

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priest Fr Savio Nguyen
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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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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19 January 2025

VOCATION VIEW: *There was a wedding between God and us: "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.*

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of Hope

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

What is the Jubilee?

The Jubilee has always been an event of the people. In fact, the first Holy year of 1300 was born at the request of the People of God. In a climate of change of century, the faithful of Rome asked Pope Boniface VIII for "a pardon of sins which would be not only more abundant, but complete" as we read in the Bull of Indiction.

Among the ancient Hebrews, the Jubilee (called the year of the yobel, "of the goat" because the holiday was announced by the sound of a goat's horn) was a year proclaimed holy. At that time, the Mosaic law prescribed that the land, of which God was the sole master, would return to its former owner and that slaves would receive back their freedom. It usually would fall every 50 years.

In the Christian era, after the first Jubilee, the recurrence for the jubilee celebration was set by Boniface VIII to be every 100 years in 1342, following a petition from the Romans to Pope Clement VI, the period was reduced to 50 years. Subsequently, Pope Paul II, in the mid-15th century, reduced the inter-jubilee period to 25 years.

The Jubilee consists of concrete gestures. The most emblematic and evocative one is the opening of the Holy Door. Pilgrims go there on pilgrimage, kiss it with devotion, and kneel at the door in prayer. In pilgrimages is found a concrete journey, during which the pilgrim toils and meets companions on the road.



In a pilgrimage, one finds the concreteness of the sacraments: reconciliation with God in confession - the Eucharist. There is the concreteness of the works of penance, fasting and charity. Pilgrimages is the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus that opens wide our own stories and shows that he is present among us: a concrete hope that can be touched.

The Jubilee did not come about as the intuition of Popes, pastors, or theologians. It is the fruit of the faith of the People of God. It is the most popular event in the life of the Church: a time of pilgrimage to the tombs of the Apostles, the experience of the Holy Door, the time of conversion, of a special closeness to the sacraments.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th February at **5:30pm** in the Parish Seminar Room. 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*



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday 26th January, 3 - 4pm at St Lawrence's Church. Welcome all to adore the new born King for an hour!



Casual Conversation Group

New to Australia? Come along to our fun filled casual conversation group to improve your English, learn about daily routines, food, culture and Aussie slang! Find support and friendships. Held after work hours, so all can attend at **no cost**. *For more info, contact Joanne at Centacare on 9921 1433.*



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



Feasts of the Week

21 Jan Tue Saint Agnes
 24 Jan Fri Saint Francis De Sales
 25 Jan Sat The Conversion of Saint Paul



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, 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, Nadeem Turkia and Monique Blanchard.



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

Anniversaries: Fr Harry Middleton, Stephen Varghese, Javier Corona and Ricardo Garcia Soto.

Recently Deceased: Kerry Gorman and Imelda Isabelo.

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

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Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading (Isaiah 62:1-5)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,' but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95)

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (John 2:1-11)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



John 2:1-11

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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 32:15-18 | Psalm 84 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 | Matthew 5:2-12