

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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C

20 April 2025

VOCATION VIEW: We're no longer nobodies. Jesus rose from the dead. He promises to take us to heaven too.
 Our Ultimate Vocation: Union with God!



Happy
Easter
to All



*Bishop Michael and all
 Geraldton Clergy pray special Easter
 Blessings upon parishioners and visitors
 as we celebrate the gift of New Life
 given to us in the Risen Christ!*

Little White Book for Easter

A beautiful resource of six minutes daily reflections for Easter Season from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, the *Little White Book* is available in the Church today for \$4 each. Please put the money in the bowl and take your copy.



ANZAC DAY | Friday, 25th April

We remember and honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. **Let's We Forget!**

Mass will be at 9am in the Cathedral. No Mid-day Mass.

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all young people aged 4 to 16!!!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 9.30 am Cathedral Mass. Baskets supplied.

This event is organised by the Catholic Youth Group Geraldton (CYG). Come and have fun!!!



Thanks from St John's Rangeway

Sincere thanks to all who come to our afternoon tea and silent auction last Sunday. It was a great catch up with old friends, enjoy afternoon tea. We raised a total of \$622.30.



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant:

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery, we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to newness of life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in Baptism, when we rejected Satan and his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Catholic church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And life everlasting?

All: I do.

Celebrant:

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: Amen.

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With jubilation Mary Magdalene exclaimed to sceptical Apostles her great news, "I have seen the Lord"! John 20:18

The Apostles were still trying to process and understand their earlier experience of the day having responded to Mary's previous declaration and rushing out to find only an empty tomb! On finding the cloths, '...the disciples then went back home' John 20:10. Perhaps they were fearful, perhaps devastated, just as Mary was. But they didn't dare hope as Mary did, who stayed, determined to find out where they had put him, so she could remove him. She wanted to be with him.

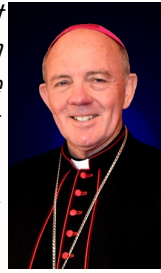
Understandably there wasn't an immediate acceptance by the disciples at the words Mary was now heralding. Words of great joy and hope washed away her earlier experience of devastation on discovering the empty tomb and assuming the body of her Lord had been taken away.

The Jubilee Year of Hope, proclaimed by Pope Francis, is the antidote offered to a world that lacks hope with so many conflicts, starvation, lack of personal freedom, respect for culture and tradition, incessant demands for decisions without proper considerations and news feeds that can be unsettling for so many people in our communities.

"Hope does not disappoint since the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit" Romans 5:5. That first Easter morn in Jerusalem Mary Magdalene did not walk away from her unfulfilled hopes and desires but remained faithful to her desire to be close to the Lord. It was the very love of God poured into her heart at her first meeting with Jesus that gave her that hope.

Notice in the encounter with Jesus, the risen Lord, listens to Mary Magdalene expressing her feelings of loss before gently lifting her out of her grief by simply calling her by name, "Mary". At that moment Mary's life is changed forever. The darkness of despair was replaced with the light of eternal hope and joy. From her encounter with Jesus in the garden, Mary becomes for all of us the 'Apostle of Hope'. The love of God poured into her heart strengthened her to not be so overwhelmed by negativity and darkness and give up looking for him, to be close to him.

During this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis reminds us we are **Pilgrims of Hope**. All of us, including Pope Francis, are on a journey of faith, not only for ourselves, but in communion with everyone who journeys with us. Being Christ to one another, we are a people offering God's love and hope to



those, either in our faith family or the wider community, who are in need of accompaniment through the difficulties or sadnesses in their lives.

One of Pope Francis's famous quotes is the "Church is like a field hospital" where people with broken hearts and lives can come into our communities and be welcomed with mercy and compassion. "Even if our history appears burdensome, complicated, perhaps even ruined to us, we always have the possibility of consigning it to God and setting out anew on our journey." Pope Francis.

May our gratitude for the times we have experienced mercy and compassion in our own lives, when we've experienced the love of God poured into our hearts, be made more real through our encounters with others, where we can share a hope with them that is eternal. This is a tangible way of making our immediate world around us a place of hope, revealing God's vision for humanity made eternal through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May this Easter be a blessed time for you, your family, friends and community, full of hope and joy where the eternal light of the Risen Lord never grows dim.

† The Most Reverend Michael Morrissey
Bishop of Geraldton

Divine Mercy Retreat - All welcome!

25 April 2025 Fri 5.30-7.30 pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral

26 April 2025 Sat 4.30-6.00 pm St Lawrence's Bluff Point

(concludes with Vigil Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday or Second Sunday of Easter)

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

- Jesus' words to St Faustina, Diary 699



Scripture Study Program

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

Video presentations by Jeff Cavins, Catholic Evangelist & Author Commences on Thursday, 1st of May 2025 5.00 – 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.



Project Compassion

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact

your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.



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 **It's not too late to donate!**



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There was a Russian Cossack, who had two sons in the First World War. Their names were Peter and Gregory. One day the father received a letter from the front. Unable to read he handed it to his daughter.

It was from Gregory's commanding officer and it began: "I regret to inform you that your son Gregory was killed in action on July 10.

Gregory was an excellent soldier, and you have every reason to be proud of him." The effect of this news on the father was immediate and alarming. In a matter of days he aged, turning grey overnight. His memory began to fail and even his mind was affected. He began to drink to excess. He kept the letter under an icon in the kitchen. Each day he would take it down and ask his daughter to read it to him once more.

After the local priest had offered a Requiem Mass for his son, the father felt a little better, but only a little. Twelve days went on like this. On the thirteenth day a second letter arrived from the front. It contained an extraordinary piece of news. His son was not dead! He had been wounded and left for dead on the battlefield. Next morning, he had regained consciousness

and crawled four miles back to his own lines, dragging a wounded officer with him. In recognition of his bravery, he was to be raised to



the rank of a corporal and awarded the Cross of St George. Right now, he was recovering in hospital, and they could expect a visit from him in a month's time.

Once again, the effect on the father was immediate, except this time it was for the better. He was a sight to see. He was filled with joy. He grabbed the letter and went into the village with it, telling everyone he met; "My son is alive! He's been awarded the St. George Cross for bravery!"

This story should give us some idea of the joy the disciples experienced on Easter Sunday morning. Just as the Cossack father gave witness to the news that his son was alive, so too Peter speaks to the household of Cornelius, the Roman Centurion.

Peter summarises for them the essence of the story of Jesus who was anointed by God, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God, healed the sick, and liberated those who were possessed. However, having antagonised the authorities, Jesus was crucified. But he was now raised to new life. He had appeared to his disciples, shared food with them and commissioned them to bear witness to all people.

Hearing this news, the Spirit comes upon Peter's audience, and all are baptised, Jews and Gentiles. As we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded of this great news and renewed in our ability to bear witness to all people by our words and deeds.

Michael A Kelly CSsR
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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



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 27th April, 3 - 4pm
at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the Lord on this special feast!

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be
at the Bishop's House Chapel until 25th April.
Rosary will be prayed at **5pm except Friday at 4:30pm**
All Welcome to pray with the mother of God.



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.

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

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*



Parish Finances

Contributions of 13th April 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	2014.90		705.05
Planned Giving \$	1150.05	172.00	495.00
Parish Collection \$	1316.15		312.80
Friday Fast \$	95.80		

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, 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, Geoff Long and Colleen & Ian Shanks, Geoff Long, Graham Williams, Sheila & Phil Bunter, Neil and Philomena Wendt.

Anniversaries: Fr Johnny Carpenter, Fr Frank Fitzgerald, Bernie Jack, Fr Bertus Van Der Geest, Mariano Martinez, Yolanda Amador Soto, Claudio Salato and Maree Lynch.

Recently Deceased: Neil Wendt, Tony Franco and Iris Ryan.

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 10:34,37-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 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.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!..... Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

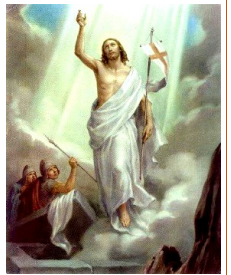
Gospel (John 20:1-9)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-16 | Psalm 117 | Revelation 1:9-13,17-19 | John 20:19-31

The Feast of The Divine Mercy | Next Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter Sunday. When Pope John Paul II proclaimed the feast of Divine Mercy for the entire Church, he described Divine Mercy Sunday as the Octave Day of Easter; it brings us the fullness of Christ's Resurrection. Jesus told St. Faustina that "Mankind will not have Peace until it turns to the Fount of my Mercy". Regular Sunday Masses at all Churches.



*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair.
We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."*

— Saint John Paul II