

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
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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 Presentation of the Lord

Year C

2 February 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Simeon was an upright and devout man. The Holy Spirit rested on him and revealed that he will see the Christ before he dies. It was a divine call to witness Christ. In Baptism, we too are anointed by the Holy Spirit to witness Christ.

Jubilee Year 2025

Decree

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In keeping with the theme of Jubilee 2025, the call to be Pilgrims of Hope, as announced by Pope Francis, I am encouraging people both within and outside the Diocese of Geraldton to join that spirit of Pilgrimage within our own territory.



I hereby decree the following for the Diocese of Geraldton:

Three sites within the Diocese are formally dedicated as places of pilgrimage for the duration of the Jubilee Year. They are the Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier in Geraldton; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

including a visit to Mass Rock in Mullewa; and St Cecilia's Church in Port Hedland. With this document I decree that a Plenary Indulgence may be obtained under the following conditions:

1. Going to Confession and Communion within 20 days either side of a visit to either Pilgrim Church.
2. A visit to the Blessed Sacrament in either of these Churches.
3. Recitation of the Creed
4. Praying the Lord's Prayer
5. Praying for the intentions of the Holy Father
6. Having a serious intention to avoid all attachment to sin.

Pilgrims are encouraged to discover other ways in which Indulgences may be gained during the Jubilee Year.

This Decree is to be published in all Parishes and becomes effective on Sunday February 2, 2025. AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

+ M. Morrissey

† Most Rev Michael Morrissey
Bishop of Geraldton

Bishop Michael will be officially launching the Year of Jubilee in the Diocese, today at 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral.

For jubilee resources, please visit,
The National Centre for Evangelisation
[@nce.catholic.org.au](http://nce.catholic.org.au)

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Memorial Mass for Mrs Margaret Morrissey

A memorial Mass celebrating the long life of Mrs Margaret Morrissey, the mother of Bishop Michael, will be held in the Cathedral at 5pm tomorrow, on Monday, 3rd February. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend. Her funeral will take place in Fremantle cremation chapel this Wednesday, on the 5th of February at 1:30pm. May her soul Rest In Peace!



Morning Tea today

For celebrating the launch of the Jubilee year in the Diocese, everyone is cordially invited to the morning tea today in the Catholic Centre at 10:45am. Please come, join and enjoy a cuppa with fellow community members. Volunteers are also needed to assist. Please contact Amy Zinetti, the morning tea co-ordinator.



Children's Liturgy

"Let the children come to me!"

The Children's Liturgy will commence next Sunday in the Cathedral and Bluff Point parishes at 9:30am and 9:00am Masses respectively. Parents of primary school children are requested to bring your children to attend these Masses.



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The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the

cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human



beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

Customised Logo for Geraldton Diocese

The image of wheat was added to the Jubilee logo of our Diocese. It is a symbol of the Eucharist - *the food for our heavenward journey* - which gathers and unites us all as a communion of the faithful in the Body of Christ. It also acknowledges the farming families in the Diocese - *who grow crops for the food, for our earthly journey* - many of whom have shown great dedication to the Church and continue to hold strong ties to the Church and contribute to the life of faith of our diocesan family.

First Reconciliation / Confession this year

Sacrament of first Reconciliation/Confession will be celebrated in our parishes next Month.

Preparation classes for After School Program

The children from non-Catholic Schools for the first Reconciliation this year will commence their preparation classes on Wednesday 12th February. It will continue every Wednesday until the celebration.

Parent/Child Meeting

Candidates and their parents, from St Francis Xavier Primary School, St John's School and After School Program should attend the Parent/Child meeting on Wednesday, 12th February 5-6pm in the Catholic Centre.

Commitment Masses

Candidates and parents are kindly requested to attend one of the following Masses for making their commitment.

Saturday 15th Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral or Bluff Point

Sunday 16th Feb at 7.30am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral

Sunday 16th Feb at 9.00am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Saturday 22nd Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral

St John's students are also to attend one of the above Masses.

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

Enroll 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 on 12th February.

You can also enroll for other Sacraments now.

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



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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.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting will be held next Saturday 8th February at 9am with Mass in the Cathedral followed by Prayers and Talk by Fr Cross in the Crypt with Brunch at a Venue TBA afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



Volunteers needed for Children's Liturgy

We are looking for more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy in the Cathedral. Training will be provided. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested in nurturing faith in our young ones.



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



Marian Pilgrimage & Rome for the Jubilee Year

Thurs, 25 Sept 2025 - Mon, 20 October 2025

The main sites will be the Shrines of *Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Garabandal, Our Lady of Lourdes, The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal and Our Lady of Medjugorje*. Other pilgrimage sites will include the Church of *St. Anthony, Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostella, the Basilica of Sacré Coeur and Notre Dame*. We will fly from Medjugorje into Rome and immerse ourselves into the graces of the Jubilee Year. Spiritual Director - *Fr Jean-Noël Marie*, Parish Priest of St. Emilie's Canning Vale. Interested to join us, please contact the Pilgrimage Coordinator **Edman Anthony** on 0424 437 251 / edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com for a full itinerary and further details.

Have you ever wondered what God looks like? Various images might come to mind, but why not turn to the person next to you who is made in the image and likeness of God? But, what if God looks like this baby? A child whose crying wakes us and worries us at moments as we hold them close, a child who depends on us for life.

Forty days after Christmas, Mary and Joseph travel to Jerusalem, where she is to present herself and her child, as the Law required. But there, in the Temple, something unexpected happens. They are amazed at what Simeon and Anna have to say about their baby, but it's not clear to them what it might mean — how could it be? — because God's ways often upend our way of doing things.

Before he utters his prophetic words, Simeon takes this baby in his arms and gives praise to God. That's what we're asked to do: to take Him in our arms, take God to heart, and give thanks. But often we're not too sure about this. We're open to it, but we hesitate, and Simeon reveals why, when he speaks of Him as being rejected



Perhaps we find it difficult to imagine His birth and His death at the same time. Indeed, we may prefer to put any thought of the cross out of our minds for a while and think fondly of the baby in his crib or his mother's arms.

Of course, none of us is anticipating grief, but when grief enters our lives, how to respond? As the aunt of a baby who died soon after birth once said, "It's tough to believe that we will emerge from the darkness." Later she reflected,

"In each of us we harbour both the living and the dying Christ." Recalling her words on first seeing her niece - "You are so beautiful. I love you so much" — she realised that's what God says to us ... always.

Taking to heart her words, when we hear of the Lord suddenly entering his Temple, not in power and might, as in the first reading, but in weakness and need as a baby, we see in this child a light to enlighten the world.

This child is our salvation. So today, which is also known as Candlemas Day, we might light a candle and give thanks for His coming amongst us. For He comes to free us from our fear of death, as the second reading says, so that, in time, we may find ourselves sharing the gift of His life with others. We're invited to take Him into our hearts and accompany Him as He grows in maturity, wisdom and grace.

Whatever the future holds, God is with us.

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First Friday Adoration

"Where two or three of you gather in My name, I am among you." says Jesus. Come as one Community to be with Our Source of HOPE. **Next Friday, 7th February at 11am followed by Mass at 12.05pm.**

Feasts of the Week

- 5 Feb Wed Saint Agatha
- 6 Feb Thu Saint Paul Miki and Companions

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday. Next Friday, 7th February 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral. Welcome everyone to adore the Lord!

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Sr Flora Ricupero at unit 2, 141 Cathedral Avenue, from **Tuesday to Friday**, 4-7 February. Rosary prayed at 5pm. 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.



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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 6:1-8 | Psalm 137 | 1Corinthians 15:1-11 | Luke 5:1-11

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

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, Monique Blanchard and Yvonne Fahl.



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: Norman Bone, Sr Vianney pbvm, Giuseppe Ricupero, Pepita Adave and Yolanda Amador Soto.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Morrissey, Maria Priolo, Daniel Flynn and Sr Leonie Mayne rsj.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 26th January 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1735.05		626.05
Planned Giving \$	619.00	222.00	625.00
Parish Collection \$	1019.70		353.65
Friday Fast \$	127.65		

Thank You

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading (Malachi 3:1-4)

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23)

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 2:14-18)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 2:22-40)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy

Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. **(all bow)**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**