

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

13 July 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Treating others with compassion is a mark of a follower of Jesus, whether known as The Good Samaritan, Mother, Priest, Sister, Deacon or Brother.

NATIONAL APPEAL FOR STELLA MARIS, THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

– Launching into the deep –

Every year, on the second Sunday of July, Sea Sunday is celebrated. On this occasion, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ, has sent a message to chaplains and all volunteers involved in maritime pastoral care, encouraging them to be *"prophets of peace."*



In the Catholic Church, Sea Sunday is supported by *Stella Maris* around the world. *Stella Maris* Australia, prays for seafarers at Mass and provides resources for the parishes to use.

Parishioners have the opportunity to support this Catholic ministry through the Sea Sunday appeal. Its *Stella Maris* centres support seafarers' welfare, and provide pastoral care and hospitality. *If you wish to support this mission please donate it in an envelope marked with "Sea Sunday" or online <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/sea-sunday/>*

Message for Sea Sunday

The Sea Sunday is dedicated to a reflection that brings to the heart of the Church the often invisible work of thousands of seafarers, people who spend much of their lives far from their families and communities, yet offer an immense service to the economy and the development of peoples. As memorably expressed in the Second Vatican Council's Constitution *Gaudium et spes*, of which this year is the 60th anniversary, 'The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts' (GS1).

This is why we want all those who work at sea to know that they are in the heart of the Church: they are not alone in their demands for justice, dignity and joy. Integral human

development, in fact, includes all human beings and all their physical, spiritual and community dimensions.

We want to recognize seafarers - as the Jubilee 2025 motto calls us all - 'pilgrims of hope'. Whether consciously or not, they embody the desire of every human being, of whatever people or religious faith, to live a life of dignity, through work, exchange, encounters. They do not stand still: they have had the need and the audacity to set out, like so many men and women Sacred Scripture recounts. People who travel within the journey of life. 'Hope' is the word that must always remind us of our goal: we are not wanderers without a destiny, but daughters and sons whose dignity no one and nothing can ever erase.

From the message of Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ
For reading the full message or for more information, please visit our parish website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/sea-sunday/>

Camino San Francisco 2025 25th - 27th July

There are still spaces available on this year's Camino which will be based in Mullewa and will follow in the footsteps of Monsignor John Hawes on a 2 day walk from Tardun via Pindar to Mullewa.

See all the details on the website www.monsignorhawes.com or contact Tony Critch for more information on 0428 625 044 anthony.critch@gmail.com

"Atonement by the blood of Jesus is not an arm of Christian truth; it is the heart of it." – Charles Spurgeon

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!



Garage Sale in the Catholic Centre

St John's Church, Rangeway, is holding a garage sale **on Sunday, 3rd August** and we would welcome your support with donations of any kind of saleable items in good condition.

We would also welcome donations of items for hamper raffles.

Can you bake? We need cakes, scones, slices, sandwiches for morning tea on the day.

Can you volunteer your time? Offers of help to set up or work on a stall on the day will be most welcome!

Please contact Amy on 0419 216 621 for more details and to arrange drop off or pick up of items.

Please do not bring any donating items to the Parish Office.

"Be assured that there is no sin you have ever committed that the blood of Jesus Christ cannot cleanse."

– Billy Graham



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

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08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

Prayer for Seafarers

Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach the haven of peace
and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.
As we set forth upon the oceans of the world
and cross the deserts of our time,
show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb,
for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
that in heart and mind, work and deed,
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,
"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!
Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!
Our Lady, Star of the Sea,
pray for seafarers, pray for us.



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Support our Catholic Youths in Geraldton on their faith journey!

Our youth group is fundraising to meet the expenses to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Melbourne in November this year, which is a national event that inspires young people to grow in their faith and connect with others from across Australia. We are seeking your support to make this possible!

Please donate to:

Account Name: SFX Cathedral Parish

BSB: 086 006 Account Number: 826 504 934

Reference: **ACYF - Your Surname**

Please make sure you put the reference **ACYF**

Your support, whether it is big or small, brings us closer to this amazing experience. You can also donate cash in an envelope and drop it in the collection bowl. Thank you for your generosity.

Fund-raiser for Guor's Village in South Sudan

On Saturday, 26th July, we are holding a Sausage Sizzle and a Bake Sale to raise money for Akot Village in South Sudan. It will be held outside Queen's IGA from 8am until 2pm. We would welcome donations of cakes, scones, slices, spring rolls and curry puffs as well as honey, jam and preserves.

The money we raise will help to support our school and our Medical Clinic. We have recently purchased some new blackboards and our Medical Clinic has been busy performing eye surgeries, so we desperately need more funds. Any queries to Jan on 0438 804 191.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Scholarships for lay people

The Saint Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website uacpallottines.au Closing Date 15 August 2025

Diocesan Office

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Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parishes in September this year.



After School Program

Any child in year 6 (or higher) and not attending a Catholic Primary School, who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September this year, must attend after-school preparation classes which will be commencing on Wednesday, 23rd July. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them at the earliest. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started.

Parent/Child Meeting

All Candidates for Confirmation from the St Francis Xavier Primary School and After School Program, along with their parents have to attend a parent/child meeting in the Catholic Centre on Wednesday, 30th July at 5pm. St John's School will hold a meeting on Wednesday 6th August at 3:15pm in the School Hall.

Commitment Masses

Confirmation Candidates this year should attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitment.

Saturday 2nd Aug 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral and St Lawrence's
Sunday 3rd Aug 7:30 am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral

9:00 am at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

Saturday 9th August 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral

Students from St John's School also have to attend either in the Cathedral or St Lawrence's on the above dates.

Commitment Forms to be completed

Please present the completed *Sacramental Commitment* form along with a copy of your baptism certificate when attending the Commitment Mass. Commitment form is available either from the School or can be downloaded from the parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or scan the QR code.



Celebration

St John's Rangeway : Tuesday 9th September at 6pm
in St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

St Francis Xavier Cathedral : Wednesday 10th September at 6pm

After School Candidates : Wednesday 10th September at 6pm

St Lawrence's, Bluff Point : Thursday 11th September at 6pm

For more information, please visit the parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or contact the Parish Office on 99641608, Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

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.



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



The late Pope Francis reflected on the Parable of the Good Samaritan as a “ray of light” for our contemporary world where people too often fail to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Francis presented the Samaritan – whom he called “a stranger on the road” – as a symbol of fraternity and social friendship creating “a culture of encounter” that builds bridges of love among all people [“Fratelli Tutti”, # 2].

We need to recall that Jesus tells this story of the “stranger on the road” in answer to some questions put to him by a Jewish lawyer. Wanting to know what the greatest commandment is, Jesus tells him “to love God and your neighbour”. Then he wants to know who his neighbour is? Jesus notes that neither the priest nor the Levite respond with love and care for the victim, most likely a fellow Jew.

We might miss a major point of this story if we fail to note how much Jews and Samaritans hated each other. Yet here we have the much-despised Samaritan being put to the Jewish lawyer as the pinnacle of human behaviour. So, when Jesus asks him which of the three – priest, Levite or

Samaritan – was most neighbourly to the victim, he could but only reply “the one who shows him mercy”. Jesus then is quick to tell him: “Go and do likewise”!

In other words, Jesus tells his fellow Jew that he needs to become more like the non-

on the road” – was much more than an example of someone who is kind and caring of a wounded victim. Rather, it is the parable and story that calls upon all human beings to overcome their selfish interests, myopic views and personal prejudices that pit us against others. In particular, as human beings and especially as Christians, we are called to lift up the lowly, care for those who suffer and even place our own lives on the line to protect innocent victims of corruption, selfishness and greed.

For Pope Francis, part of our love of neighbour was also reflected in our love and respect for our natural environment on planet earth. While nations that pollute the world are becoming increasingly wealthy, poorer countries are the major victims of climate change.

This is clearly evident in our own part of the world in the Southern Pacific. Let us stop, reflect and change our behaviour in order that all the world’s peoples become more neighbourly in respect of one another and the natural environment.

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Jewish Samaritan! In further reflection on this parable, Pope Francis challenged us all to become true neighbours to one another by actively engaging in the forming of positive relationships with people across age, race, nationality, ethnicity or religion. We are all called to build community at local and concrete levels especially with the poor, the suffering and those on the margins of society.

In other words, for Francis the parable of the Good Samaritan – or story of “the stranger

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.

Responding with one voice

Holy Mass is a communal experience where the faithful are united in prayer and worship, expressing their faith and devotion through shared actions, responses, and postures. Please be mindful that when we pray, we listen to one another praying and responding in one voice together.

Prayer easily becomes a distraction when responses are out of sync, with some responding too fast or too slow.



one voice

Feast of the Week 15 July Tue Saint Bonaventure

Parish Finances

Contributions of 6th July 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1527.50		786.05
Envelopes	\$ 144.00	115.00	100.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1307.90		620.40
Friday Fast	\$ 64.80		



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.



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in with Ann Dempster at 33 Eakins Crescent, Wandina until 18th July. 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 & Lina Zinetti, Jim Ward, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Ashton Taylor, Christopher Money, Patricia Bailey, Richard Hovell, Rocco & Maria-Gracia Masiello, Darren Salter, Shirley Clancy, Nancy Ward and Bob Godwin.

Recently Deceased: Sr Therese Dennis sgs and Perry Vitale (Perth)

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Obey the voice
of the Lord
your God!

First Reading (Deuteronomy 30:10-14)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 68)

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah and men shall dwell there in possession. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

Second Reading (Colossians 1:15-20)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 10:25-37)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him,

'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me
and I in him, says the Lord.

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

Genesis 18:1-10 | Psalm 14 | Colossians 1:24-28 | Luke 10:38-42

WHO
IS MY
NEIGHBOR?