

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

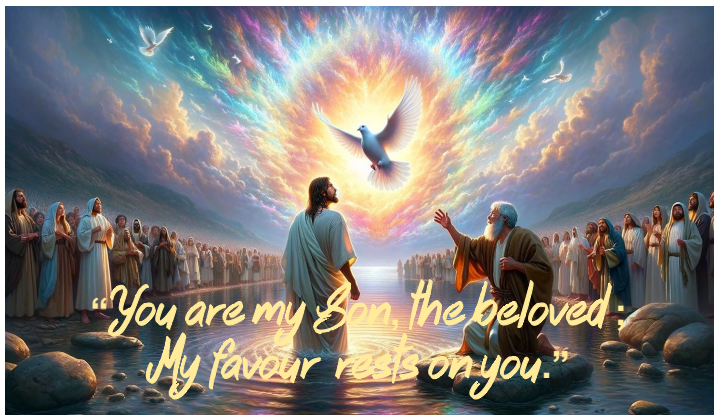
St Peter's Greenough **Sunday Mass** 8:00am

The Baptism of the Lord

Year C

12 January 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire.
 "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!



Novena Masses of Santo Niño and "Sinulog" Festival

In preparation to the Feast of the Santo Niño and Sinulog festival of the Filipino Community, Novena Masses have commenced last Friday at 6pm in St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point, which will continue until next Friday. The Feast and festival will be celebrated next Saturday, 18th January with a concluding Mass and Novena at 4pm in the Cathedral by Bishop Michael, followed by a procession to the QEII Centre where it will be finished with a dinner plus fun and entertainments. All Welcome!



Camping of Organists in Geraldton this weekend

We welcome all organists camping in Geraldton this weekend under the direction of Jacinta Jakovcevic. They will be leading the choir for all Masses this weekend. Have a pleasant stay entire team and enjoy!



Bon Voyage Fr Savio

Fr Savio has left to Vietnam on his worthwhile holidays last Friday. He will be back in the Parish on Saturday, the 8th of February. We wish him a very happy holidays with his family and safe travels.



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.



God's Word 2025 still available in the Parish Office

God's Word for daily readings and reflections for 2025 is still available in the Parish Office for \$22. Only 3 copies left.

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.

Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday on 15th January. Inconvenience caused to you is highly regretted.

Is your child in a Non-Catholic School and in Year 3?

ENROL NOW FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS YEAR

Any child in year 3 (or higher) this year and not attending a catholic school, who wishes to make their First Confession in the first term, please enroll now for the **After School Program**. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started in February. Enrolments invited for other sacraments also.

For enquiries or enrolment please visit our website using the QR Code or the link <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



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 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: Les Rowe, Beryl Faulkner, Vince Ricupero, John Pace, Ray Criddle, Roly Bond and Kevin Perrett.

Recently Deceased: Laura Drew and Roland Dufalt.

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

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Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

Second Reading (Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of

the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 3:15-16,21-22)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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 62:1-5 | Psalm 95 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 | John 2:1-11