

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
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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

Third Sunday of Easter

Year C

4 May 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life.
 Listen to God's Son.

A Prayer for the Conclave

Heavenly Father, God of all wisdom and truth, in this sacred time for Your Holy Church, we lift up to You the College of Cardinals, called together in solemn duty to discern the next Bishop of Rome and Shepherd of Your people. Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon them—the Spirit of counsel, fortitude, and right judgment—that in prayer and unity, they may seek not their own will, but Yours alone. Cleanse their hearts of fear, ambition, and division. Fill them instead with humility, love for the Church, and unwavering fidelity to the Gospel of Your Son.

O Jesus, Eternal Shepherd, guide the Cardinal Electors as once You guided Peter on the stormy sea. Help them to recognise the one whom You have chosen, a pastor after Your own Heart, to lead Your flock in truth, mercy, and holiness.

Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us during this time of transition. Wrap your mantle around the Cardinals, that they may be docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and faithful to the mission entrusted to them.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

R.I.P. Ron Siemiginowski



We are deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of our parishioner and friend, Ron Siemiginowski. He touched the lives of everyone he met with his kindness and generosity. As a great musician, he brought joy to many through his music. His talent and passion were truly a gift and will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, especially for his musical, "MIMMA", which he composed and produced. Our thoughts and prayers are with Leticia and family during this difficult time. Ron will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known him in this life. May he rest in God's embrace.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY FOR WORLD PEACE

This event is celebrated on the first Saturday of May. Come along and walk the Cathedral Labyrinth, 7–8 pm 3 May 2025, after the 6 pm Cathedral Vigil Mass.



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2025

Lessons begin this Wednesday

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



Mothers' Day next weekend

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, a day dedicated to express love and gratitude to all mothers, acknowledging the sacrifices women make for their children. If you wish to have a Mass offered for your mother, grandmother or mother figures, please use a **Mother's Day Mass Bouquet Envelope** available at the church door today. Money received from these envelopes will go towards funding our **GodStart** program. **GodStart** is an evangelisation program run by volunteers who send birthday cards and prayers with faith tips for parents, to the children who have been Baptised in our Parishes, up until they are 4 years of age.



Mothers' Day Morning Tea Next Sunday

The First Sunday fellowship has been postponed from today to next Sunday to celebrate the Mothers' Day. A bring and share morning tea will be held in the Divine Mercy Garden next Sunday following 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral.

More helpers wanted to run this ministry smoothly. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to give a hand.



Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

4-5 May

The Jubilee of Entrepreneurs recognises the important role in society that entrepreneurs



play and the opportunities they have to help promote a flourishing human society.

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Good Shepherd Sunday next Weekend

62nd Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us: *"God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts."*



Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

On Good Shepherd Sunday we will focus on one aspect of our vocation - the call to priesthood. We pray especially for our Clergy, who have been called to Shepherd those in their care. Envelopes are available today in the church for anyone wishing to help donate towards clergy formation.

A Prayer Request. You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Help in the formation of Clergy in our diocese. If you wish to support financially for the formation of Clergy in our diocese, please use the Good Shepherd Sunday (Seminary Fund) envelopes available in the Church today.

Cathedral Anointing Mass next Saturday, 10th May at 9 am. Those who are sick or wish to be anointed are welcome to attend.



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. 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.

Knights of the Southern Cross Next Midwest branch meeting will be on Saturday, 17th May, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina led by Fr Cross in the Crypt. All men over 18 are encouraged to attend. *RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com*



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First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2025

Commitment Mass

The candidates for the First Holy Communion this year should attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitments.



Saturday 17th May 6pm Vigil at St Lawrence's or Cathedral

Sunday 18th May 9am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point.

Sunday 18th May 7:30am, 9:30am or 6:00pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 24th May 6pm Vigil in the Cathedral

Commitment Forms to be completed

When the candidates attend the Commitment Mass on the above dates, please fill out the mandatory Sacramental Commitment form for Eucharist and take it with you to present it to the Priest. The forms are available to your schools as well as on our website. Please scan this QR code, or access the page <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/eucharist/> Please make sure that you download the right form.



Parent/Child Meeting

The candidates from *St Francis Xavier primary School and After School Program*, for the First Holy Communion along with their parents have to attend the parent/child meeting scheduled on **Wednesday 14th May at 5pm in the Catholic Centre.**

Candidates of *St John's School* along with their parents are to attend the Parent/Child meeting **this Wednesday, 7th May at 3:15pm** in St John's School Hall.

Celebration

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated this year as follows:

St John's School - 7th June at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point
SFX Primary School

Saturday 28th June at 4pm in the Cathedral.

After School Program

Saturday 28th June at 4pm in the Cathedral.

St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Sunday 22nd June at 11am at St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point

"With the Eucharist the intimacy becomes total; the embrace between God and man reaches its apex."

- Pope John Paul II

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*



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This week's gospel presents a scene so familiar that we can almost picture it happening on an Aussie beach. After all, what's more Australian than a feed of fish and chips by the water after a long day?

Up until this point in John's Gospel, we've seen the apostles wrestle with their faith, their doubts, and their relationship with Jesus. And now, in this final chapter, we find them back where they started—on the water, fishing. It's a moment of comfort and familiarity after the chaos of the crucifixion and the uncertainty of the resurrection. For all the theological significance of Jesus' victory over death, this chapter reminds us that faith is lived out in the ordinary, in the everyday moments of life.

It's easy to imagine these blokes—seasoned fisherfolk—working through the night, casting their nets, waiting, hauling them in, and finding nothing. We know that feeling of frustration, whether it's a fruitless fishing trip or a tough day at work. Then, as dawn breaks, a figure on the shore calls out, "Try the other side." It's such a classic Aussie moment—someone watching from the beach, offering a bit of unsolicited

advice! But in this case, the suggestion works. The nets fill to breaking point, and suddenly, they recognise him: it's Jesus.

Peter, ever the impulsive one, throws himself

moments of life. The meal isn't just about food; it's about reconciliation. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, is now given the chance to affirm his love three times. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks. It's a tough question, but one filled with grace. Each time Peter answers, Jesus commissions him: "Feed my sheep." It's a reminder that faith isn't just personal—it's lived out in service to others.

For Australians today, this passage speaks deeply to our sense of mateship, shared meals, and life by the water. We know what it's like to gather with friends

after a long day, to sit by the shore, to share food, and to talk about the things that matter.

John 21 reminds us that Jesus is there in those moments too—not distant, not unreachable, but present in our everyday lives, calling us to follow him. Just like the apostles, we are invited to bring what we have, to sit with him, and to share in his work of love and reconciliation—and often in the very ordinary situations of life, in the office, in the home, or on the beach.

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into the water, desperate to get to Jesus. The others, more practical, bring in the boat. Jesus is on the beach, cooking breakfast. There's something so ordinary, yet so intimate about it. Jesus, the risen Son of God, isn't making grand speeches or manifesting dazzling displays of power. He's just cooking fish on the coals and inviting his mates to share a meal. It's reminiscent of so many beachside barbecues, a reminder that God meets us not only in the miraculous but also in the simple, shared

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.

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](#)

Parish Finances

Contributions of 27th April 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1614.95		747.35
Planned Giving \$	348.00	187.00	310.00
Parish Collection \$	952.50		562.20
Friday Fast \$	117.80		



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 **"donation, second collection, Planned Giving"** etc.



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THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue **will remain in the Cathedral throughout May**, the month dedicated to Mary.

Rosary will be prayed in the Crypt at **5pm** Monday-Friday.

All are welcome to pray with Our Lady.



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, Zenaïda Tan, Cherrille Quilty, Andrew Benzie, Pat Miragliotta, Yvonne Fahl, Ron Coumbe, Nadeem Turkia, 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 and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Isabel Perestrelo, Gavan Prunster, Gwen Cornelius, Simpicio Gabutero, Myrna Oliver

Recently Deceased: Ron Siemiginowski, Sr de Lourdes Mansfield, pbvm

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 5:27-32,40-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

Second Reading (Revelation 5:11-14)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people... Alleluia!

Gospel (John 21:1-19)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the

Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, 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 13:14,43-52 | Psalm 99 | Revelation 7:9,14-17 | John 10:27-30

