

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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11 May 2025

VOCATION VIEW: On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself.
 Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

Habemus Papam! We have a New Pope!

A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

God of all people, in trust and gratitude, we turn to your Holy Spirit. We know your Spirit has been active during this time of conclave, guiding the prayerful discernment that has brought your Church to this important moment. Now, as Pope Leo XIV assumes the Petrine Ministry, we pray that your Spirit draw ever closer to our new Holy Father, illuminating his path so that he may faithfully see and respond to the needs of your people.

We pray that Pope Leo be strengthened in his ministry. May he continue building bridges that connect us to one another. May he be an example of faith, hope and love. We pray that you give him joy in his work and a renewed fervor for your Gospel message. May he never lose sight of Christ who walks before us and among us — particularly in the most vulnerable, the forgotten and the outcast.

Christ Jesus, bless Pope Leo, and bless us, your holy people, as together we strive to be your Body in our wounded world. Amen.

(E Clayton, www.jesuits.org)



MOTHER'S DAY marks the contributions and sacrifices a mother makes for her children and the entire family. It's not just about showcasing your emotions to your real mother, but it's a day of reaching out to each and every woman who has been inspirational and a constant support for you and wrapped you with all the motherly affection and love in every phase of life. Let us pray to God with gratitude for all mothers and mother figures.



MASS BOUQUET. To have a Mass offered for your mother or grandmother, please use the Mother's Day Mass Bouquet envelope available at the church door today. Your donation will go towards the funding of our **GodStart** Program, an evangelisation program run by volunteers who send birthday cards each year to children who have been baptised in our Parishes, up until they are 4 years old, with faith tips and prayers for parents included. The Mother's Day Mass Bouquet book with the names listed from the Mass Bouquet envelopes, will be placed in front of the altar during the month of May.

Mothers' Day Morning Tea Cuppa to celebrate Mother's Day happening today in the Divine Mercy Garden after the 9:30am Cathedral Mass. All are welcome!!!
 More helpers wanted to run this ministry. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to give a hand.



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2025 Program

Commitment Mass. First Holy Communion candidates this year will attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitments.

Saturday 17th May 6pm St Lawrence's or Cathedral Vigil Mass
 Sunday 18th May 9am St Lawrence's, Bluff Point
 Sunday 18th May 7:30am, 9:30am or 6:00pm Cathedral
 Saturday 24th May 6pm Cathedral Vigil Mass



Commitment Forms to be completed. Candidates attending the Commitment Mass on the above dates must fill out the Sacramental Commitment form for Eucharist and present it to the Priest. The form is available in schools as well as on our parish website. Scan the QR code, or access the page <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/eucharist/>.

Please ensure that you download the right form.

Parent/Child Meeting. Candidates from St Francis Xavier Primary School and Parish After School Sacramental Program, along with their parents, will attend the Parent-Child meeting scheduled on **Wednesday 14th May, 5pm at the Catholic Centre.**

Celebration of First Holy Communion Masses as follows:

St John's School – Saturday, 7th June St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point
SFX Primary School – Saturday, 28th June, 4pm Cathedral
After School Program – Saturday, 28th June, 4pm Cathedral
St Lawrence's School – Sunday, 22nd June, 11am St Lawrence's Church

For any queries please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or email gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of Musical Bands

10-11 May

The Jubilee of Musical Bands is designed to bring faithful in a harmonious gathering of sound and music within the Catholic community together musicians, music enthusiasts, and the spirit. It aims to highlight the unifying power of fostering a sense of joy & togetherness.



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

62nd Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Pray for Vocations!

Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Please pray and encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, or other young people - to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call if He calls them to the priesthood or religious life.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has

a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life



or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

Teach Your Children to Use GPS!

After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow

up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision-which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry- should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS- God's Positioning System.

Do you wish to help in the formation of clergy in our diocese?

Good Shepherd Sunday (Seminary fund) envelopes are available today in the church for anyone wishing to donate towards the formation of clergy in our diocese.

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! Please join us for our anniversary Mass and morning tea at 9am on Tuesday, 20th May 2025 as we honour our school's rich history, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to a bright future together.

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



St Lawrence's Church Mega Garage Sale
on Sunday 25th May, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm,
St Lawrence's School Undercover Area.

Cuppa and delicious homemade scones, cake and savoury are available.

We greatly appreciate donations of items in good condition such as kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, jewellery, pot plants, garden items, tools, push bikes, toys, balls, soft toys etc. No clothing, nor books please. Only current tagged electricals can be accepted. To add even further value to your donations, please brush off the Seroja dust. Items 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.

Volunteers needed to help for a few hours on Saturday between 10 am—3pm, and Sunday between 8:15 am and 2:30 pm.

If you can help or need further information, please contact Rosemary 0428 215 147 or Ron Pace 0408 947 716

Knights of the Southern Cross

Next Midwest branch meeting will be next Saturday, 17th May, 9am Cathedral Mass 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



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A Prayer for Mothers

Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You.
Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges
with courage and the wisdom to guide their children
towards a life of faith and service.

Encourage them when they are weary
and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed.

Bless them with Your peace and love,
now and forever. Amen.

Courtesy: Christianity.com

Feast of the Week

14 May Wed Saint Matthias, Apostle



FRIDAY FAST NEWS

In late December some of Guor's committee met with myself and Yvonne Krummenacher to see if we could help with a donation to the area where the clinic is situated for food and medicine for the children. Sudan is in a troubled state and the children are starving. We were able to send \$2000 through Guor to help relieve some of the suffering. The money had to be used for the purchase of food and any medicines that they were desperately seeking. Guor advised us that the money was put to very good use and thanked everyone for their generosity and kindness. Any queries you may contact Yvonne Fahl on 0400978284.

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The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd tenderly carrying a sheep on his shoulders was one of the earliest images of Jesus in Christian art. It was found in the Roman catacombs, the ancient cemeteries outside the city of Rome where the early Christian martyrs were buried. It has remained a much-loved image of Jesus throughout the centuries.

Jesus teaches "I am the Good Shepherd" in this week's reading from the Gospel of John. Hence, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

In the reading Jesus speaks evocatively of the relationship between the good shepherd and the sheep of his flock. "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." The good shepherd knows his sheep so well that he knows them by name! They know him. They listen to his voice. He cares for them. They trust him. He leads them. They follow him. Indeed, the good shepherd, unlike a hired hand, lays down his life for his sheep. It is a relationship of trust, faithfulness, steadfast care and unwavering love.

Jesus goes on to speak just as evocatively of the

relationship between himself and the Father: "My Father who has given them [the sheep] to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Father and I are one: this is an astonishing

people, the sheep of his flock."

That "the Father and I are one" means that Jesus, the good shepherd, is the very image of the Father, as Good Shepherd.

This much-loved image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and our reading from John's Gospel remind us to keep our eyes on him, to listen to him, to follow him, and to hold firm to our faith and our trust in him. He is truly the Good Shepherd. He has laid down his life for us. His resurrection is the promise of ours. He calls us to live lives of faith, hope and charity, caring for our neighbour and for all creation.

As we prayed in the Responsorial Psalm, let us rejoice and be glad, for "how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age." We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Alleluia.

And on this Mothers' Day, let us also give thanks for our mothers, and for all those people in our lives who have cared for us and shepherded us on life's journey..

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claim! Indeed, it will heighten the animosity in those religious authorities who oppose Jesus and escalate the already growing tension that will ultimately lead to his death.

In declaring that "the Father and I are one," Jesus is identifying himself with the God of Israel, the Shepherd whose praises resound in today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 99): "God, he made us, we belong to him; we are his

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

Video presentations by Jeff Cavins, Catholic Evangelist & Author Every Thursday, 1-2 pm & 6-7 pm Parish Seminar Room.

Cost: \$2 donation/session Call 99642716 or 0448 959 067 to enrol.

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets every Wednesday in the crypt of St Francis Xavier Cathedral, after the 7.00 am Mass. For further information or to join the group, please phone Iris Bolton (Coordinator) on 0498162 774. If phone is not answered, leave a message.

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



Parish Finances

Contributions of 4th May 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1683.50		653.25
Planned Giving \$	370.00	127.00	340.00
Parish Collection \$	901.45		324.80
Friday Fast \$	54.85		

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.



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, Zenaida Tan, Cherrille 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 and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Matt Norman, Nikki Heaton, Geoff Ellet, Carmen Pace, Agnes Criddle, Esperanza Chavez, Crisologo Chavez Sr. and Ann Ridge.

Recently Deceased: Shaun Taylor (Perth) and John Galway.

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 13:14,43-52)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 99)

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

R.

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

R.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

R.

Second Reading (Revelation 7:9,14-17)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.... Alleluia!

Gospel (John 10:27-30)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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.**

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 14:21-27 | Psalm 144 | Revelation 21:1-5 | John 13:31-35