

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

16 February 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Try not to pray for an easy life; rather, pray to be a strong person.
 Strong in trust, hope, care and love. Follow the Master

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of Artists

15-18 February

The Jubilee of Artists rejoices with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. The service of beauty is a

pathway into the divine and helps us dream of new horizons for the common good. The Jubilee invites artists to contribute to the

work of the Church in bringing about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice.



Prayer

We praise you, Creator God,
 and thank you for the marvels of the universe
 which stir us to wonder.

Bless artists by whose gifts we see the beauty which is truth,
 the key to the mystery and the call to transcendence.

May the work of their hands lead Christian communities
 to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes
 awe, exhilaration and unspeakable joy.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a "Holy Year", since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Great Jubilee of the year 2000.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th March 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



Malayalam Mass

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

First Reconciliation / Confession

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

Commitment Masses this weekend

Candidates and parents are attending one of the Masses for making their commitment this weekend or next Saturday in the Cathedral at 6pm.

Preparation classes for After School Program

The children from non-Catholic Schools have commenced their lessons last Wednesday with the Parent/Child meeting. The lessons will continue every Wednesday 3:20-4:30pm until the celebration.

Parent/ Child Meeting of St John's School

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

Celebration

Please refer the Sacramental Timeline on the next page.

pastoral care 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.

THE FIRST RECONCILIATION | PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CELEBRANT: Candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are you fully aware that you have begun a program which will lead you to deeper commitment to Christ and his Church?

CANDIDATE: Yes we are.

CELEBRANT: Are you willing to participate and cooperate in this preparation program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

CANDIDATE: Yes we are.

CELEBRANT: Parents, are you prepared to support your children in their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by word and

example as well as participating in parent meetings and endeavouring to participate in Sunday Masses?.

PARENTS: Yes we are.

CELEBRANT: Children, on the day of your Baptism you were signed by the sign of the Cross. Receive again this sign on your forehead. By this sign of his love, Christ will be your strength. (Priest and /or parents sign a cross on the forehead of each child).

CELEBRANT: On behalf of our parish community, I accept your commitment as candidates for Reconciliation. I know the members of our parish join with me in praying for you during this time of preparation.

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Pope Francis wrote: “we must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope”.

The motto evokes the notion of the movement of a Church that walks in pilgrimage to the light of hope that makes the future possible. Daily and international experiences would seem to stifle the possibility of a future. The Jubilee with its focus on conversion, forgiveness, abundance, walk, and mercy, becomes a

possibility for the future itself. Hope is the light that brightens the future, but not in a naively optimistic sense. We know it: hope is Jesus Christ dead and risen. The prophet Isaiah repeatedly mentions the family of men and women, sons and daughters, that return from being scattered to being gathered in the light of the Word of God: “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth” (Is 9:1). The light is that of the Son made Man, Jesus, who with the very Word, gathers every people and every nation. It is the living flame of Jesus that moves us through the path: “Arise, shine out, for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen on you” (Isaiah 60:1).



The Christian hope is dynamic and illuminates the pilgrimage of life, demonstrating the face of those brothers and sisters who are companions on the journey. It is not like a lone wolf wandering, but a journey as a people, confident and rejoicing, that moves toward a new destination. The breath of the Spirit of life does not fail to brighten the dawn of the future that is about to break. The heavenly Father observes with patience and tenderness, the pilgrimage of his children and opens wide for them the Way, pointing to Jesus, his Son, which becomes a space for everyone to walk.

Therefore, the Jubilee is an even for all of the Holy People of God, who are in a journey—a pilgrimage illuminated by Christ, their only hope.

Columban Calendars still available

Few more copies of the pretty and popular Columban calendar is still available the Parish Office for only \$10.



God’s Word 2025 - Only one copy left

The last copy of the God’s Word for daily readings and reflections for 2025 is available in the Parish Office for \$20.

2025 SACRAMENTAL TIMELINE

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

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The banksia, unlike many other Australian native plant species, is not destroyed by bushfires. In fact, the fire's extreme heat and smoke helps it regenerate. The heat, as well as the chemicals from the smoke and ash, trigger the opening of the banksia's woody seed cases which releases the seeds within. These seeds are dispersed and subsequently germinate in rich soil.

It is also significant to note that, in addition to its fire-resistant properties, the banksia trees are an important life-nourishing habitat for threatened species, such as black cockatoos, chuditch and western ringtail possums. The banksia's

surprising impetus for growth and regeneration offer valuable insights for our own journeys through life.

A common thread running through this week's readings is God's invitation to us to grow into the fullness of life. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah describes those who trust in the Lord as being: "like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream . . . its leaves stay green." The psalm describes the one whose delight is in the law as being like: "a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit

in season." The second reading speaks of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of ours. Our gospel reading reminds us that we shall be filled, nourished, satisfied, and brimming with joy, whatever adversities we might face.



While it may be easy to respond positively to continual growth when life is going well, it is often difficult to remain hopeful when we encounter life's crushing experiences. How do we continue to tap into God, the source of our lives, when hope seems lost or destroyed in life's bushfires?

Benedictine mystic Hildegard of Bingen used the term "viriditas," meaning God's greening power, to describe the divine life force. She explained that, deep within nature, there is the innate potential to grow towards the fullness of life, as

well as a capacity for healing and wholeness. God invites us to open ourselves to this divine capacity each day. To be closed to growth is to be closed to God, the source of our life.

Jesus reminds us that "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). Our capacity to heal, recover and grow, lies deep within each of us, although sometimes hidden from our eyes. Those who have experienced a major illness or other devastating experiences will appreciate this.

Iconographer Robert Lenz OFM explained that, when we try continually to keep moving towards God, even if we should fall, we fall towards God or even into God.

Indeed, we are not defined by our failures and setbacks, but by our capacity for growth and greening, even when we fail.

In ordinary time, the liturgical colour, green, symbolises growth and hope. It reminds us of God's greening power. Amidst the ordinariness, the setbacks and the struggles of our daily lives, let us look towards God and to each other to remind us to continually be open to God. Within him, we are always evergreen..

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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.*

Save the Date for Multicultural Dinner

A Multicultural Dinner to be held on Saturday 8th 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.



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Parish Finances

Contributions of 9th February 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1845.50		703.50
Planned Giving \$	598.95	193.00	455.00
Parish Collection \$	1065.30		409.50
Friday Fast \$	65.00		

Thank You

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

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Rosaria & Vince Lanza at 1 Batavia Place, Mahomets Flats, until 21st February. Rosary prayed at 5pm Monday-Friday. 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.

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, 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: Bernie Clune and John Monaghan.

Recently Deceased: Silvino Peresterelo, Charlie Marshall and Ena Anzac Morrissey,

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of your name.

First Reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 1)

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

R.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

R.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

R.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20)

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be

satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven.

*happy are you
who are poor,
yours is the
kingdom of God*

This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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.

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.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1 Samuel 26:2-23 | Ps 102 | 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 | Luke 6:27-38