

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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3 August 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

National Vocations Awareness Week | 3-10 August 2025

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church.

It coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney and is celebrated this year from 3 – 10 August.

It belongs to the mission of the entire Church to "care for the birth, discernment and fostering of vocations, particularly those to the priesthood." (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*, n.34) Pope Leo XIV recently called upon the Church to "welcome and accompany young people" in their discernment, while encouraging them to "accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!" (*Regina Caeli*, 11 May, 2025). During this week, we are invited to reflect upon how God is calling us to live out our

vocations and how we may continue to foster vocations in our communities.

What riches are we storing up on earth? What inheritance are we leaving behind us? What will our loved ones share rather than contest? In this pilgrimage Year of Hope, may we store up a legacy worth more than all the gold in the world. May our lives, pass on the faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ.



Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment Masses Today

Confirmation Candidates this year are attending one of the Masses today or next Saturday 6pm Vigil for making their commitment.



Important Information For Confirmation Candidates

Completed *Sacramental Commitment* form must be presented along with a copy of your baptism certificate while attending the Commitment Mass today.

Forms are available from your School or can be downloaded from the parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or by scanning the QR code. These forms will be collected and kept in the Parish Office until your details are entered in the Confirmation Register and notifications sent to the church where you were baptised.



Anointing Mass next Saturday

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in the Cathedral at the 9am Mass next Saturday, 9th August. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are encouraged to participate. The entire parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



Garage Sale in the Catholic Centre

Today, Sunday, 3rd August, from 8 am onwards

Please come along, help us raise funds for the repair of St John's Church, Rangeway.

Bring your family and have fun and enjoy cups of morning tea/ coffee, cakes and slices and other delights. Main raffle tickets will be on sale - total value of prizes \$4,000 proudly sponsored by The Rigger Family and Mitchell & Brown Retravisio. Plus you may win a prize in a raffles of \$100 & \$50 notes, or large / small hampers.

GARAGE SALE



Items on sale: child and adult bicycles, IT equipment, kitchenware, handy tools, novels, books, furniture, electronics and a musical organ and musical equipment, plants, gardening tools & much more on sale lots of bargains to be found!

Welcome everyone...!! Cash accepted and EFTPOS available!

Notice to 7:30am Mass attendees

Those who are attending Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30am on Sunday, are kindly requested to remove your car from the Cathedral grounds before 9:00am, to make it available for the people attending Mass at 9:30am. Thanks for your understanding.

Mass at Bluff Point this Wednesday

The Holy Mass this Wednesday at St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point will be at 9:05am in the School Under Cover Area for a combined Parish & School celebration of the feast of St Lawrence as well as the Transfiguration of the Lord. All welcome.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, this week

Saint Mary MacKillop and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. She is the patron and the first Saint of Australia.



Her feast is celebrated on the 8th of August each year.

Parish Office & Holy Shop Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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THE RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant Families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please come forward.



Celebrant My dear candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, You received the life of Christ when you were Baptised. On that day when you were welcomed into the Christian community, your Parents and Godparents made promises for you. Now you are old enough to speak for yourself, so today you have the opportunity of reaffirming your baptismal promises.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates 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?

Candidates I do

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and who will be given to you Sacramentally in Confirmation?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Candidates I do

Celebrant and People: Thanks be to God.



COMMITMENT

Celebrant Children, please make your commitment.

Candidates We will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending Mass and participating in the celebrations of our parish. We will strive to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer. We will actively participate in the Confirmation Program. We will accept the gifts that God has given us, and use them as best we can, in the parish and in the community.

Celebrant Parents and carers of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please make your commitment.

Parents We promise to help our children to prepare for their Sacrament of Confirmation by striving to set a good example in our own faith life. We will attend Mass with our children, encourage them to pray, and support them in what they are learning.

Celebrant All members of the parish community please stand to make your commitment.

Parish We the Parish Community, through our encouragement and prayers, support these families and children in their preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please present the completed commitment form (with a copy of the Baptism certificate) to the Priest

Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting, next Saturday 9th August, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina led by Fr Robert Cross in the Crypt with Brunch at Tarts & Co afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th August at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room.

This meeting is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptised. For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



While Receiving Holy Communion

If you are a non-Catholic, non-Baptised or not in the state of grace to receive Holy Communion during Mass, you are welcome to join the line of communicants holding arms across your chest, so that the Priest or Minister of Holy Communion can give you a blessing!



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 (A surcharge of 2.2% will be deducted from your donation). Alternatively you can 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.



Interested in becoming Catholic ?

or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Please join in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Anyone wanting to explore the Catholic Faith is invited to attend the following three enquiry evenings to begin their preparation.

**20 August, Wednesday at 5 pm , 27 August, Wednesday at 5 pm
3 September, Wednesday at 5 pm**

Venue: Seminar Room, Catholic Centre, 9 Maitland St., Geraldton. The OCIA will take you through the phases of the process to learn everything you need to know about the Catholic Faith and its traditions during your formation as you prepare to enter the Catholic Church on your faith seeking journey at Easter 2026. You will be supported throughout by the OCIA Team during the four phases of Evangelisation and Pre-catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment and Mystagogy.

For registration, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608.

For more information and enrolment form, please visit our website by scanning this QR code or accessing the URL <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/ocia-order-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>



Annual Mass and Picnic at Kojarena

Annual Mass at St James' Chapel, Kojarena will be celebrated by Fr Brenton Taylor on Sunday 31st August, at 11am followed by BYO picnic. **Everyone is welcome.**



*"Never see a need without doing something about it",
"Have courage no matter what your crosses are"
- St Mary of the Cross Mackillop*

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This week's readings explore the theme of our enduring inheritance in God. The first reading reminds us that, of earthly treasures: "All is vanity". The psalm counsels us to realise "the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart" and encourages us to keep our gaze fixed on God for "in every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." The second reading urges us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is, and that "the life you have is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

another critical factor is the aging process – a series of complex chemical reactions over time as the wine is stored. The finest wines will improve with age.

God makes us aware of new insights and ways of being. At times, the process may seem hidden or unexpected. But gradually, we discover our identity and vocation as a follower of Christ.



Vineyard owners in the Barossa Valley recently discovered ancestor vines which were planted between 1843 and 1847. Almost miraculously, these ancient vines are still yielding fruit and, indeed, still producing exquisite wines.

Wine makers often speak of the four essential ingredients of wine-making: the varietal – the specific variety of grape used; the vineyard – soil, climate and related factors; the vintage – the year in which the wine was made; and the vintner – the wine maker's skills and experience. These components are all essential in crafting a wine of quality and distinction. In addition,

This is a beautiful metaphor for our spiritual journey. Like the intimate intertwining of the various ingredients of wine-making, we are formed and shaped by grace as we open ourselves more and more to God.

In the gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who stores up treasure, but in vain, for he soon dies. Jesus advises the crowd that "a man's life is not made secure by what he owns" (Luke 12:14).

St Benedict always encouraged his followers to be open to ongoing conversion. Growing in God is a process of continually listening.

Throughout his life French artist Paul Cezanne painted a mountain, Mont Sainte-Victoire, in his hometown of Aix-en-Provence in 36 oil paintings and 45 water colours. At different points, he depicted Mont Sainte-Victoire differently, amidst a changing landscape of trees, bushes and houses.

Cezanne's earlier depictions are bold and striking. However, the dramatic quality of his earlier paintings gives way to a gentler, more ethereal depiction as Cezanne matured. Despite the differences, each painting has been praised as a masterpiece of perspective – the mountain seems both near and within our grasp, as well as just beyond our immediate reach. It is a striking image for our lives: we live within the shaping hand of God's grace. Within the depths of our being, God is at work to create our lives as a vintage of exquisite distinction.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Wisdom 18:6-9 | Psalm 32 | Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 | Luke 12:32-48

Malayalam Mass

Emeritus Bishop Bosco Puthur along with Fr Bibin Kurian VC will be visiting Geraldton and celebrating Holy Mass for the Malayalee community on Wednesday, 3rd September at 6pm in the Cathedral. All Keralites are kindly requested to participate.

Lighting candles in the Cathedral

Lighting candles before the altar of Our Lady is restricted to certain times on any day due to various reasons including vandalism and safety. The permitted time is just before Mass and soon after the Mass only. Everyone is kindly requested to follow this. Thank you.

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



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.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 27th July 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1369.85		821.35
Envelopes	\$ 114.00	152.00	70.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1065.60		583.55
Friday Fast	\$ 146.75		



Feasts of the Week



4 Aug Mon Saint John Vianney
6 Aug Wed The Transfiguration of the Lord
8 Aug Fri Saint Mary of the Cross



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in with Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton until 8th August.

Rosary will be prayed at **5pm** Monday-Friday.

All are 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.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Fr Brian Ahearn, Fr Peter Downes, Rose Ralph, Tim Conway, Maria Salamone, Margaret John, Maureen Burke, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, Andres Rodillas, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly, Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Cherrille Quilty, Andrew Benzie, Pat Miragliotta, Derek Levett, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees, Ramon Tan Jr. and Zenaida Tan.



For the deceased: Frank Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Peter Rowe, Wyleen Kho, Daniel Con-ui, Don McDonald, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza

Anniversaries: Bishop Francis Thomas, Fr Rudi Hoffman, Mitzi Schultz, Sr Elizabeth Quirke pbvm, Colleen Shanks, Lina Zinetti and Brian King.

Recently Deceased: Don Moffat, Jakodi Whitby and Mervyn McKay.

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading (Ecclesiastes 1:2-2:21-23)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 89)

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-5,9-11)

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. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!.... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 12:13-21)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to

them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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.**