

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year C

29 December 2024

VOCATION VIEW: Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense.
 In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace

What was family life in Nazareth like?

"In the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified their ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy.



They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbours, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things, in perfect union with the Will of God the Father." – St Josemaria Escriva

Thanksgiving Adoration and Mass at New Year's Eve

Let us join together for a solemn adoration and benediction on the last day of the year at 10pm followed by thanksgiving Mass at 11pm in the Cathedral on Tuesday 31st December. It is a great opportunity to reflect and thank God for the abundant blessings we have received this year, despite having pains and tears at times! We will also begin our new year with the Lord of all. All Welcome!



No Mass at St John of God Hospital this Wednesday

There will be no Mass celebrated at St John of God Hospital this Wednesday on the 1st of January.

Wish you all an Ecstatic, Energetic and Exuberant Emerging Year!

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.



"Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home." – Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Today, Sunday 29th December, 3 - 4pm at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point. Welcome all to adore the new born King for an hour!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, **with prayers of St Joseph and solemn benediction.** Next Friday, 3rd January 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



Marist Reunion

Former students of all Marist Colleges are warmly invited to attend the Reunion to be held on Wednesday, 22nd of January 2025 at Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands.

4.30pm Mass in the College chapel followed by BBQ and fellowship at 5:30pm. BYO everything. Enquiries: Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104, Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187. RSVP unnecessary.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Next Branch Meeting is on Saturday, 11th January, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Talk by Fr Cross in the Crypt with Brunch at Laian afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com

New Year's Cheer at QEII

Everyone is invited to New Year's Cheer at QEII Centre next Saturday 4th January 2025.

Free Lunch, Lots of Fun. Community Event. No RSVP required.



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, Pat Miragliotta and Nadeem Turkia.



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

Anniversaries: Monica Clune, Terry Dolan, Henry Thuijs, Bill O'Neil and Reg Anderson.

Recently Deceased: Dympna Kipps and John Millward.

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Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading (1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28)

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 83)

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2,21-24)

A reading from the first letter St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son...**Alleluia!**

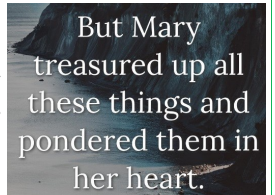
Gospel (Luke 2:41-52)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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

Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 71 | Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12

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