

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 Balara

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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17 August 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus wants his followers to light a fire on the earth.
His followers, as His fire, are bright, blazing, consuming, enlightening and warm.

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 ,

3 September, Wednesday at 5 pm and 10 September at 5pm

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://](https://geraldtoncathedral.org/ocia-order-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/)

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.

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!



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.

Daily Mass Book and Ordo 2026 - Order now!

If you wish to have a copy of the Daily Mass book or Ordo
for the next liturgical year, please order it now by
contacting the Parish Office. Though the prices are to be
confirmed yet, it will be approximately \$32 and \$20
respectively. No order will be accepted after placing our
bulk order to the supplier. Books will be delivered in October.



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 to
attend this Mass as well as to enjoy driving through the beautiful
greenish country roads. It's only 30 mins drive from Geraldton.*



Fathers' Day Mass Bouquet

Fathers' Day this year falls on Sunday, 7th of
September. It is a day to remember, honour and
appreciate your father, grandfather or father
figures! *If you wish to have a Mass offered for
them whether they are living or deceased, please
use a "Father's Day Mass Bouquet" envelopes available at the church
doors today.* Money received through these offerings will be used to
support the GodStart program through which the newly Baptised
children will receive birthday cards and prayer tips until they reach 4
years of age. A register listed with the Mass Bouquet beneficiaries
will be placed before the Altar during the Month of September.



*"You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up
not saying it at all because you are sleepy. If there is no
other time, say it in the street without letting anybody
notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of
God."*
– St. Josemaria Escriva

48 Hour Perpetual Rosary Bouquet In honour of the Nativity of Mary

From Friday 5th Sept 2025 6pm to Sunday 7th Sept 2025 6pm

All are invited to join in our
Gift for Our Lady's Birthday.

Place your committed time slots on the roster
available at the church door this weekend.

Your Rosary can be prayed wherever is convenient.
The Rosary Scroll will be presented on 8th September
during the Mass at 12:10pm in St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.



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

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An Inspiring Vocation Story

My call to religious life has been a unique journey filled with doubts, searching, and faith. I truly believed that God was calling me, but I was unsure how to respond especially because, at the time, I was not a practicing Catholic. Although I was born and baptised Catholic, I was raised in a different Christian denomination.

It was not until Year 11, when I moved to another island for my education, that I returned to the Catholic Church. That was the turning point. My heart and mind slowly found the way back to the faith of my childhood. I was still uncertain, still searching, but God was patiently working in my life. A huge part of that return was due to my dearest grandmother who is now no more, may she rest in peace!

She became my guiding light. She took me to church, taught me how to say the Rosary, and encouraged me to learn Catholic prayers. At the time, I did not fully understand the meaning behind her actions, and I was not very interested. She even asked her friends from the parish to pray for me. I did not understand why, but now I do. I first heard God's call in Year 9, but I kept it to myself. I thought people would not believe me if I share it. I chose silence instead. But God speaks in different ways, and He continued to work in my heart often through my grandmother. She always believed in me. She brought out the best in me. Sometimes I wish she were still alive to see how far I have come through, but I believe that she is still watching over me each day.

One beautiful part of my story is that my grandmother had a close friend whose daughter was a religious sister. Together, they made plans for me to meet her. I was nervous and afraid, so I never met the Sister face to face, she was only in Samoa for a

We celebrated Vocations Awareness week from 3-10 of this month. We all have a vocation and we all have a call to answer! Here is a testimony of answering such a call of a religious sister and the trials and transformation she has gone through in her life. Sr Epifania's journey will indeed inspire young people in answering their call.

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short time but she left the contact details of her Vocations Director, and that was how I was introduced to the Sisters of Nazareth.

At that point, things started to feel real. I began to worry about how I would tell my parents. I was very close to them—especially to my mother. I had been sick as a child, and they always worried when I was away. Even when I moved to my grandmother's for school, my mother would call me every morning and evening to ask if I had eaten. I would gently remind her not to worry, that I was alright.

One of the most unforgettable moments of my journey came at the very end of my grandmother's life. She looked at me and said, "Epi, you are the one." I laughed and said, "No, it is Tino," referring to someone else. But my older sister said, "No, it is you, Epi." I understand now what she meant.

God works in mysterious ways. Each of us

has our own journey, and even in times of doubt, God is preparing the way. I am forever grateful to my grandmother for helping me to see the path of religious life. I am thankful to my parents for allowing me to leave home and travel to another country to explore God's love. I know it was not easy for them, but they trusted that God would take care of me.

I am also grateful to my grandmother's friend, who prayed for me and believed in my calling. She played a key role in making the connection that brought me to where I am today. We still keep in touch, and I know she continues to pray for me and my family.



This is the beauty of my calling. Do not be afraid to explore your own journey. When people come into your life, welcome them. They may be signs sent by God to guide you to places you never imagined.

My journey has not been perfect. There have been struggles and difficult times in taking decisions. But through it all, Jesus has been present, working in me. Now, after eight years of religious life, I can say with confidence: do not be afraid to search for your calling. Embrace your struggles, your joys, and your prayer life.

To all my fellow religious, I wish you a joyful and meaningful Vocations Awareness Week.

Sr Epifania Asomua Tuisaono
(Sisters of Nazareth)

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be this Tuesday, 9th September 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



Looking for Confirmation Gifts or Cards?

There are many piety gift items available in our holy shop for Confirmation and other occasions.

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!**

Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation Group in the cathedral gathers every Wednesday at 7:30am in the crypt. Inviting anyone interested.

Please contact Iris Bolton for any queries on 0498 162 774.

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.



Parish Finances

Contributions of 10th August 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1732.95		720.40
Envelopes	\$ 174.00	89.50	170.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1489.50		444.30
Friday Fast	\$ 45.30		



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Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, what do Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, what do we expect Jesus to bring into our lives? While we may list many things, we surely hope that our Saviour will bring peace and blessings to every one of us as His disciples and to the world.

We believe that our God is Emmanuel, God with us, and that He is almighty and His love everlasting. We believe that He creates us according to His image and likeness; and that He calls each to grow as a person of faith and into the fullness of our humanity. Alas, what we see happening in our world today are wars, suffering, ongoing violence, increased injustice, inhumane conditions, and destruction of the environment. In this week's gospel Jesus' teaching seems not to meet our expectations of peace and joy. Indeed, Jesus' words are rather startling. We hear Jesus say, "I have come to bring fire to the earth. . . Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" It sounds harsh and it unsettles us. Certainly, we know that Jesus himself experienced antagonism, rejection and a

violent death. The fire that Jesus sets on the earth is a purifying fire. It may indeed cause pain and suffering, as it did for Jesus. We are called to live our faith in Jesus Christ,



allowing His life to penetrate ours as we continue to witness the gospel, despite whatever difficulties confront us. But Jesus would have us clearly realise that our commitment as His followers will sometimes meet with tension, disagreement, antagonism and even violence. We are to persevere nonetheless, and to hold true and firm to our faith in Jesus and the defence of His teachings.

Jesus continues, "There is a baptism I must

receive and great is my distress till it is over." Jesus, having become one like us in all things but sin, knows our human condition very deeply. For love of us and for our salvation, Jesus bore the cross on His shoulders and carried it to His crucifixion, so that we may receive and celebrate new life through His resurrection. The peace that Jesus wants to share with us is the peace of love coming from God, not like the peace the world offers. It is a peace the world cannot give. The fire the Lord has brought into the world is the fire that cleanses and purifies us, enabling us to move forward courageously and without fear to share God's love and peace, despite whatever opposition we may encounter. Jesus brings the Good News that God is always with us. Saint Paul encourages us, "Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith." So, stay firm in our faith and remain united with the Lord, because hope in the Lord never disappoints us. God bless you all. Amen.

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Fremantle Chamber Orchestra presents

Music to Love

An evening of exquisite music including well-loved works of Vivaldi, Mozart and Beethoven. Featuring artists Paul Wright (conductor/violin), Michael Hodgkins (clarinet), Melinda Forsyth (cello) and Ellie Malonzo (violin)

Friday 22nd August 7:30pm
St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Geraldton
 Tickets \$50 at Trybooking or call Natalie 0438 933 250 (or at door)

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Feasts of the Week

- 20 Aug Wed Saint Bernard
- 21 Aug Thu Saint Pius X
- 22 Aug Fri The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in with Rosemary Taylor at 18B Queens Street, Geraldton until 29th 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, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Jim & Nancy Ward and Don McDonald, .

Anniversaries: Carmela Bertonie, Sr Val Deakin, Sue Harris, Pat Quinlan, Carmela Demaio, Luigi Paparella, Ron O'Neill and Colin Culloton.

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Downes, Don Moffat, Andrew Benzie and Margaret Trevaskis.

Entrance Antiphon

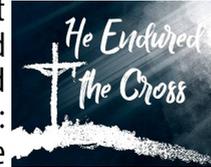
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading (Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 39)

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:1-4)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!..... My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 12:49-53)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still

receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

I have come to set the world on fire and I wish it were already burning!

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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

Isaiah 66:18-21 | Psalm 116 | Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 | Luke 13:22-30