

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
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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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

2 March 2025

VOCATION VIEW: *Since each person speaks from his heart's abundance, let Jesus form your heart and your life. Follow Him willingly.*

Project Compassion Sunday

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable. Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-

changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need. 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

Please Donate Today!



Lent 2025

The season of Lent commences this Wednesday, 5th March

Ash Wednesday - 5th March

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics between 14 and 65 years of age, except those who may be excused due to infirmity or ill health.

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses for Ash Wednesday, including the distribution of ashes, will be as follows:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral : 7am, 12:05pm and 6pm

St Lawrence's Bluff Point : 9:05am (School Under Cover Area)

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Cathedral commencing on Friday 7th March.

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 to be used from today onwards. This beautifully prepared book costs only \$4. Please put the money in the bowl and get your copy.

Lenten Reflections - Metanoia - This Thursday

Lenten reflections for spiritual renewal will be held every Thursday during Lent at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room commencing from this Thursday, 6th March. Metanoia resources from the Diocese of Wollongong will be used. Call the Parish Office and Register your attendance.

World Day of Prayer - The Cook Islands

On Friday 7th March at 10am at Lighthouse Church, 41-43 Shenton Street, Geraldton. Please bring a plate of morning tea. For more info, contact Lighthouse Church Office on 9964 4169.



Project Compassion Speaker

This year Caritas Australia warmly welcomes Leonie, a member of the Rigger family, as guest speaker for Project Compassion Sunday. The Rigger family have a close relationship with Caritas Australia for many years as they have been supporting numerous large projects. Leonie holds the role of Donation Manger, so she and her family have seen first-hand the hope that Caritas Australia have been able to give the most needy. One of the programs the Rigger family supported was the Deaf Development Program in Cambodia. Through education, previously marginalised members of the community learned to live productive lives and to become valued members of the community, and the community developed acceptance and respect for people living with a disabilities.

Morning Tea postponed to next Sunday

Due to the unavailability of enough volunteers this weekend, the morning tea has been postponed to next Sunday, 9th March. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.



A Prayer for Pope Francis

Heavenly Father,
 we pray for Pope Francis.
 We ask for Your healing hand to be on him.
 Give him strength in his body, mind, and spirit
 as he recovers from his illness.
 May Your grace surround him,
 bringing comfort, peace, and restoration.
 Protect him with Your love,
 and may the light of Your wisdom
 continue to guide him in his mission.
 We trust in Your mercy and know You are with him.
Amen.



Courtesy St Columbans Mission Society

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Jubilee Year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a "favourable time" for conversion. In 2 Corinthians 6:2, the apostle Paul says, "As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

Concretely, Reconciliation is about experiencing the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and personally receiving God's word of forgiveness.

There are some Jubilee Churches that continuously offer the possibility of Reconciliation. Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which surpasses and transforms the boundaries of

human justice. The gift of grace came about by Jesus' saving mission. Seeing the witnesses of Jesus and the saints and living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened.

Concretely, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual actions, as Pope Francis has recommended to the faithful. Those who cannot make the Jubilee Pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nevertheless invited to take part in the spiritual journey that accompanies the Jubilee Year.

Among the conditions for receiving the indulgence is praying for the Pope's intentions.

The four major basilicas in Rome are the main pilgrimage destinations - St. Peter's



Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. However, pilgrims may also go to the Holy Land, their diocesan cathedral or other officially designated locations.

In the Geraldton Diocese, the following churches are designated as pilgrimage sites:

- St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Geraldton.
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church in Mullewa and Mass Rock.
- St Cecilia's Church in Port Hedland.



First Friday Holy Hour – Jubilee Year

"Where two or three of you gathered in My name, I am there with you" says Jesus.

Come as one Community to be with Our Source of HOPE.

Next Friday, 7th March at 11am followed by Holy Mass at 12.05pm.



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**



Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting will be held next Saturday, 8th March. Mass in the Cathedral at 9:00am followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in the Crypt. All men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



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 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.

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.



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



Multicultural Dinner

A Multicultural Dinner to be held in the Catholic Centre on Saturday 8th March, 6-10pm. Please wear your National Dress (if possible) and bring a plate of food to share that would be associated with your cultural heritage. Please bring your own drinks.



Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

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

Online donations welcome to:

Athiolget Women's and Children's Health
BSB 633 000 Account Number 195 270 988



Meal Train

Michael and Lowana Carkeet are due to welcome their Baby Boy into the World this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers. Daniel Hatley is Organising a Meal Train for the next few weeks to help support through the challenges of life with a newborn. If there is a day or two you might be able to provide a meal for their family, please contact Daniel: danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com

Looking for beeswax candles?

100% pure beeswax candles are available at the Parish Holy Shop.

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This week's first reading offers the kind of pithy advice that would have been common in the ancient world. In this case, the author of Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus as also called, encourages the reader to test the words and actions of others. This way, we avoid looking foolish for endorsing someone with egregious character flaws.

This is good advice and, at first glance, in the gospel reading it seems that Jesus is encouraging his disciples to do the same. He even uses the same visual metaphors of examining the fruit (words and actions) to determine the true quality of a tree (the inner character of a person).

Jesus agrees that a person reveals their inner spiritual state through their words and actions. However, he spins this advice around towards the people he is addressing. Instead of measuring the character of others by interrogating their thoughts and actions, Jesus is pointing us towards our own capacity for self-deception.

Jesus immediately turns the spotlight on our own hearts. He exposes how our attempts to justify

our own selfish desires as morally good do as much good as trying to pick grapes from brambles.

However, because it requires us to thoroughly examine and change our own hearts and minds,

God's way.

God works through our humble hearts when we acknowledge how much we need the truth and love that Christ alone brings, and labour to change ourselves accordingly. In this way, we become like the "fully trained disciple" Jesus describes who can fully emulate "his teacher."

What we experience in the day-to-day journey of following Jesus, with the thousands of little corrections that we need to make to stay on course, is God transforming us into the image of his Son.

This work of transformation in this life will be completed in the life to

come. St Paul, in the second reading, shows us a glimpse of the kind of people that we will be when our "perishable natures" will "put on imperishability" and our "mortal nature" will "put on immortality".

St Paul exhorts us to keep going with the spiritual introspection and labour that will turn us from brambles into fruitful trees where, in the words of the Psalm, we will "flourish in the courts of our God".

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we often try to look for other ways to make ourselves seem and feel good. When we do this, we demonstrate in the way that we live that we follow a teacher other than Christ. But, as Jesus explains, there is only one teacher who has conclusively proved, by the fruits of his words and actions, the goodness of his character and teaching. This is why St Paul exhorts us in the second reading to remember that Jesus has won the victory that will make us capable of living

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.



Make your contributions online to the Parish

You can make EFT transfer using **BSB 086 006** and **Account Number 826504934**, AC Name: **SFX Cathedral Parish**. Please put an appropriate reference such as **"donation, second collection"** etc.

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Parish Finances

Contributions of 23rd February 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1695.90		685.30
Planned Giving \$	574.00	193.50	355.00
Parish Collection \$	998.65		373.90
Friday Fast \$	119.50		

Thank You

Columban Calendars still available

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday.

Next Friday, 7th March 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 Mario & Amy Zinetti at 14 Mellows Place, Rangeway, until 14th March.

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: Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Mons John Barndon and Frank Zinetti.

Recently Deceased: Graham Williams and Ofelia Panero.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7)

A reading from the first book of Ecclesiasticus.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.....**Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 6: 39-45)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do

*keep on working
at the Lord's work
always*

*the mouth
speaks
what the
HEART
is full of.*

not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 | Psalm 90 | Romans 10:8-13 | Luke 4:1-13

Labour Day tomorrow

Holy Mass in the Cathedral will be at 9am tomorrow, on Monday.

Anointing Mass next Saturday

Anointing Mass for all Catholic Parishes of Geraldton will be celebrated in the Cathedral next Saturday, 8th March at 9am. Those who are sick or wish to be anointed are welcome to attend.

