

# 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

## First Sunday of Lent

## Year C

9 March 2025

**VOCATION VIEW:** The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more, when it is given than when it is taken.

## Project Compassion

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - a time of renewal and solidarity. Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education.

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer. And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available in the Church today or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



**Please Donate Today!**



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PROJECT COMPASSION

## Lent 2025

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Cathedral.

### Lenten Reflections - Metanoia - every Thursday

Lenten reflections for spiritual renewal will be held every Thursday during Lent at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. Welcome all.

### Little Black Book for Lent

The little black book for daily meditations during Lent - on the *Passion according to John* - is available in the Church today. This beautifully prepared book costs only \$4. Please put the money in the bowl and get your copy. Only a few copies left.

### Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

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



### Morning Tea today

Everyone is cordially invited to the morning tea today in the Divine Mercy Garden at 10:30am. Welcome all to have a chat and sip a cuppa. Helping hands will be also appreciative.



### Lent and Holy Week Service Times are available online

Please visit <https://geraldtoncatholic.org/lent/> or scan this QR Code to check the Lenten programs and Holy Week Service times in our parishes.



### MHHE Presents Encountering Beauty

Encounter the Beauty of Music & Song in the sublime architecture and acoustics of St Francis Xavier Cathedral Geraldton

Featuring Renowned International Performers **Johann Vexo (Organist) & Damien Riviere (Tenor)**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 7pm | Tickets \$55**



All proceeds used to conserve the buildings of Monsignor Hawes

Scan the QR Code to purchase your ticket or contact Fr Robert Cross on 99213221

## Jubilee Year 2025

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who

## Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

contribute to the world through volunteering. Volunteers have very important roles in the day to day life of our

## 8-9 March

Parishes. Many of our ministries run smoothly because of the generosity of our volunteers.



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

Charity is a principal characteristic of the Christian Life. No one can think that pilgrimage and the celebration of the indulgence of the Jubilee can be reduced to a magical ritual, without knowing that it is a life of charity that gives them ultimate meaning. Furthermore, charity is the pre-eminent sign of the Christian faith and its specific form of credibility. In the context of the Jubilee, the apostle Peter's invitation cannot be

forgotten: "Above all, let our love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). According to John the evangelist, love toward one's neighbour, which comes not from man but from God, will ensure that true disciples of Christ will be recognized in the future. It is apparent, therefore, that no believer can claim to believe if they do not then love, and conversely, they cannot say they love if they do not believe. Paul the

apostle also reiterates that faith and love make up the identity of the Christian; love is what begets perfection (see Col.3:14), faith what enables love to be such. Charity, therefore, has its special place in the life of faith; moreover, in light of the Holy Year, Christian witness must be reaffirmed a more expressive form of conversion.



**Jubilee Prayer for Volunteers**

Loving God,  
 May we be inspired by the great witness to mercy provided by those who volunteer their time, skills and resources in the service of others.  
 In doing so, these generous individuals make the love of Christ visible in the world.  
 May we imitate their example,  
 as we ask to be humble instruments in your hands in order to alleviate the world's sufferings,  
 and to share the joy and hope of the resurrection. Amen.  
 St Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of volunteers,  
 Pray for us!

**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.

**When you Call After Hours**

Afterhours phone calls are expected for emergency pastoral care only. For any other enquiries and bookings must be made during the office hours. If the duty Priest is exercising a ministry when you call, for example during a Mass, he won't be able to pick it up. So please try after some time or leave a clear voice message with your full name and phone number for him to call you back. Thank you.

**WA Professional Standards Office  
 for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church**

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**Saxon Gee (Perth) 1800 072 390/08 9221 7762**  
 Email [director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au)



**Young Chorister - Have a go sessions**

Join us for a unique opportunity to sing in our iconic Cathedral. Sing lots of exciting music... Learn lots about music and our rich heritage of music... Contribute to the community life... Make new friends.. Open to boys and girls aged 6-14 years. No prior experience needed.  
**Dates & Times**  
 => Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am Mass (sit-in), 10:45-11:45am singing session  
 => Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 4:30-5:45pm Singing session  
 Registration essential!! **Contact: Jacinta at [jacinta111@icloud.com](mailto:jacinta111@icloud.com)**  
 Registrations close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April



**Global Mission: No age limit!**

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!



**Venue:** Online via Zoom  
 Scan the QR code or register at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)  
**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2025 **Time:** 8 am – 9 am  
**Phone** 02 9560 5333 | **Email** [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



**Make your contributions online**

If you forgot to bring money for Cathedral collections, scan this QR code and donate online using your debit/credit card. You can also make EFT transfer using **BSB 086 006** and **Account Number 826504934**, AC Name: SFX Cathedral Parish. Please put an appropriate reference/description such as "second collection"



**Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton**

We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable of our parishes.



Amy Zinetti



Leonie Golding



Melinda Jupp



Simon Place



Ron Pace



Rosemary Taylor

Contact Number 0470 207 707



Every Child, in every community needs a fair go

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As we begin the season of Lent, we hear Luke's version of the three temptations of Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry. His responses will determine the direction of his mission.

The first temptation is about food. "Turn this stone into bread." After being without food for forty days it would have been simple for Jesus to satisfy his hunger by turning stone into bread by using his divine power. Jesus does not succumb to self-gratification but quotes the Book of Deuteronomy reminding the devil that we do not live "on bread alone."

Today, the temptation to self-indulgence is not simply about food, but it may be about a lifestyle where our personal concerns are prioritised above the needs of others.

The second temptation is about power over others when the devil invites Jesus to exercise authority over nations. This is a seductive temptation for power and control is an aphrodisiac, and Pope Francis constantly warns us against the abuse of power when we use our roles in church and society to aggrandise ourselves rather than promote the concerns of

those less fortunate. Jesus calls us to promote not ourselves but commitment to the needy as evidenced in the ministry of Jesus.

The third temptation is for Jesus to do something

us and for our world. In the wilderness and on the cross Jesus resisted the devil's temptations. He did not listen to Peter, who tried to convince him to stay away from Jerusalem and certain death. He did not call on an army of angels when arrested in the garden of Gethsemane. Even crucified on the cross, Jesus refused to save himself.

We do not have to fear the devil because Jesus has defeated him. Which means that no matter what is happening in our lives, no matter the temptations, trials and tests we might be going through, we can turn to Jesus, and he will be there for us, to lead and guide us along the way.

We will not be challenged as Jesus was, but we will be tempted to live for ourselves, to exercise power and control, and to focus on success rather than faithfulness. Jesus teaches us that through prayer, scripture, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and service of others we will be able to resist temptation and be missionary disciples proclaiming the good news by word and deed.

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amazing by throwing himself off the top of the temple and asking the angels to catch him. Jesus resists the temptation to do something spectacular and reproves the devil by quoting scripture to confirm God's love for those who are faithful. Success is not everything as Mother Theresa famously put it: "God has not called us to be successful but to be faithful."

This does not mean that our lives will be free from temptation, but scripture teaches us that Jesus overcame the devil and won the battle for

### Volunteers Needed

The Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre needs volunteers to help with the staffing of the Museum and/or tour guides for the regular Cathedral tours. The group of volunteers gathers regularly for social and training sessions over a cup of tea/coffee and cake. Please contact Louise Oliveri on 0488 944 372 or Mary Jayne Kane on 0427 007 312 if able to assist or for more information.



### 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.



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Mario & Amy Zinetti at 14 Mellows Place, Rangeway, until 14<sup>th</sup> March. Rosary prayed at 5pm Monday-Friday. All welcome.



### Looking for Piety Gifts and Cards?

There are many items available in our Parish holy shop for all occasions. Beautiful statues, Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads, necklaces as well as a great selection of greeting cards for various occasions such as Birthdays, Christening, Feast days, Wedding, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Jubilees, Anniversaries and many more.. EFTPOS available. . .



Welcome to visit during the office hours!

### Columban Calendars still available

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



### Parish Finances

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

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1601.90		642.20
Planned Giving \$	414.00	132.50	490.00
Parish Collection \$	1009.30		383.30
Friday Fast \$	139.70		

Thank You

### 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 and Yvonne Fahl.



**For the deceased:** Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Don McDonald, Anne and Miranda Billi.

**Anniversaries:** Fr Gerhard Christoph, Fr Dick Tolboom, Ian Shanks, John Marsh and Elia Italiano.

**Recently Deceased:** Ofelia Panero.

### Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### First Reading (Deuteronomy 26:4-10)

#### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 90)

#### R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

R.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

R.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

R.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

R.

### Second Reading (Romans 10:8-13)

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

#### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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### Gospel (Luke 4: 1-13)

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: "You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

*"You must worship the Lord your God; serve only Him"*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### 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

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 | Ps 26 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Luke 9:28-36