

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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24 August 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. The best way to lead others through the narrow gate is to be formed and disciplined as a leader. Then you can go through the narrow gate, yourself.

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 enquiry evenings to begin their preparation.

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 Pre-catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment (Lent) and post-Easter.

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/>



Important 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 and cooperation

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.



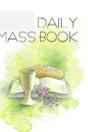
Stealing in the Cathedral

Kindly be informed that there was a stealing incident in the cathedral last Sunday after 9:30am Mass. A man who pretended to be very reverent and well mannered entered into the sacristy and stole money bags of weekend collections. Police have identified the person from the CCTV footages and arrested.

Unfortunately we also lost all the mass offering envelopes including Father's day Offerings if any. If you had put Father's Day Mass offering last Sunday, please contact the Parish Office to let us know the names to be entered in the Fathers' day Mass Bouquet Register. Email is preferred. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Daily Mass Book and Ordo 2026 - Final call

If you wish to have a copy of the Daily Mass book or Ordo for the next liturgical year, please order it before this Tuesday 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 next Sunday

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.

New Readers' Roster

New roster for Cathedral Readers commencing from September is available now. It has been emailed last week to all. If you prefer to have a hard copy, please get it from the sacristy today.

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.



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

Responding as Christians – Reaching out Homeless People

There are many in the Church in Australia who are reaching out to homeless people, including those with mental ill-health to help them to make a difference in their lives.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul has many initiatives in every State. Many are being supported by the Society's team in one of its many initiatives, Bethlehem House in Hobart. St John of God Healthcare's social outreach service also have some wonderful initiatives such as Horizon House which supports young people facing homelessness and Casa Venegas offering support and secure housing to adults living with mental ill-health who are at risk of homelessness. In Queanbeyan, the community members whom Fr Peter Day brought together to open HOME, an initiative based on a simple Christ-centred vision which seeks to create a safe and loving home for people with chronic mental ill-health who struggle to live independently or are at risk of homelessness.

The responsibility of every Christian

As good as these initiatives are, we who are baptised and given the sacred responsibility of carrying out the mission entrusted to us by Jesus are all called to reach out to those on the edges of society, like homeless people, and offer them loving care. We cannot leave it all to the "professionals".

At every Eucharist we are sent out to live the Gospel. Christ, the Bread of Life, feeds us and, in turn, we offer his nourishment and healing to the beggars we encounter on the streets.

The credibility and authenticity of our commitment to follow Jesus hinges not just

Social Justice Sunday Next Week

Signs of Hope on the Edge

Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health

on our willingness to humbly wash the battered and bruised feet of our world, but to enter into relationship with those whose feet we wash.

"The people on the edges have much to teach us," said Pope Francis. "In their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelised by them. The new evangelisation is an invitation to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them."

This is why the crucifix is both beautiful and dangerous. When we hang it on the walls of our many schools and institutions and around our necks, we are saying: "Christ, who became poor for the poor, shapes what we do." We are not professional services, doers of good, altruists or humanists. We are Christians!

Our devotion to Jesus stirs in us a devotion to those on the edges of society whom he loves. St John Chrysostom said that: "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, his brethren: 'You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognise

your brother...'"

A church that professes Jesus to be its first love must hasten to the edges and befriend the poorest and learn from them. This is our most natural habitat because it is His.

A church that professes Jesus' leadership as its cornerstone must humbly kneel at the foot of humanity and serve it. This is our most natural disposition because it is His.

As Pope Francis counseled, "No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles... none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice: "Spiritual conversion, the intensity of the love of God and neighbour, zeal for justice and peace, the Gospel meaning Love notices. The Gospels too have eyes - eyes that notice and penetrate and transform.

This contrasts with our usual way of looking – that is, with art gallery eyes that passively wander from person to person, from exhibit to exhibit, leaving what they see unchanged. Iain Matthew said: "Christianity is an effect, the effect of a God who is constantly gazing at us, whose eyes anticipate, radiate, penetrate and elicit beauty."

Sadly, passive art gallery looking is what is most commonly directed at those sitting by the roadside longing to be noticed.

From the Social Justice Statement 2025-26

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>



Scan this QR code to download the Social Justice Statement 2025-26

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on 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!**



Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

The Sisters and Residents at Nazareth House have Holy Hours on the following Days in the main Chapel:

Monday, Friday and Sunday from 4pm – 5pm.

Anyone who wishes to make a visit or join us in prayers is welcome.



SISTERS OF NAZARETH
GERALDTON COMMUNITY

Holy Hour in the Cathedral

An Hour to Focus on Jesus, here with us as our strong Hope.

First Friday of September Holy Hour in Our Jubilee Year at 11am, followed by Mass at 12.05pm, in the Cathedral.



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

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!



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This has been a momentous year for the Christian, and particularly the Catholic community, with the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV. From the start Pope Leo has stressed that his role as successor of Saint Peter is not to lord it over the Church or the world, but to be at everyone's service.

Pope Leo XIV's focus might prove a helpful backdrop as we strive to understand the teaching of Jesus in this week's gospel. There was a time, not that long ago, when many Catholics tended to feel very superior about their faith and their interpretation of the teaching that "outside the Church there is no salvation". The old joke suggested that Catholics had to be confined to a particular corner of heaven because they believed they were the only ones there!

A similar mentality existed among God's Chosen People in the Old Testament, but note how the Prophet Isaiah in today's first reading warns them not to be presumptuous. The Lord would reach out to everyone: "I am coming to gather the nations of every language." Jesus squarely

confronts the same issue, warning those who are tempted to compromise their integrity by turning to evil, thereby failing to respond to his invitation to love and serve

cross, prayed: "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."

As in the days of Isaiah and Jesus, in the 21st century we are still confronted with the consequences of real evil in the world. Human beings continue to compromise the truth in the belief that they can control the world, not accepting that the world is not theirs, but belongs to God. They remain unmoved by the sufferings of others, their minds closed to the message that God knows no boundaries, but is calling out to men and women of every nation under heaven.



his Father. He reminds them that it is no use appealing to claim allegiance because he had once dined with them and he had taught in their streets. Likewise, it is not enough for us to claim that we are Christians and then live contrary to the example Jesus has set before us.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that following Christ will demand a lot from us and be painful, but those experiences can teach us a lot and ultimately enable us to imitate Christ, who even as he died on the

At the same time, we are seeing that forces for good – love and compassion, reconciliation and peace – can still challenge the evil and that those willing to suffer for the truth and enter by the narrow gate can occasionally move mountains. As to how many will eventually enter by the narrow gate? I suggest we leave that to God, while striving with all our hearts to live our own lives without compromise and squeeze in!

Timothy J Buckley CSsR
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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

KSC Foundation Scholarships

Teachers working in Catholic Schools are invited to apply to the KSC Education Foundation Scholarship Program for 2025 to study Religious Education and Theology Units at the University of Notre Dame in 2026.



Successful applicants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and contribute meaningfully to their school communities, nurturing faith and academic excellence. This scholarship supports professional development and fosters a vibrant learning environment shaped by the values of Catholic education.

Applications open on 1 September and close on 27 October 2025 and online application forms will be available from

<https://wa.ksca.org.au/KSC-Education-Foundation.html>

For further information please contact office@kscwa.org.au, phone 9368 2503.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 17th August 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 402.00		716.40
Envelopes	\$ 20.00	60.00	190.00
Parish Collection	\$ 196.50		442.50
Friday Fast	\$ 0.00		



Feasts of the Week

- 27 Aug Wed Saint Monica
- 28 Aug Thu Saint Augustine
- 29 Aug Sat The Passion of Saint John the Baptist



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, Pat Miragliotta, Derek Levett, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees, Ramon Tan Jr. and Zenaida Tan.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Ron Siemiginowski, Jim & Nancy Ward and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Vicente Noval, Les Rowe, Maria Ricupero, Clara Beccari, and Nathan Valenti.

Recently Deceased: Raymond (Joe) Drew, Andrew Benzie and Margaret Trevaskis.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading (Isaiah 66:18-21)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 116)

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**
Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **R.**

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 13:22-30)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be

weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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

Sirach 3:17-20,28-29|Ps 67|Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24|Luke 14:1,7-14

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday 31st August, 3 - 4pm at St Lawrence's Church.

