

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year C

30 March 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way.

Project Compassion

Irene lives in a remote village in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).



Life hasn't been easy for Irene. After losing her father in a war, Irene and her family were forced to flee their home. Life became even more challenging when her husband left, leaving Irene to raise her 2 children alone. Without finishing her education and with few job opportunities in her village, she struggled to provide even the basics for her family.

Things began to change when Irene joined the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program (YCSP), run by Caritas Kongolo with the support of Caritas Australia. Through the program, Irene learned sewing skills and was provided with a sewing machine and fabric. Irene also gained farming skills. Now, she grows enough food to feed her family and even shares her sewing knowledge by mentoring other women in her community.

"Before, women depended on men's income, but now, with our sewing skills, we can take care of ourselves," Irene said.



Your support of Project Compassion helps women like Irene to create brighter futures for themselves and their families.



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

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Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the candidates who celebrated their First Reconciliation yesterday at St Lawrence's Bluff Point and those candidates celebrate the Sacrament this week at St John's School and St Francis Xavier Primary School along with the After School Program, this Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

Mass in Utakarra Chapel next Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra next Saturday, **5th April at 9am**. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome all new parishioners to our catholic community. If you have recently moved to Geraldton or you had moved earlier and not registered with any of the Catholic Parishes in Geraldton, please register your details online by visiting our parish registration page, either by scanning this QR



code or via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/parish-registration/>

Existing Parishioners

Existing parishioners are also encouraged to do this registration, so that we can update our register. The details you are giving are not kept in any online databases, rather it will be emailed to the Parish.

The Annual Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass) and renewal of Commitment to Christian Service Wednesday, 9th April at 5pm in the Cathedral

This is a Diocesan celebration.



Priests ministering in the Geraldton Diocese gather to celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael and renew their Priestly commitment. Parishioners are invited to attend and offer prayerful support for their Priests. Representatives of Confirmation Candidates and RCIA candidates for this year also will be attending this Mass.

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

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..*

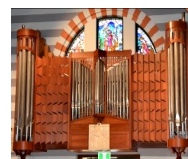
Open to boys and girls aged 6–14 years. No prior experience needed.

Dates & Times

⇒ Sunday 6th April 9:30am Mass (sit-in), 10:45–11:45am singing session

⇒ Monday 7th April 4:30–5:45pm Singing session

Registration essential!! **Contact: Jacinta at jacinta111@icloud.com**
 Registrations close on Friday 4th April.



Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

28–30 March

The Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy recognises those who work to spread mercy throughout the world.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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



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Lent 2025

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to take part in it.

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.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 13th April Regular Sunday Mass times in all churches

We recall Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem in the days leading up to his Passion and Death. Palms will be blessed at all Parish Masses and these can be taken home afterwards for safe keeping during the year ahead. St. Luke's Passion will be read at all Masses. The congregation are invited to take part in this.

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Wednesday 9th April 5:00pm Mass of the Holy Oils

Monday 14th April 7:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 17th April (No Morning Mass)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm.

Good Friday 18th April

10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions

Holy Saturday 19th April (No Morning Mass)

11-12nn Confessions

7:00pm Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil includes the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Old Testament readings, Baptism and Confirmation.

Easter Sunday 20th April

7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm Resurrection of the Lord

St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

Holy Thursday 17th April

Parishioners are invited to attend the service in the Cathedral at 7 pm.

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9:00am Resurrection of the Lord

St. John's Church, Rangeway

No Service - Church closed for renovation

St. Peter's Church, Greenough

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Looking for Easter Cards?

Beautiful Easter Cards and other occasions' greeting cards are available in the parish office holy shop.

There are beautiful statues, plaques and other gift items available to purchase.

Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads are also available. **Welcome to visit during Office hours!**

Diocesan Office

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Scan the QR Code to purchase your ticket

or contact Fr Robert Cross on 99213221

St John's Parish Get Together

An afternoon tea for the parishioners and friends of St John's Church Rangeway will be held in the family room on Sunday, 13th April at 2:00pm. *Gold coin entry fee.* Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea and item for a silent auction. *For any enquiries, please contact Jean on 9921 4174.*



Knights of the Southern Cross Meeting

Next Midwest Branch Meeting will be on Saturday 12th April 12, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in the Bishops House. All men over 18 are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th April 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*



Volunteer to make Easter Cards or Drawings

Centacare volunteer services invites the Midwest community to make a difference!

This Easter, bring a smile on the faces of our beloved seniors at Juniper Hillcrest and Nazareth House by making them **Easter cards or drawings!!**

Deadline for drop-off: 15 April 2025.

Drop Box location: Centacare Reception at 3 Maitland Street.

If you are a school or organisation, we can collect the cards from your location before the deadline.

Email: cvs@centacaregeraldton.org.au or call CVS team 9921 1433



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2025

Currently in Year 4 or above

First Eucharist/Holy Communion Mass this year will be celebrated in our parishes in June. Any child who is not attending a Catholic primary school, but wishes to receive the first Holy Communion in June, **must** attend after-school preparation classes for the Sacrament. Preparation classes start on Wednesday, 7th May.

If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not enrolled yet, you should do it soon. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. Please visit our web page <https://geraldtoncathedral.org.au/after-school-sacrament-program/> or scan the QR Code for more information and enrolment form. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or email gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



The parable in this week's gospel tells us about the experience of being loved. It is about a father who shares his love equally with both his sons and as they mature into adulthood, he gives them space to make their own decisions.

But the younger son decides he wants to have his own life and so he moves away and becomes disconnected from his father and brother. The oldest son, however, decides to remain loyal and to serve his father. But one day after arriving home after a day working in the fields, he becomes angry after seeing his father embrace his younger brother who has returned home.

It seems unbelievable that his father would welcome the younger sibling because he turned his back on his father and the family home. However, this is where we witness God's mercy which goes beyond our human thoughts and standards. Seeing his younger son coming towards him, his father runs to him, welcoming and hugging him with tremendous joy and love. To his relief, the younger son finds his father is still the same loving and merciful man.

His father can't hide his joy so he throws a party to celebrate his son's return. The younger son feels even more loved by his father than before he left the family property. The oldest son is

father knows that if they are away and lose contact with him, they will die. They will have no life. The younger son experienced this scenario which is why his father is so happy when he returns. The elder son, momentarily blinded by envy and jealousy, already has a wonderful life with his father but fails to see this.

Likewise, we are all safe in God's house who loves us so much we have the freedom to make our own decisions. Coming home is really a journey of love. It takes a lot of courage as the younger son showed. The parable also reveals that staying with the father can provide great joy and the fullness of life.

God the Father never changes his love for us. He is always waiting for us. Let us make the move and go back home to renew our relationship with God the Father, in order to experience his unconditional love and mercy, and be ready to share God's life with others, especially with the wounded ones.

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invited to join the celebrations but refuses and complains that he has served his father loyally all his life but has never been treated like a king. Why would the younger brother be treated like a king when he turned his back on his father? It doesn't make sense! At this moment he doesn't feel loved even though he experienced his father's care all his life. Both sons at different times fail to see the deepest generosity of their father's heart. The

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.

Lent and Holy Week Service Times are available online

Please visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/len/> or scan this QR Code for Lenten programs & Holy Week Service times.



Parish Finances

Contributions of 23th March 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1740.20		686.80
Planned Giving	\$ 549.00	282.00	440.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1057.35		374.00
Friday Fast	\$ 165.60		



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Maria Marsden at 13 Carson Terrace, Geraldton, until 11th April. 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, Rose Ralph, Maria Salamone, Tim Conway, Margaret John, Maureen Burke, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, Andres Rodillas, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly, Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Zenaida Tan, Cherrille Quilty, Andrew Benzie, Pat Miragliotta, Yvonne Fahl and Pamela Harris.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Don McDonald, Priscilla Menezes, Tony and Fay Grima.

Anniversaries: Barry Salter and Carole Kingdon.

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading (Joshua 5:9-12)

A reading from the book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33)

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

R.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

R.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

R.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

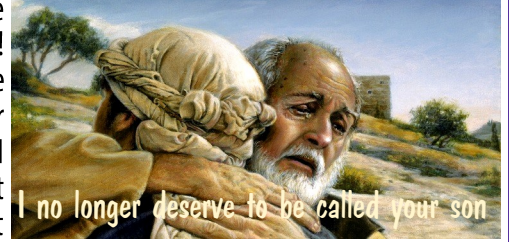
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel (Luke 15:1-3,11-32)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together

everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 43:16-21 | Psalm 125 | Philippians 3:8-14 | John 8:1-11

Lent, Easter and Jubilee of Hope

Come and join in prayer and silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday 4th April at 11am in the Cathedral followed by Mass at 12.05pm



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

today Sunday 30th March, 3 - 4pm
at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the Lord for an hour!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday.
Next Friday, 4th April 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.