

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year C

25 May 2025

VOCATION VIEW: It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents.
 The Spirit of God lives within you!

National Volunteer Week 19-25 May | "Connecting Communities"

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering which is concluding today on 25th May. This special event highlights the important role of volunteers in our community. National Volunteer Week this year celebrates the power of volunteering to bring people



together with the theme **'Connecting Communities'**.
 Volunteering creates lasting relationships

that strengthen communities and enrich lives. Let's acknowledge the spirit of connection and the incredible impact volunteers have in building thriving and inclusive communities. For more information on how to volunteer, visit <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/>



St Lawrence's Church Mega Garage Sale

Today, 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. Lush green pot plants will be sold with free garden advice. Ainslie's books and games of great variety and good value are for sale, as well as kitchenware, cooking utensils, bags, jewellery, ornaments, pictures, children's toys, facepainting and much more. Come along as you will find a treasure. Raffles are drawn on the day, your chance to win a Mega prize. First prize consists of a \$659 Furi Seven-piece knife block set, \$150 cash, over \$200 worth of vouchers, chocolate and other. Second, third and fourth prize to be announced on the day, including cash, \$50 vouchers, movie tickets and generous golf vouchers. Lots of fun to be had as Radio MAMA will be there and will announce birthdays and celebrations and play your special song. *EFTPOS available.*

"Christians are like manure: spread them out and they help everything grow better, but keep them in one big pile and they stink horribly."
 – Francis Chan

Enrol now for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Any child in year 6 (or higher) and not attending a Catholic Primary School, who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September this year, must attend after-school preparation classes which will be commenced in July. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them as soon as possible. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. For more information and enrolment form, please scan the QR code or visit our website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



Visit of Archbishop Clement Papa is Cancelled

The visit of Archbishop Clement Papa of Mt Hagen, has been cancelled. Hope he can make it another time. So the morning tea to welcome him today is also cancelled.



A Pentecost Reflection Day with Sr Catherine Warner

Saturday 7th June 2025, 10 am – 4 pm.

Youth Room, Catholic Centre, Maitland Street

"Looking at John's Gospel" as presented by Sister Mary Coloe PBVM

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM is an Associate Professor at the Australian Catholic University where she lectures in New Testament. She is the author of the book, *A Friendly Guide to John's Gospel*.

Sr. Catherine Warner PBVM will explore Saint John the Evangelist's positive message (as presented by Sr Mary in her book) which affirms life and speaks to the heart of human desires today. John's Gospel speaks of life and eternity in relation to the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

All are welcome!!! Morning Tea & Lunch will be provided.

To register for catering purposes, please phone the Parish Office on 99641608. As this is a free event, we encourage participants to give a donation to help with catering costs.



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

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.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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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.

Please present the completed commitment form to the Celebrant.

June Holy Hour

Come and join in communal prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 6 June at 11am followed by Mass at 12.05pm.



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*



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.

Men's Retreat 22 -24 August 2025

Men Today and Spiritual Growth:

Join us for a men's weekend designed to foster spiritual growth and personal transformation. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a supportive community where men are not adversaries, but brothers. Come and experience the power of brotherhood and personal growth in a safe, welcoming environment.

Venue: Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay

Facilitator: Fr Chris McPhee msc

Cost: \$330

Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj

Ph: 9527 3240 | **E:** safety.bay@sosjspirit.org.au *Retreat begins with an evening meal at 6pm on Friday 22 August and concludes after lunch on Sunday 24 August.*

Looking for First Communion Gifts and Cards?

Piety gift items and greeting cards of many occasions are available in the holy shop at the Parish Office. EFTPOS available.

Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

We are grateful to all for your tremendous support of the planned giving for the year 2024-2025. This system enables us to budget for the needs of the parish for the year ahead.

As the new financial year commences at the beginning of July, we would request to those who made the pledge to finalise it at the earliest.

Why Two Collections every Sunday?

First Collection

It is known as Clergy Remuneration. The first collection of all churches in the diocese goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund to meet the expenses of priests in the diocese to pay their stipend and living expenses. Priests are only supported by parishioners.

Second Collection

The source of income for our parishes is the great generosity of the people only. The welfare of the Parish and the Parish Priests relies on the contributions of each and every Parishioners. All monies needed to operate the parish effectively, comes from the parishioners through the Planned Giving

system and the second collection. It is used for the running of the parish including wages for staff, liturgy expenses, pastoral care activities, bulletins, water, electricity, Telephone, insurance, building maintenance etc.

The post-covid rise in living cost has heavily impacted on our parishes in many ways. The insurance in particular has increased by three times this year due to the end of business of the Catholic Church Insurance.

Planned Giving System

It is a system whereby parishioners make a pledge to contribute a certain amount of money for the year by weekly, monthly or yearly. Either it can be through envelope system or by Direct Debit. This system enables the parishes to make a budget for the year ahead. We request to all of you to become a member of this system.

How to Join to help your Parish

If you are not a planned giving donor yet and wish to become a member to support



your parish, please contact the parish office or fill out a pledge form available in the Church today or visit our web page either by scanning this QR code or accessing via URL <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/planned/> Completed form can be put in the collection bowl or send it to the Parish Office at the earliest either by email or by post.



Often forget to bring the envelope?

Setting up a direct debit (only for second collection), is the best option for hassle free payments. *Please visit our website and download a Direct Debit form and send the completed form to the Parish Office.*

Already in the Direct Debit System?

If you already have a Direct Debit in place with the Parish, you do not need to do anything unless you need any changes.

Current Envelope Users

You would have received a letter from the Administrator last week or it is on the way. Please read it and act accordingly as no envelopes will be available from the next financial year (July 2025) onwards.

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We are still in the Easter season celebrating a new creation. But John's gospel takes us back before the Easter event as we hear another part of the farewell spoken by Jesus before his death.

Jesus seeks to give his disciples hope in the face of what is to come. Of course, they don't know what's coming, but at this moment he says to them that, if they love him, they will keep his word and Jesus and 'my Father' will make their home with them.

It's quite breathtaking, revealing to us an intimacy we're unexpectedly invited to share in. And that home is being made whenever we are present to one another, not using one another, or fantasising about one another, but are able to be with each other.

Jesus then speaks out of this love when he says that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in his name, will reveal everything, deepening our understanding of what has been said to us. And more, Jesus continues to reveal the great generosity of God and gives his peace to us, a peace quite unlike

what the world offers. The emphasis isn't on stopping hostilities, which is what we understand peace to mean in international affairs, or closer to home, or a

will it into being, or program it; we have to learn to receive it. That's the part we find difficult. Letting go of our old, comforting habits.

Often, we prefer to hold tight to what we know because letting go seems risky. But that's what Jesus is speaking of: trusting in God's love, this peace, as revealed in him and made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit. This is the intimacy we're invited to share in, where 'on the far side of my letting go is myself in God'.

It's the vision revealed to us in the second reading from the Apocalypse where 'the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the Temple' and we live in them, opening our hearts in praise, as in the psalm. It reminds us that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, there will be decisions to be made, and work to do, to enable the Good News of God's love to be heard.

But now, in the light of Easter, we know, as do the disciples in the first reading, nothing can prevent God making a home with us.

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peace of mind which brings with it the 'power of inner peace', crucial and helpful as they might be at moments. But rather it is a peace centred on relationship, on a person, on Jesus Christ, on one another.

As we learn to love one another, to be with each other, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Father come to be with us, to live in us. And the peace this love brings is not a DIY peace, but a gift to be received. We can't simply

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.

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.**

Holy Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A special Mass will be celebrated next Saturday, on 31st May at 11am in St Lawrence's Bluff Point on the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the conclusion of the month of Mary.

Feast of the Week

26 May Mon Saint Philip Neri

31 May Sat The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Finances

Contributions of 18th May 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1678.65		814.45
Planned Giving \$	503.00	187.00	425.00
Parish Collection \$	1318.30		525.55
Friday Fast \$	59.80		

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.



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, Derek Levett, 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 and Colleen Shanks.

Anniversaries: Luigi Armanasco, Aldo Salato and Philip Arlow.

Recently Deceased: Marion Harrington, Roger Fripp and Margaret Johnson.

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 15:1-2,22-29)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 66)

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading (Revelation 21:10-14,22-23)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted

torch for it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (John 14:23-29)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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 1:1-11 | Psalm 46 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Luke 24:46-53