

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priests Fr Savio Nguyen and Fr Joel Nyongesa
Nagle Chaplain Fr Bernard Balaraj
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



Divine Mercy Sunday

Year C

27 April 2025

VOCATION VIEW: You've got an incredible message to make credible.
 It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!



"Those who will proclaim My great mercy. I shall protect them Myself at the hour of death, as My own glory. And even if the sins of souls were as dark as night, when the sinner turns to My mercy, he gives Me the greatest praise and is the glory of My Passion. When a soul extols My goodness, Satan trembles before it and flees to the very bottom of hell."

– From the diary (378) of St Faustina Kowalska –



In Loving Memory
 of
 Pope Francis
 (2013–2025)



Eternal rest
 grant unto him,
 O Lord,
 and
 let perpetual light
 shine upon him.
 May he
 Rest In Peace!

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/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



Welcome Back Fr Bernard! Fr Bernard is back from his 6 month sabbatical in India with renewed energy and enthusiasm. We look forward to hearing about his overseas travels during his time away, his experiences and insights. We wish him a fruitful and fulfilling ministry in the diocese.

A **Condolence Book** in memory of Pope Francis has been opened at the Apostolic Nunciature in Canberra. You are welcome to send a message of sympathy, love and gratitude to the Nunciature's email na.australia@diplomat.va and it will be included in the book.

Scripture Study Program: "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom"

Video presentations by Jeff Cavins, Catholic Evangelist & Author Commences on Thursday, 1st of May 2025 6.00 pm, Parish Seminar Room. **Cost:** \$2 donation/session

Call 99642716 or 0448 959 067 to enrol.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today. This Bible Study will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ. It is designed to deepen and enrich your appreciation of early Church History and strengthen you in your faith journey, walking with other Pilgrims of Hope during this Jubilee Year of Hope.



Parish Office may be unattended.

Since the Parish Secretary is on holidays, the Parish Office may be closed at times in the next few weeks when Priests are out for any pastoral commitments. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April, 3 – 4pm
 at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the Lord on this special feast!



Jubilee Year 2025

The Jubilee of Teenagers celebrates those aged 13–19, recognising those years as vital in the formation of the person, and

Jubilee of Teenagers & People with Disabilities

highlighting the joy and enthusiasm of teenagers.



The Jubilee of People with Disabilities who are recognised as differently abled and contribute to the community in many ways.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

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Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.



Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Thank you for standing with us! 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



PROJECT COMPASSION

Garage Sale Donation Request for St Lawrence's Church

We are asking for donations please of items you have no further use for although still in good condition, a treasure for another. Items such as kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, jewellery, pot plants, garden items, tools, push bikes, toys, balls, soft toys and etc. Only current tagged electricals can be accepted. No clothing please, nor books as we have plenty. We greatly appreciate your donations and to add even further value to your donations, please brush off the Seroja dust.

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



Your donations can be dropped off on **Saturday 24th May** between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm at St Lawrence's School undercover area. Donations are also required for our raffles, so if you have something brand new but not for you, we would certainly appreciate it.

A call for Volunteers to help please for a few hours on Saturday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and Sunday between 8:15 am and 2:30 pm. A rewarding experience and fun.

The Garage Sale is on Sunday 25th May from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, St Lawrence's School undercover area. A great cuppa is available and also delicious homemade scones, cake and savory. Hope to see you there.

MHHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open daily from 10am-4pm. If you would like to learn more about John Hawes and the SFX Cathedral, tours are available on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 and Friday at 4:00. Tickets (\$5) are available at the museum.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th May 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*



Holy Land / Good Friday Collections

Thank you all for the contribution towards Good Friday collections for Holy Land this year. Our Parish collections are as follows: Cathedral Parish \$ **3088.85** Bluff Point Parish \$ **617.85**

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

85th Anniversary of St Lawrence's by the sea

We are thrilled to invite all past and present staff, students and members of the St Lawrence's Bluff Point community to our 85th Anniversary celebrations! Join us as we honour our school's rich history, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to a bright future together. Please join us for our anniversary Mass and morning tea at 9am on Tuesday, 20th May 2025.



To RSVP, please call 9968 2000 or scan this QR code or [click here](#)

Make an IMPACT- Volunteer Abroad!

Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity. Join Palms [online](#) for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! **Venue:** Online- Scan the QR



or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 22 May 2025 **Time:** 4 pm – 5 pm
Call **02 9560 5333** or email palms@palms.org.au



Easter and Jubilee 2025

You are invited to join in prayer and reflection in the presence of our Risen Lord. *Friday 2nd May, 11am, in the Cathedral followed by Mass at 12.05*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with Litany of St Joseph and Benediction
Next Friday, 2th May 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



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 CONVERSATION MATTERS

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



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Fear can be such a paralysing emotion. With its familiar twin, anxiety, it keeps us from acting or thinking constructively and clouds our awareness of grace. In this week's gospel reading, the disciples are gathered in fear behind closed doors. They are terrified about what may happen next. Suddenly, they find Jesus standing in their midst. He offers them his peace, showing them his hands and side. They are overjoyed and their fear is dispelled. This is no fleeting reassurance. He repeats his blessing of peace and exhorts them to go forth in courage. He breathes on them and confers on each of them, the gift of his spirit.

It is a sacred moment, preparing them for a time when he would no longer be physically present with them. Yet, his spirit would remain with them always. This would be no passive presence but a dynamic, enlivening, divine presence which would animate them. They would be his witnesses to his love and redemption throughout the world.

Jesus's words of mission also foreshadow his words at his ascension: I am with you always (Matthew 28:20). It also foreshadows the

coming of the Holy Spirit in the mighty wind of Pentecost.

The calling to a life of mission is not without risk. In his book, *Flying, Falling and Catching: An Unlikely Story of Finding Freedom*, Dutch priest, theologian and psychologist Henri Nouwen described a life changing encounter with a travelling trapeze troupe, the Flying Rodleighs. He was amazed at how they flew through the air. He befriended the troupe and even travelled for a short time with them.

Nouwen once asked Rodleigh, the troupe's leader, the secret of a successful trapeze act. Rodleigh explained that, as a flyer, he had to have complete trust in his catcher. The secret was for the flyer to do nothing and trust the catcher to do everything, to catch him as he flew

through the air and pull him safely onto the platform. In fact, the worst thing the flyer could do is to try and catch the catcher. If he tried to grab the catcher's wrists, it could end disastrously for them both. Nouwen suggested this as a sublime metaphor for our invitation to let go of fear and trust God utterly in all the circumstances of our life and beyond.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once described faith, not as belief in certainty, but as the courage to live with uncertainty. The figure of Thomas in today's gospel, wanting certainty, expresses the parts of our being which are still held back by fear and anxiety. We fear stepping forward into the unknown and allow our fears to sideline God's promise of his abiding presence. Nevertheless, Jesus invites us to trust him completely. Like the catcher in Nouwen's story, he promises to catch us as we fly through the air to him. He lovingly and unconditionally embraces all our fears, our frailty and our vulnerability. His peace enlivens our mission to go forth in courage and proclaim the good news. He is risen and, indeed, he will be with us always.

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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.

Anointing Mass

Anointing Mass for all Catholic Parishes of Geraldton will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturday, 10th May at **9am**. Those who are sick or wish to be anointed are welcome to attend.



Feasts of the Week



28 Apr Mon Saint Peter Chanel
29 Apr Tue Saing Catherine of Siena
2 May Fri Saint Athanasius
3 May Sat Saints Philip and James



Parish Finances

Contributions of 20th April 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	3432.45		817.65
Planned Giving \$	509.00	152.00	460.45
Parish Collection \$	3070.45		515.90
Friday Fast \$	101.60		



Baptism

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, **the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments**. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ; are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the world."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213)

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be at the Bishop's House Chapel until 2nd May. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm** Monday-Friday



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, Cherille Quilty, Andrew Benzie, Pat Miragliotta, Yvonne Fahl, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees and Nancy McMahon.

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

Anniversaries: Nerina Sciuto, Lucia Gabutero, Phil Bunter, Kitty Rowe Edith Grima, Laurence Reynolds

Recently Deceased: Tony Franco, Iris Ryan, Adrienne (France)



Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 5:12-16)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

R.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

R.

Second Reading (Revelation 1:9-13,17-19)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!.... Alleluia!

Gospel (John 20:19-31)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the

Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

My Lord
and
My God!

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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

Acts 5:27-32,40-41 | Psalm 29 | Revelation 5:11-14 | John 21:1-19