

# 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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**9 February 2025**

**VOCATION VIEW:** *God does not ask you to be successful: God does ask you to be faithful.  
 Put your vocation ahead of your career.*

**Jubilee Year 2025**

**Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel**

**8-9 February**

The Church recognises that military personnel can contribute enormously to the stability of our world and to the establishment of peace. This Jubilee will

celebrate the efforts all members of the armed forces and police, municipal police, security operators,



veterans, military associations, military academies, chaplaincies and military ordinariates provide for peace.

## Prayer

Lord our God,  
 we thank you for the service and sacrifice of all who have made possible the freedom we enjoy and the heritage we have been given. We commend to you all who serve our nation in the Armed Forces, Police and Security. Shelter them in danger, and in time of peace keep them from all evil. For ourselves, we pray that you will help us to persevere in loyalty and courage, and grant us to be worthy of those who have gone before us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday in September 2019. The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday today on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: *"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."*



## First Reconciliation / Confession

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 this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. It will continue every Wednesday 3:20-4:30pm until the celebration.

## Parent/Child Meeting this Wednesday

Candidates and their parents from St Francis Xavier Primary School and After School Program should attend the Parent/Child meeting this Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February **5-6pm** in the Catholic Centre.

## Parent/ Child Meeting of St John's School

Parent/child meeting of the candidates from St John's School will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm in the school hall.

## Commitment Masses next Weekend

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral or Bluff Point**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.00am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral**

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

## School Commissioning Mass at Bluff Point

Commissioning of the School Staff, Year 6 Leaders and School Community Leaders will be held at the Vigil Mass next Saturday on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at St Lawrence's Bluff Point.

## Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)*



## Malayalam Mass

Next Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. Confessions begin at 5:30pm. All Keralites are kindly requested to attend.

## Reserved Parking Bays of the Cathedral

The Reserved Parking bays behind the Cathedral are strictly 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.

**NO PARKING**

## Parish Office & Holy Shop

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530  
 PO Box 46, Geraldton, WA 6531

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

[gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)  
[www.geraldtoncatholic.org](http://www.geraldtoncatholic.org)



**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707

08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

*If you require a priest in emergency, phone 9964 1608 (24/7)*

The profession of Faith, also known as the "symbol of faith", expresses the central content and main truths the universal Church accepts, witnesses to, and transmits to all her members. By professing the faith, the baptised recognise their Christian identity, expressing with conviction, belief in them fundamentals of the Christian faith which were first spoken by or for us on the day of our baptism.

St Paul emphasises how professing the faith requires inner conversion. He says, "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him

from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved" (Romans 10:9-10).

Liturgically, whenever we profess the faith, either by reciting the Apostles' Creed (The Baptismal Creed of the Church of Rome) or the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (formulated 1700 years ago in 325 in Nicaea, and then refined in 381 in Constantinople), we keep the principal truths of the faith alive in our collective memory as God's people.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "As on the day of our Baptism, when our whole life was entrusted to the "standard of teaching", [Rom 6:17] let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith. To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe."

*This Creed is the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul. (St. Ambrose of Milan)*

**Votive Candles**

If you wish to light a candle for a special intention at the altar of Our Lady Help of Christians, LED Candles can be purchased at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre Museum for 50c each. The Museum is Open Daily 10-4.

**Did you know?**

St. Scholastica is the patron saint of education, Benedictine nuns, and children who experience convulsions.

**Save the Date for Multicultural Dinner**

A Multicultural Dinner to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Catholic Centre from 6 - 10pm. We rescheduled our Curry Night from December last year due to many other events on that evening.

*This is a fundraiser for our school in Akot Village, South Sudan. It is a family friendly event and everyone is welcome.*



**2025 SACRAMENTAL TIMELINE**

SACRAMENTS	PROGRAMS	SFX GERALDTON	ST. JOHN'S RANGEWAY	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	SLC BLUFFPOINT
<b>Mass of the Holy Oils</b>		9 <sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday at 5pm in the Cathedral. Delegates of the Confirmation Candidates to attend.			
<b>RECONCILIATION (Term I)</b>  Year 3 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 5pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, Wed at 5pm in the Catholic Centre	5 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Wed at 3:15pm in St John's School Hall	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, Wed at 5pm in the Catholic Centre	
	Commitment Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> or 22 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> or 22 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> or 22 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb or 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	<b>Celebration</b>	Attend Mass in the Cathedral			at Bluff Point
		Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>FIRST EUCHARIST (Term II)</b>  Year 4 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May 3:20-4:30pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	7 <sup>th</sup> May, Wed 3.15pm at St John's School	14 <sup>th</sup> May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	
	Commitment Mass	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> or 24 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> or 24 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> or 24 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> or 18 <sup>th</sup> May
	<b>Celebration</b>	Attend Mass in the Cathedral			at Bluff Point
		Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00am	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> May 3:00pm at St Lawrence's Church	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00am	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 11am
Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the celebration					
<b>CONFIRMATION (Term III)</b>  Year 6 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> July, 5:00pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	30 <sup>th</sup> July, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug, Wed 3:15pm at St John's School	30 <sup>th</sup> July, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	
	Commitment Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
	<b>Celebration</b>	Attend Mass in the Cathedral (or Rangeway if the repair completed)			At Bluff Point
		Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm
Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the celebration					

In this week's gospel, we witness the all-too-familiar story of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee calling Simon Peter and other fisherfolk to join him in his mission. Unlike similar call stories in Mark (1:16-20) and Mathew (4:18-22), the journey to discipleship in Luke is not a single moment of decisive conversion but rather a gradual process, marked by repeated encounters, personal challenges, and an evolving understanding of Jesus' identity.

By the time we encounter Simon Peter in this passage, he has already had several meetings with Jesus. Earlier, Jesus performed miracles

in Peter's hometown of Capernaum (Lk 4:31-37), healing many who came to Peter's house (4:40-41), including Peter's mother-in-law (Lk 4:38-39).

Peter and his colleagues may have been curious about this miracle worker from Nazareth. However, curiosity alone was not enough to prompt them to abandon their lives and livelihoods. In this later encounter by the lake, Peter and his companions still engaged in their work, weary from an unfruitful night of fishing, are still rooted in the security of their familiar lives.

Jesus enters Peter's boat and asks him to "put

out into the deep" (Lk 5:4) which, in Luke is probably meant to be read as both a physical and a spiritual quest. The depth of the lake



symbolises a deeper dive into trust and faith, a willingness to venture beyond comfort.

The miraculous catch that follows is not only a sign of Jesus' power but also a revelation for Peter, who, "seized with astonishment" (Lk 5:9), falls to his knees and acknowledges his own unworthiness. This response signifies a transformative moment, one in which Peter's initial curiosity is challenged by the overwhelming presence of the sacred in Jesus.

This passage reminds us that discipleship often requires repeated encounters with the sacred presence in our lives. Each encounter deepens the call, drawing us from curiosity to faith and,

eventually, to a committed life of discipleship. It is easy to think that a single moment of conviction or inspiration will suffice to sustain a life of faith. However, Peter's journey suggests that a faithful response to Jesus is nurtured over time, with each encounter inviting us to trust more deeply and let go of our reservations. The call to "leave everything and follow" (Lk 5:11) becomes possible only when Peter has experienced both Jesus' authority and his compassion in a personal and transformative way.

In our own lives, we may find that discipleship also unfolds through a series of invitations to trust, each one a step deeper into relationship with Jesus. We might be drawn to the message of Jesus through curiosity, but it is through ongoing encounters—moments of insight, challenge, or comfort—that we grow into a life of committed discipleship.

Like Peter and his fellow fisherfolk, we come to realise that following Jesus is not merely a call to faith but a call to transformation. We are invited to leave behind the life we know, trusting in the new purpose Jesus reveals, one encounter at a time.

Ian J Elmer © Majellan Media 2025 #4115

### 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.**

### 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 a discounted price of \$20.

### Parish Finances

Contributions of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1600.45</b>		<b>709.15</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>514.00</b>	<b>127.00</b>	<b>580.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>847.35</b>		<b>414.80</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>85.65</b>		

*Thank You*



### Feasts of the Week

10 Feb Mon Saint Scholastica  
14 Feb Fri Saints Cyril and Methodius



### 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, 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, Alphonsa George and Don McDonald.

**Anniversaries:** Aldo Masiello, Matthew Donovan and Antonio Fiocco.

**Recently Deceased:** Ena Anzac Morrissey.

### Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God..

### First Reading (Isaiah 6:1-8)

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 137)

#### R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

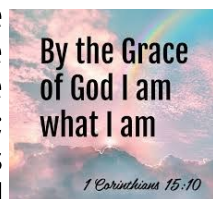
All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

### Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On



the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** . . . . Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people..... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Luke 5:1-11)

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

### 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

Jeremiah 17:5-8 | Ps 1 | 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 | Luke 6:17, 20-26

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

### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Rosaria & Vince Lanza at 1 Batavia Place, Mahomets Flats, until 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Rosary prayed at 5pm Monday-Friday. All welcome.

