

# 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

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**20 July 2025**

**VOCATION VIEW:** . How enjoyable to sit and talk with a friend! How vocational to sit and talk with your friend Jesus!  
 Take time just to BE WITH Jesus.

## Inservice Days for Clergy

Clergy in our diocese along with Bishop Michael are gathering in Geraldton this Tuesday - Thursday (22-24 July) for attending a professional development program, which is focusing on "Integrity in our common mission". This Inservice program is lead by Dr David Leary OFM of Franciscan Pastoral Ministry Services in Melbourne. *Please remember them in your prayers and thoughts.*

## 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.



**pastoral care** If you or family members are admitted to hospital (or sick and at home) and wish to receive holy communion/pastoral visit, please ring the Parish Office on 9964 1608. You can also request the hospital staff to inform the Parish Office that you have been admitted in the hospital.

## When you Call After Hours

Afterhours phone calls are expected for emergency pastoral care only. For any other enquiries and bookings must be made during the office hours. If the duty Priest is involved in a ministry when you call, *for example during a Mass*, he won't be able to pick it up. So please try after some time or leave a clear voice message with your full name and phone number for him to call you back. Thank you.

*"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."  
 – Robert Lowry*

## Sacrament of Confirmation

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



### After School Program commencing this week

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 this Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm. St John's School will hold a meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral and St Lawrence's**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 7:30 am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral**  
**9:00 am at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm  
*in St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point*  
 St Francis Xavier Cathedral : Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm  
 After School Candidates : Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm  
 St Lawrence's, Bluff Point : Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

*For more information, please visit the parish website*  
<https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/>

**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

@ [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

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



**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707

08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716

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

## Garage Sale in the Catholic Centre

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

# GARAGE SALE

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.**

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)



## 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.



## 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 <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/parish-registration/>

**REGISTER NOW**



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.

## Camino San Francisco 2025 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.monsignorhawes.com) or contact Tony Critch for more information on 0428 625 044 [anthony.critch@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.critch@gmail.com)

## Fund-raiser for Guor's Village in South Sudan

On Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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**

## Is God calling you to be a Sister of Nazareth?

If you wish to know more, please contact Vocation the Ministry Phone: 0450 355 014

Email: [vocations@sistersofnazareth.com](mailto:vocations@sistersofnazareth.com)

Web: [www.sistersofnazareth.com](http://www.sistersofnazareth.com)



## 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.



## Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable of our parishes.



Amy Zinetti



Leonie Golding



Melinda Jupp



Simon Place



Ron Pace



Rosemary Taylor

Contact Number 0470 207 707

**EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS**

**Every Child, in every community needs a fair go**



## Diocesan Office

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The responsorial psalm begins with an important question; "Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?" One of the main themes of the Old Testament was determining how human beings, separated from God's holiness due to sin, can once again "live in the presence of the Lord."

In the second reading, we have the answer. In the words of St Paul, "The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory." By this, Paul means the risen Jesus, the one true God in the flesh, is alive in every believer. As a result, what is true of Jesus also applies to all of us. Jesus' relationship with the Father, one in which they are constantly present to each other, is true also for us.

In this week's readings, we learn more about what it means to live in God's presence and commune with him.

The first reading describes how "The Lord appeared to Abraham" with the arrival of three men. Ancient Christian tradition identified these three strangers, sometimes described as one person and sometimes as three, as a manifestation of the Trinity. When the men arrive, Abraham recognises his God's presence

right away and welcomes them with an immense showing of hospitality.

But the gospel account of Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary takes this understanding of what it means to dwell in God's presence to a whole new level.



To be clear, Jesus does not criticise Martha for her working and serving. Indeed, Martha follows the Old Testament example of hospitality demonstrated in the first reading by Abraham and Sarah. Martha's kind of service is what we call a 'corporal work of mercy', where we demonstrate the love of God through serving another's physical needs. However, as St Augustine explains in his commentary on the gospel, "Our Lord does not then forbid

hospitality, but the troubling about many things, that is to say, hurry and anxiety."

Jesus, in the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:14), cautions that worries, much like thorns, might stifle a person's responsiveness to his word. Even though Martha was trying to serve God through her labours, being so concerned about serving him was actually a barrier to communing and being in the presence of the one she loved. Mary, instead, seizes this unique moment and places herself in God's presence to take in everything that Jesus wants to give her.

While we live on this earth, we have a duty to attend to the physical and care for others. But we should never let our worries and anxieties take our focus away from the more important, that is, the eternal things that will 'not be taken from us.' Union with God through prayer is vital for every Christian. The love, peace and wisdom that we receive from spending time with Jesus overflows into all of our activities so that we become the kind of person, described in the responsorial psalm, who dwells in the presence of God.

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### 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](http://uacpallottines.au) **Closing Date 15 August 2025**

### Looking for Piety Gifts or Cards?

There are many piety gift items available for many occasions in our parish holy shop.

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!**



### Feast of the Week



22 July Tue Saint Mary Magdalene  
25 July Fri Saint James  
26 July Sat Saints Joachim and Anne



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 2101.70		746.05
Envelopes	\$ 119.00	152.00	690.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1241.25		508.60
Friday Fast	\$ 169.90		



### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 3 - 4pm  
at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the Lord and Saviour!



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

### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in with Ann Dempster at 33 Eakins Crescent, Wandina until 25<sup>th</sup> 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:** Cesarina Marchetti, Lesley Cream, Mary Desmond, Kay Power and MS Thomas.

**Recently Deceased:** Kath Warr, Sr Therese Denny sgs and Rose Loomans.

### Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### First Reading (Genesis 18:1-10)

#### A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 14)

#### R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

### Second Reading (Colossians 1:24-28)

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

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance..... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Luke 10:38-42)

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

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

### 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

Genesis 18:20-32 | Psalm 137 | Colossians 2:12-14 | Luke 11:1-13

**CHRIST**  
in you  
the **HOPE**  
of **GLORY**