

# 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

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**31 August 2025**

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me."  
 If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

## Social Justice Sunday

**In the last few years, Australians have been living through a cost-of-living crisis. The cost of many goods and services has increased dramatically - including housing mortgages and rent.**

Many have struggled to cope under the pressure; and one of the worrying results of this crisis is an increasing number of Australians finding themselves relying on friends or family giving them a roof over their head or, even worse, sleeping on the streets.

Homelessness services are not able to offer help to everyone who is in this predicament. Without this help, more and more Australians are being pushed to the edge of society. It is a lonely and frightening place to be.

It is even worse for those who are not only homeless but also living with serious mental ill-health. Not only are there not enough resources to assist people living in homelessness who need help, but mental

## Signs of Hope on the Edge

*Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health*

health services are not able to help everyone who needs support.

This year's Social Justice Statement, *Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health*, provides a picture of what life is like for people living in homelessness and mental ill-health and the difficulty in providing adequate support for them.

The statement urges every Christian to offer service, as Jesus did, to our sisters and brothers created in the image of God.

Many Australians find it embarrassing, uncomfortable or even confronting to see homeless people on the streets; but we encourage all who are baptised to, instead, offer loving friendship to people on the edge of society. Instead of walking by and not noticing the plight of our neighbours, pay

attention to them and their plight, listen to their stories, and serve them with the love we learn from Jesus.

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis reminded us, as Christians, of our "fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope."

We appeal to all Christians to join us in going to the edge of society to befriend our fellow Australians who are living on the streets, who are often struggling with serious mental ill-health, to be signs of hope, to be the good news that God's unfailing love embraces everyone.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, SDB  
 President,

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

From the Social Justice Statement 2025-26  
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>



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

## Fathers' Day next Sunday

Fathers' Day this year is next Sunday, on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Launch of new Parish Website

A newly developed parish website has been launched last week which is mobile friendly, faster, interactive and informative. Mass times, special events, sacramental details & forms, planned giving details & direct debit forms, articles, notices, bulletins, gallery of photos and video links etc are available on the website which is accessible via [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)

## Change of QR Codes

Many QR codes published earlier for the old web pages might not work from now onwards. Therefore, if QR codes do not work, please use the website address which is [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)

## Parish Office may be unattended

Since the Parish Secretary is on long service leave, the Parish Office may be closed at times until the first week of October when the Priests are out for pastoral commitments. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Parish Office & Holy Shop** Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday  
 11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530  
 PO Box 46, Geraldton, WA 6531

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**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707  
 08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

## Malayalam Mass this Wednesday

Emeritus Bishop Bosco Puthur along with Fr Bibin Kurian VC will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Malayalee community this Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6pm in the Cathedral. Confessions start at 5:30pm. All Keralites are kindly requested to attend.



## 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 , Cathedral  
& 10 September at 5pm, Seminar Room , Catholic Centre**

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 [www.geraldtoncathedral.org/ocia/](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org/ocia/)



## 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.



## Feasts of the Week

3 Sep Wed Saint Gregory the Great



## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be this Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!**



## 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

## New Readers' Roster

New roster for Cathedral Readers commencing from the first weekend of September is now available. It was emailed a week ago to all. If you prefer to have a hard copy, please get it from the sacristy today. Thank you

## Save the Date for Diocesan Pilgrimage in the Year of Hope Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Begins with 9:30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, taking to Mullewa and other sites, returning to Geraldton around 5pm same day.



Stay tuned for more details....

## Please Register your details

We request both new and existing Parishioners to register your details with the parish at the earliest (if you haven't done it yet). You can register your details online by visiting our parish registration page, either by scanning this QR code or via [www.geraldtoncathedral.org/registration/](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org/registration/) If you wish to complete a paper form, it is available at the parish office or download it from the above web page. Thank you.

REGISTER  
NOW



"The Sacred Scriptures grow with the one who reads them."  
- St Gregory the Great

## 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.

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

From Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 6pm to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> September during the Mass at 12:10pm in St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.



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On December 5, 2018, at the memorial service for US President George H W Bush, long time friend and former Republican Senator for Wyoming, Alan Simpson, remarked: "Those who travel the high road of humility in Washington DC are not bothered by heavy traffic!"

The line was met with laughter - and with a moment of reflection - in the Washington National Cathedral, packed with many who'd spent their careers climbing over the top of others to get to the top, scratching backs, doing deals, and cultivating 'useful' relationships for personal gain, while walking the seductive halls of power and politics in Washington DC. Sadly, very little has changed; not only in the political landscape, but across many areas of society. Humility, however, is an important virtue for authentic Christian self-understanding.

In this week's Old Testament reading, Ben Sirach advises his son to conduct his business affairs with humility and to make wisdom and reflection hallmarks of his life: "The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly." Then in the gospel, Jesus advises his audience to avoid seats of honour and posh guest-lists at parties, recommending humility to the leading Pharisees.

Humility means knowing who we are, and in relation to God and others; it means self-estimation according to truth. Talk to new parents about the wonder and awe they feel at



the birth of a baby, the fruit of their love. Yet, they also sense a far greater mystery at work. We can't be overwhelmed by the beauty of creation or the wonder of human life, while at the same time remain under an illusion of our own superiority or self-sufficiency.

The reality of our own gifts and achievements, of God's grace and blessings at work in us, also give us confidence. We recognise our limits, but also our gifts. Our self-worth ought to reflect reverence for God who created us. Humility doesn't mean weakness. Rather, it means that we're self-aware and self-confident, comfortable in the presence of others, without feeling

threatened.

Humility means being honest about ourselves, resisting flattery, admitting mistakes, and recognising others' accomplishments, while also rejecting false humility or self-loathing, and appreciating our achievements or God's achievements in us.

When Jesus tells people to practice humility, even at the dinner table, he's not saying be unconcerned with excellence and honours. Otherwise, his story about the humble man being promoted makes no sense. We do great things, deserving of honour, but not for worldly praise. In humility, Jesus abandoned the exaltation of heaven for the earthiness of living among us. In humility, Jesus reached out to the poor, the women, the sick and the outcasts. In humility, Jesus freely gave his life for us.

Jesus calls us to humility: to know the truth of ourselves, to be in right relationship with one another and with God, and to allow ourselves to be lifted up by God.

"For everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, but whoever humbles themselves will be exalted."

David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2025 #4144

### 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](mailto:office@kscwa.org.au), phone 9368 2503.



### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Today Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 3 - 4pm  
at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.  
Welcome all to adore the Lord and Saviour!



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

### 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.

### 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with Litany of St Joseph and Benediction.  
Next Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1522.00		894.85
Envelopes	\$ 165.00	87.00	215.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1327.70		649.85
Friday Fast	\$ 63.30		



### 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, Anselmo Scarpuzza, Jim & Nancy Ward and Don McDonald.

**Anniversaries:** Rosetta Scarpuzza, John Ricupero and Sheila Bunter

**Recently Deceased:** Raymond (Joe) Drew.

## Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## First Reading (Sirach 3:17-20,28-29)

### A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 67)

### R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

## Second Reading (Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24)

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!.....** Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart..... **Alleluia!**

## Gospel (Luke 14:1,7-14)

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way,

everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

FOR EVERYONE WHO  
EXALTS HIMSELF WILL  
BE HUMBLLED, AND HE  
WHO HUMBLLES  
HIMSELF WILL BE  
EXALTED.  
LUKE 14:11

## 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

Wisdom 9:13-18 | Psalm 89 | Philemon 9-10,12-17 | Luke 14:25-33