

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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18 May 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"?
 No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

85th Anniversary of St Lawrence's by the sea this week

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 this Tuesday, 20th May 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](#)



Visit of Archbishop Clement Papa this week

Archbishop Clement Papa of Mt Hagen, Papua New Guinea has been scheduled to visit Geraldton this week. He will be staying a few days in Geraldton and will be celebrating 6pm Vigil Mass at St Lawrence's and 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral next weekend.



Special Morning Tea Next Sunday

In order to welcome Archbishop Clement, a special morning tea is arranged in the Divine Mercy Garden next Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. All parishioners and visitors are invited to join in the morning tea.



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.

"If anyone has the happiness of being in the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, they have, in all corners of the globe, brethren who pray for them. For a member of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary to succeed in losing their soul, they would have to do as much violence to themselves as the other faithful do to save their souls, so abundant are the graces of this Confraternity." – St John Vianney

First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2025

Commitment Masses this weekend

First Holy Communion candidates this year are attending one of the Masses this weekend or next Saturday as follows 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 in the Cathedral
 Saturday 24th May 6pm Cathedral Vigil Mass

Commitment Forms to be completed

Candidates attending the Commitment Mass 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.

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



St Lawrence's Church Mega Garage Sale

next 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 10am–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.

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of Confraternities

16–18 May

The Jubilee of Confraternities honours the many members of Catholic confraternities



around the world, highlighting the value of such groups and their important mission.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530

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Safeguarding Officers 0470 207 707

08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

Presentation of Candidates and Commitment for the First Holy Communion

Celebrant Children and parents preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist, please come forward *with a copy of the bulletin* to the sanctuary to make your commitment. *(wait for the candidates and parents to come forward).*

Celebrant Children **Please Make your commitment**
We will prepare for our first Holy Communion, by participating well in our class activities, and in the celebrations of our parish, as best as we can. We will use the gifts and talents God has given us, so that we can grow closer to Jesus and live as he taught.

Celebrant Parents and carers of children preparing for their first Holy Communion please make your commitment.

Parents and Carers We promise to help our children, to prepare for their first Holy Communion, by encouraging them in what they are learning, and striving to set a good example in our own faith life.

Celebrant All members of the community, please stand and make your commitment.

Parish Community We the parish community of St Francis Xavier Cathedral / St Lawrence's Bluff Point, through our encouragement and prayers, support these families and children in their preparations for their first Holy Communion.



Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation Group meets every Wednesday in the Cathedral Crypt, after the 7.00 am Mass. For further information, please phone Iris Bolton (Coordinator) on 0498162 774. If phone is not answered, leave a message.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th June 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*



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



Feast of the Week

24 May Sat Our Lady, Help of Christians



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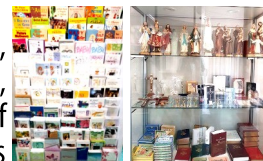
Friday Fast News

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 0400 978 284.

Looking for First Holy Communion Gifts or Cards?

There are many piety gift items available for First Holy Communion or other celebrations in our holy shop.

Beautiful statues, Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads, necklaces as well as a great selection of greeting cards for various occasions such as Birthdays, Christening, Feast days, Wedding, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Jubilees, Anniversaries and many more. . . . EFTPOS available... **Welcome to visit during the office hours!**



Month of May, the Month of Mary

"Mary is the highest woman and the noblest gem in Christianity after Christ. . . . She is nobility, wisdom, and holiness personified. We can never honour her enough. Still honour and praise must be given to her in such a way as to injure neither Christ nor the Scriptures." – Martin Luther King



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



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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



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John's vision of a new heaven and a new earth speaks of a time when sorrow, death and suffering will be no more. Some two thousand years later we might think that John's utopian vision is little more than wishful thinking. Moreover, if we take the words of Jesus in this week's Gospel – "You must love one another as I have loved you" – we can also recognise that Christians honour this commandment more in the breach than in reality.

In the words of the English playwriter, G K Chesterton: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried".

However, looking at the gospel, we see the new vision of creation and the new commandment of love emerge in a world of sinfulness and evil. This is demonstrated in Judas' act of betrayal culminating in Jesus' execution on the Cross. Knowing his life was coming to such a brutal and violent end, Jesus says he is entering into God's glory. In other words, even the most barbaric human activity is ever open to the mystery of the Father's forgiveness and love being poured out over the whole of God's creation.

Elsewhere, John tells us "no one can see God" (Jn 1:18). And yet the divine glory is manifest throughout the whole of creation – even or especially when humans are too blind to

the vilest forms of human evil – such as wars, death camps, genocides, and ecological destruction. If God's glory is present in the death of Jesus, how could it be absent from anything in our entire world?

This week's readings about the "new creation" are also signals of life beyond death where we are invited to share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Such "good news" is something we should want to let the whole world know.

This is the story of Paul and Barnabas in the first reading. However, if we are to be real missionary disciples, our first task is to be evangelised ourselves in order to witness to the divine Creator by "loving one another as Jesus loves us".

Yes, this is a profound challenge. Equally what a wonderful privilege, called to be instruments of the "new creation" through our attempts and failures to be faithful disciples of Jesus. As Pope Francis says: "whoever is in Christ is a new creation". And in the words of St Paul: "nothing can separate us from the love of God" (Rom. 8:31).

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see. Czech theologian, Tomas Halik, says we fail to see God, not because God is too distant, but because God is too close. God is the light by which we see everything, but we do not see the light, only that which the light reveals.

In the Old Testament we are told God's glory is manifest to Moses in a pillar of cloud and in a burning bush. God appears to Elijah in the still, small, gentle breeze. Yet God's glory is also manifest throughout all creation as in every human experience not excluding the reality of

Prayer for a Good Season

God,

We see and feel You in so many different ways and we know that You are there. We thank You for all the good things in our lives. The stability of our governments, our political and religious freedom and the easy way of life that is part of being an Australian and which we so often take for granted.

Lord, we seek the blessing of your rain which brings hope to our communities of a good season. Continue to look upon us and send the rain we need in order to grow our crops and pastures so that we can provide for our families and fulfil our obligations.

We ask that You grant us the support and comfort of Your presence so that we can get through this season, no matter what the outcome.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 25th May, 3 - 4pm
at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the risen Lord!



Parish Finances

Contributions of 11th May 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1608.55		726.85
Planned Giving \$	445.00	221.80	455.00
Parish Collection \$	914.95		486.10
Friday Fast \$	61.00		



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.



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

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.



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, 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: Fr Frank Fitzgerald, Liliana Ricciardi, Xochitl Martinez and Mariana Martinez.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Johnson.

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 14:21-27)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 144)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading (Revelation 21:1-5)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you..... Alleluia!

Gospel (John 13:31-35)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him

very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 | Psalm 66 | Rev 21:10-14,22-23 | John 14:23-29

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.

