

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

27 July 2025

VOCATION VIEW: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern.
God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Parent/Child Meeting this week

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 this 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 next weekend

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.



Important Information For Confirmation Candidates

Completed *Sacramental Commitment* form must be presented along with a copy of your baptism certificate while attending the Commitment Mass next weekend.

Forms are available from your School or can be downloaded from the parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or by scanning the QR code. These forms will be collected and kept in the Parish Office until your details are entered in the Confirmation Register and notifications sent to the church where you were baptised.



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.

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

Anointing Mass

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in the Cathedral at the 9am Mass on Saturday, 9th August. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are encouraged to participate. The entire parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



Sausage Sizzle

The Catholic Youth Group (CYG) led by Lea Obadia assisted by senior community members of St John's Church, Rangeway, held a successful stall at Bunnings on Saturday 19th July. Thanks to each and everyone, who helped on the stall and to those who came past the stall and supported the fundraising efforts. We thank the youth for their stoic efforts, for staying throughout the whole day serving food and taking payments. The stall raised approximately \$2,000. A contribution will be given to assist the youth to attend the ACYF in Melbourne in November this year! Well done all!

Thank You

Mass in UtaKarra Chapel next Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at UtaKarra next Saturday, **2nd August at 9am**. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

Garage Sale in the Catholic Centre

Next Sunday, 3rd August, 8 am onwards

Setup Day

Saturday 2nd August from 8:30am onwards. Anyone is able to help set up the hall in the Catholic Centre with all donated items for sale, your valuable help will be much appreciated.

Please contact Amy 0419 216 621 for more details.

Garage Sale Day: If you have an hour or two to spare to help on a sales table, please contact Amy.

Otherwise, please come along, help us raise funds, bring your family and have fun and enjoy cups of morning tea/coffee, cakes and slices and other delights. Main raffle tickets will be on sale - total value of prizes \$4,000 proudly sponsored by The Rigger Family and Mitchell & Brown Retravision. Plus you may win a prize in a raffles of \$100 & \$50 notes, or large / small hampers.

Items on sale: child and adult bicycles, IT equipment, kitchenware, handy tools, novels, books, furniture, electronics and a musical organ and musical equipment, plants, gardening tools & much more on sale lots of bargains to be found!



Cash accepted and EFTPOS available!

Pre-sale offers to buy items are welcome – phone: 0419 216 621.

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)

- Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly -

The Holy Father has chosen the theme of the Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held this year on Sunday 27th July: **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"** (cf. Sir 14:2).



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025

These words, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the blessedness of the elderly and indicate hope placed in the Lord as the way to a Christian and reconciled old age.

In the Jubilee year, the Day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church

community.

While not all senior citizens are struggling in terms of their health and welfare, many are not so fortunate. Pope Leo XIV in his message about World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, said, "Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting

relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future." The pontiff added, "How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials!"

Pope Leo XIV has called upon the faithful to reach out to those who are forgotten and alone.

He believes that in the spirit of this Jubilee Year, "We are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment."



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, 27 August, Wednesday at 5 pm
3 September, Wednesday at 5 pm**

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://geraldtoncathedral.org/ocia-order-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>



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



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.



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.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with Litany of St Joseph and Benediction.

Next Friday, 1st August 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.

Welcome everyone to adore the Lord!

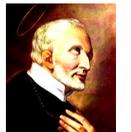


Feasts of the Week

29 July Tue Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

31 July Thu Saint Ignatius of Loyola

1 Aug Fri Saint Alphonsus Liguori



Parish Finances

Contributions of 20th July 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1459.05		684.40
Envelopes	\$ 164.00	62.00	105.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1045.65		403.20
Friday Fast	\$ 62.30		



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There are two versions of the Lord's Prayer in the gospels. The shorter version is Luke 11:1-4, and the longer version is Matthew 6:9-11. The two versions are addressed to different ethnic groups. Luke is writing for Gentile Christians who had not learned to pray like their Jewish counterparts whom Matthew addresses in his Gospel.

The Lord's Prayer is Jewish in structure and content and there are similar texts that observant Jews pray daily. An early Christian text from the mid to late first century, called the 'Didache' or 'Teaching of the Apostles', is a compendium of Christian practices which encourages Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer three times a day.

Luke presents Jesus at prayer more than any other evangelist, so it is not surprising that one of his disciples asks the Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus obliges and the prayer he teaches is composed of five petitions. Praise of God, openness to the fullness of the kingdom of God, a request for daily nourishment, forgiveness from God and by one another, and seeking God's protection in challenging times.

The parable of the insistent friend reminds us of the need for persistence in prayer. However, persistence does not guarantee our desired outcome, so how do we respond when God does

The apostle Paul prayed for the removal of an affliction he called "a thorn in his side" but it never went away.

These biblical examples are reminders that God is not like some cosmic vending machine where we put in our request and our selection appears as we wish. God is not someone we can manipulate, but a loving God who sees beyond our immediate needs and gives us the strength to continue in good and difficult times.

The response to the psalm of the day is, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." Let us imitate the psalmist by not only asking for what we desire but also by giving thanks to God for what has happened in our lives and how God's response has "increased the strength of my soul."

The overall emphasis of the different sections of the gospel is on continuing to grow in our relationship with God who can be understood as a loving and caring parent who always wants what is best for us even if it is not always what is on our wish list.

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not give us what we want. The challenge in persistent prayer is to pray with hope and expectation rather than presumption. The Lord always responds to our prayer but not necessarily in the way that we hope.

Moses prayed that he would enter the promised land with the people he had led for forty years, but this did not eventuate. King David prayed and fasted for seven days that his son would live, but he died. Jeremiah prayed that Jerusalem would not be destroyed but it was.

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.**

Looking for beeswax candles?

100% pure beeswax candles are available at the Parish Holy Shop.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

today Sunday 27th July, 3 - 4pm
at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the Lord and Saviour!

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in with Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton until 8th 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, 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, Lira Especiosa D'Cruz, Kitty Rowe, Don McDonald, Jim & Nancy Ward, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza.

Anniversaries: Sr Mary Evangelist pbvm, Celine Margaret Stephens, Francesca Sciuto and Maria Fiume.

Recently Deceased: Kath Warr, Peter Groves and Mervyn McKay.

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading (Genesis 18:20-32)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 137)

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

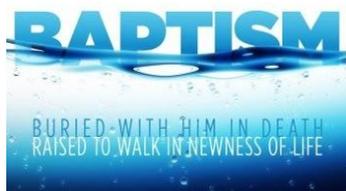
The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly, and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading (Colossians 2:12-14)

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

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has



brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 11:1-13)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Ecclesiastes 1:2-2:21-23|Ps 89|Colossians 3:1-5,9-11|Luke 12:13-21

August Holy Hour in the Cathedral

Come and join in the communal prayer and reflection:

Next Friday 1st August at 11am, followed by Mass at 12.05pm.

