
Parish Collection \$	1055.30		317.70
Friday Fast \$	122.00		

Thank You



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.

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The rosary statue will be in the Catholic Centre at 9 Maitland Street, until 29th 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, 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: Carmela Pace.

Recently Deceased: Tristan Thomas (Perth), Fay Zinetti (Perth) and Rosario Barila (USA).

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading (Daniel 7:13-14)

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 92)

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R.**

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time **R.**

Second Reading (Revelation 1:5-8)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. . . . **Alleluia!**

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.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Today, Sunday 24th November, 3 - 4pm at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point. Welcome all to be with the Lord for an hour!



Gospel (John 18:33-37)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone
who is
of the truth
listens to
my voice.

John 18:37

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 24 | 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 | Luke 21:25-28,36

Advent Commences next weekend

Advent Reflections

Everyone is invited for Advent Reflections on Sunday Gospels commencing from this Thursday, 28th November followed by 5th & 12th December. Resources of Liturgy Brisbane will be used this year.

Little blue books

A beautiful resource for daily reflections during Advent, the **Little Blue Books** are available in the church today 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.