

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year C

13 April 2025

VOCATION VIEW: When Jesus comes into your life, grab something and wave it.

Show your joy, your happiness; your dream is fulfilled. Tell others: Jesus is here!

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem in the days leading up to his Passion and Death.



Palms will be blessed at all parish Masses and these can be taken home afterwards for safe keeping during the year ahead. Saint Luke's Passion will be read at all Masses today. **All are invited to take part in this.**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Monday 14th April 7:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 17th April (No Morning Mass)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm.

Good Friday 18th April

10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions

Holy Saturday 19th April (No Morning Mass)

11–12nn Confessions

7:00pm Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil includes the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Old Testament readings, Baptism and Confirmation.

Easter Sunday 20th April

7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm Resurrection of the Lord

St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

Holy Thursday 17th April

Parishioners are invited to attend the service in the Cathedral at 7 pm.

Good Friday 18th April

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

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St. John's Church, Rangeway

No Service - Church closed for renovation

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Second Rite of Reconciliation Tomorrow

In preparation to the Easter Triduum, the second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated tomorrow Monday, 14th April at 7pm in the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to be a part of this grace flowing ceremony.



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.

Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. For them, survival as a minority in the midst of people of other faiths is not easy, especially in this very stressful time of war. Each day we see images on our newsfeeds of unspeakable suffering. There is an absolute and urgent need to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection through which your support can be a meaningful sign of the spiritual link that unites all Christians to Jerusalem and to the Land of Jesus.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. *Envelopes for the Good Friday collection are available at the entrance of the Church this weekend. Please take one and return it on Good Friday with your contribution. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.* Thank you!

St John's Parish Get Together today

An afternoon tea for the parishioners and friends of St John's Church Rangeway will be held in the family room today, Sunday, 13th April at 2:00pm. *Gold coin entry fee.* Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea and item for a silent auction. *For any enquiries, please contact Jean on 9921 4174.*



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

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Project Compassion

This Lent, we shared the powerful stories of three remarkable individuals who have overcome immense challenges. Thanks to the kindness of supporters like you, their lives - and the lives of those around them - have been transformed.

In Samoa, **Toefuata'iga's** life was changed with access to clean water through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Samoa. Her school now has a water tank, improving health and allowing the school to focus on education.

Lam, from rural Vietnam, overcame the challenges of living with a disability by

joining the I-SHINE program. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business and inspires others to pursue their dreams. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, **Irene**, found hope through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Kongolo. By learning sewing and farming skills, she now provides for her extended family and mentors other women in her community. Thanks to the support of your parish community, your generosity will create waves of change around the world. *But the work*

isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.

Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe. 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



Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this Tuesday, 15th April 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*



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](#)

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



The Feast of The Divine Mercy | Sunday 27th April

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.**



Please Register your details

We request both new and existing Parishioners to register your details with the parish at the earliest.

You can register your details online by visiting our parish registration page, either by scanning this QR code or via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/parish-registration/>

If you wish to complete a paper form, it is available at the parish office or download it from the above web page. Thank you.



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.

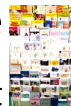
When you Call After Hours

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 involved in a ministry when you call, *for example during a Mass*, he won't be able to pick it 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.

Looking for Easter Cards?

Beautiful Easter Cards and other occasions' greeting cards are available in the parish office holy shop.

There are beautiful statues, bibles, plaques and other gift items also available to purchase. Please visit during office hours.



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



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The liturgy of Palm Sunday is designed to reflect the dramatic mood swing that accompanies the events of that day when Jesus was triumphantly welcomed into Jerusalem, only to face his rejection and crucifixion a few days later. On one occasion, I experienced the excitement, especially among the children, when a live donkey led the procession into the church. More difficult is the challenge of helping the congregation adjust to the change of mood as we read the Passion a few minutes later.

This year the Passion is from Saint Luke. Unlike the Passion of Saint John, which we read on Good Friday, the narratives of Matthew, Mark and Luke are very different. John has Jesus in control: indeed, we could almost say triumphant, as he dies on the cross, “accomplishing” all he had been sent by the Father to achieve.

By contrast, in the synoptic gospels there is little to lift the darkness surrounding the events that lead to Calvary. However, in Luke, who was a doctor and throughout his gospel concentrated on Christ’s compassion for the sick and the sinner, there are a few unique encounters, which

are worth noting. Firstly, we are told that large numbers of people followed Jesus as he carried his cross.



Turning the attention from himself to them, he said: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children.” Then, after he had been nailed to the cross, he offers this remarkable prayer to his Father: “Forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.” And finally comes the intense exchange with the two criminals who were being executed with him. As one begins to abuse Jesus and challenge him as to whether he is the Christ, the other rebukes him with the reminder that the

two of them deserve punishment, at the same time, noting that Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then comes his heartfelt request: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom,” and the most wonderful promise in reply: “Today, you will be with me in paradise.”

As we enter Holy Week, I suggest that we guard against being overwhelmed by the darkness of the events that surround Christ’s Passion or even the darkness we may be experiencing in our own lives and times. Certainly, across the world there is a great deal of tension and anxiety as people view the rise of extremist views along with the dangers of climate change that are beginning to threaten the very existence of our planet. The pope has declared this year a Jubilee Year in which we see ourselves as pilgrims in hope.

Accordingly, I suggest we listen attentively to the Lord, praying to his Father to forgive us, with the promise – also to be found in St John – that he is going to prepare a place for us in his Kingdom, where there will be room for us all!

Timothy J Buckley CSsR
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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.**

Easter Holidays

The Parish Office and the Diocesan/CDF Offices will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10:34,37-43 | Psalm 117 | Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-9

Parish Finances

Contributions of 6th April 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests’ Collection \$	1780.15		709.20
Planned Giving \$	444.00	204.00	480.00
Parish Collection \$	1042.30		453.05
Friday Fast \$	99.90		



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

There will be no pilgrim Rosary in the Holy Week



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 and Matthew Greenlees.



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

Anniversaries: Peter Glynn, Lena Belotti and Rosina Mascaro.

Recently Deceased: Neil Wendt.

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 21)

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

R.

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

R.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

R.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel (Luke 23:1-49)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see

Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder). Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

