

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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10 August 2025

VOCATION VIEW: *Where is your treasure? There is your heart!
 Have you considered that God's will is your treasure for you?*

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. As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

We all have a vocation. Today, on this **second Sunday of National Vocations Awareness Week**, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply. We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.



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/>

Happy Independence Day to the Indian Community

Warm greetings to the Indian Community in our parishes on the occasion of the 79th National Independence Day on Friday, 15th of August.



Heartfelt Thanks

After a very active and successful day on Sunday 3rd August, we express our sincerest thanks and warm appreciation to everyone who came along and volunteered and worked over the weekend to help make the Garage Sale as successful as it turned out to be!



Our warmest thanks to the team of wonderful people who put in their time and energy to transfer the mountain of donated goods from St John's Church, Rangeway and the donors who contributed money and their much loved items for sale. The volunteers who came along and cleaned, arranged and priced all the items making them presentable. All those who worked on Saturday and Sunday to assist at the checkout, and at each sales table area. The Youth Team who looked after the kids' games and activities. The outdoor and plants stall and the kitchen and food and beverage servery helpers.

Thanks to Mithun for his wonderful musical talent that entertained us. A wonderful Team effort and the warm, thoughtful donations and good wishes from everyone together resulted in a total takings of over \$7,300.

Congratulations to the winners of \$100 & \$50 notes and Hamper Raffle winners, they have been notified and all prizes collected. Bids on furniture, jewellery, and wine have been accepted and collected.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that 'Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of



A Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday 15th August

Heaven'. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium that 'the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin,

was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things (n. 59)'.
Mass Times in the Cathedral
 7:00am, 12:05 pm & 6:00pm
 9:30am Mass for SFX Primary School
No Mass in Bluff Point & Rangeway

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

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be this 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



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)

Parish Finances

Contributions of 3rd August 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1529.90		650.05
Envelopes	\$ 204.00	92.00	620.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1166.00		495.70
Friday Fast	\$ 61.35		



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.**



Thanks from Fr Brian Ahearn

Fr Brian Ahearn thanks all for the prayers and support during his hospital stay in Subiaco and beyond. He is now back in Geraldton for rehabilitation. No visitors are allowed for the time being.

Notice to 7:30am Mass attendees

Those who are attending Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30am on Sunday, are kindly requested to move 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.

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale last Saturday to raise funds for Guor and Akot Village in South Sudan. Thanks also to Queens IGA and the Rigter family for your generous and on-going support. We raised over \$2000 and this money will be transferred directly from our bank into the bank accounts of our staff at St Benedict's School and the Akot Medical Clinic. This will help to pay the wages for our staff and to provide funds for much-needed building and medical supplies. For anyone who would like to donate, our bank details are as follows:

Athiolget Women's and Children's Health
BSB 633 000 Account Number 195271036

Thank you and God bless you all for your donations.

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This week we hear Jesus offer a stinging warning. Be vigilant! Live your life like servants awaiting the return of their master! But do not be afraid, he says, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.

In the midst of it, Jesus repeats a word three times. Did you catch it? It is also in the responsorial psalm. The word is blessed. You could say blessed is one of Jesus' favourite words. In his great charter for the definitive way to be human, the Sermon on the Mount, he awards the status of blessed to those who don't appear very blessed at all (the persecuted, the peacemakers, the meek, the mourning, the poor in spirit...).

In Catholic life blessed is probably most often repeated in the Hail Mary: 'blessed art thou among women...' Priests bless the people with the sign of the cross. Parents bless their child when she is sick or when dropping her off at school. When someone sneezes, people say, 'God bless you!' or just 'Bless you!' What are we saying when we say blessed? More importantly, what was Jesus saying when he did?

We've established that blessed is

everywhere in our spiritual and ordinary lives and that the same was true for Jesus himself. The word, quite literally, goes back to the very beginning. On the first pages of Scripture, in Genesis, God creates the world by separating light from darkness, water



from land, and so on. You are probably not surprised that our word is there.

It appears precisely three times. (God loves that number; He also likes seven, which is three doubled + one, with the one signifying abundance, surplus, blessing, just as three is two + one, surplus, blessing...) God blesses the birds and fish on day five and humanity on day six: so creatures of the sky, the sea, and the land are blessed. But what are they blessed with?

The story is plain: fruitfulness, abundance, the capacity to fill the creation with life. Humans, who are a kind of a unifying bridge joining the sky and sea on the land, are given a special blessing on top of abundance and life: they are blessed with rule or dominion. On day six, humans are themselves presented as a +, a more, a teeming abundance beyond what God has already created.

Sky, sea, and finally, those peculiar land creatures are blessed with the energies of abundance, life, and then rule. The final act of blessing occurs on the seventh day, when God rests from his work. The creation tale establishes the meaning of our word for the entire story to follow that culminates in Jesus. Blessed means to be given a share in God's power of abundance, life, and ultimately rule.

And that is what Jesus offers us. It is what rest signifies in Genesis and what Kingdom means in the gospel. Blessed means to be truly, fully and definitively human, in accord with God's original and final purpose.

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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.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 | Psalm 39 | Hebrews 12:1-4, | Luke 12:49-53

Feasts of the Week

11 Aug Mon Saint Clare

14 Aug Thu Saint Maximilian Kolbe

15 Aug Fri The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in with Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton until 15th 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, 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 & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Antonio & Maria Fiocco, Dennis Collins, Brett Johnson and Johanna McDonald.

Anniversaries: Frank Sciuto, Colleen Shanks, Eunice Barndon and Cissy Barley

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Downes and Don Moffat.

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading (Wisdom 18:6-9)

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32)

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God

had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!..... Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming!.... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 12:32-48)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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.