

# 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

## The Ascension of the Lord

## Year C

1 June 2025

**VOCATION VIEW:** Our fundamental vocation or call is to be witnesses of Christ.

Be a witness of Jesus by living your life, bearing qualities of Christ in words and actions wherever you are!

Ascension has always been a part of the joyful celebration of the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost but was singled out for commemoration on the fortieth day (Acts 1:3) toward the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. The feast develops the glory of the resurrection by acclaiming the exaltation of Christ as Lord of heaven and earth.

## The Ascension of the Lord

It serves to prepare the Church, toward the end of the season of Easter, for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- Catechism of the Catholic Church



## St Lawrence's Church Mega Garage Sale

With great gratitude for supporting Mega Garage Sale, we thank St Lawrence's Primary School for the use of their undercover area and for advertising our event, along with St John's School, St Francis Xavier School and Nagle Catholic College, our sponsors Mitchell and Brown, Dome, Leon Baker Jewellers, Woolworths Seacrest, BWS Seacrest, Russel Gaskin - Testing and Tagging Solutions, Melissa Price MP, Kirrilee Warr MLA, Orana Cinemas, Radio MAMA, Geraldton Golf Club, Geraldton's FM Radio Stations, Fusion Australia Friday Circulars, the numerous businesses who displayed our posters, parishioners and friends of our parishes, who donated goods and worked tirelessly, Catholic Youth Group and many patrons who purchased items. The garage sale was a great success because of the wonderful generosity of all. We have made **\$8,574** in addition to the pledged donations to be counted.



## Morning Tea today

Everyone is invited to the morning tea today in the Divine Mercy Garden at 10:30am. Welcome all to have a chat with fellow community members and sip a cuppa. Those who are able to help in anyway would be greatly appreciated. Please talk to the co-ordinator, Amy Zinetti.



## A Pentecost Reflection Day with Sr Catherine Warner

**Next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 10 am – 4 pm.**

Youth Room, Catholic Centre, Maitland Street

"Looking at John's Gospel" as presented by Sister Mary Coloe PBVM

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM is an Associate Professor at the Australian Catholic University where she lectures in New Testament. She is the author of the book, *A Friendly Guide to John's Gospel*.



Sr. Catherine Warner PBVM will explore Saint John the Evangelist's positive message (as presented by Sr Mary in her book) which affirms life and speaks to the heart of human desires today. John's Gospel speaks of life and eternity in relation to the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

All are welcome!!! *Morning Tea & Lunch will be provided.*

**To register for catering purposes, please phone the Parish Office on 99641608.** As this is a free event, we encourage participants to give a donation to help with catering costs.

## Mass in UtaKarra Chapel next Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at UtaKarra next Saturday, **7<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.** Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

## Enrol now for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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 commenced in July. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them as soon as possible. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. For more information and enrolment form, please scan the QR code or visit our website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



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

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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)

## Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

We are grateful to all for your tremendous support of the planned giving for the year 2024-2025. This system enables us to budget for the needs of the parish for the year ahead.

**As the new financial year commences at the beginning of July, we would request to those who made the pledge to finalise it at the earliest.**

### Why Two Collections every Sunday?

#### First Collection

It is known as Clergy Remuneration. The first collection of all churches in the diocese goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund to meet the expenses of priests in the diocese to pay their stipend and living expenses. Priests are only supported by parishioners.

#### Second Collection

The source of income for our parishes is the great generosity of the people only. The welfare of the Parish and the Parish Priests relies on the contributions of each and every Parishioners. All monies needed to operate the parish effectively, comes from the parishioners through the Planned Giving

system and the second collection. It is used for the running of the parish including wages for staff, liturgy expenses, pastoral care activities, bulletins, water, electricity, Telephone, insurance, building maintenance etc.

The post-covid rise in living cost has heavily impacted on our parishes in many ways. The insurance in particular has increased by three times this year due to the end of business of the Catholic Church Insurance.

#### Planned Giving System

It is a system whereby parishioners make a pledge to contribute a certain amount of money for the year ahead by weekly, monthly or yearly intervals. We request to all of you to become a member of this system.

#### How to Join to help your Parish

If you are not a planned giving donor yet and wish to become a member to support your parish, please contact the parish office or fill out a pledge form available in the Church today or visit our [webpage](#) either by



scanning this QR code or accessing via URL <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/planned/> Completed form can be put in the collection bowl or send it to the Parish Office at the earliest either by email or by post.



#### Direct Debit Preferred

Setting up a direct debit (only for second collection), is the best option for hassle free payments. Please visit our [website](#), download a Direct Debit form and send the completed form to the Parish Office. Do not send it by email as we need the original. There are specific forms available for each Parish.

#### Already in the Direct Debit System?

If you already have a Direct Debit in place with the Parish, you do not need to do anything unless you need any amendments in the plan.

#### Current Envelope Users

No envelopes will be provided by the Parish from the new financial year (July 2025). You would have received a letter from the Administrator a week ago. Please read it carefully and follow the options available.

### June Holy Hour

Come and join in communal prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, next Friday 6 June at 11am followed by Mass at 12.05pm.



### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the parents of 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)



### Day of Prayer Come – Reflect – Reconnect

You are invited to join us at Kilmolee at Safety Bay on Friday 20 June for a reflective morning of prayer and stillness.

**Venue:** Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay

Extra parking: 27 Penguin Road, Safety Bay.

Park adjacent to Penguin Road.

Suggested donation: \$25

**RSVP:** Essential by Friday 13 June

**Contact:** Dianne Colborne rsj

**Phone:** 9527 3240

**Email:** [safety.bay@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:safety.bay@sosjspirit.org.au)

Arrive in time for morning tea at 9.30am. Session commences at 10.00am and concludes at 1.00pm with light refreshments.

### 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.



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.

#### Reserved Parking Bays of the Cathedral

The Reserved Parking bays behind the Cathedral are strictly intended for the use of Clergy and Sacristans only, as they need entry and exit at any time. If you are not an intended person to park in the parking bays whether it is in the Church ground or elsewhere, please find other spots to park your car for whatever the reason be. Thank you.



#### Looking for First Holy Communion Gifts or Cards?

There are many piety gift items available for First Holy Communion or other celebrations in our 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!**



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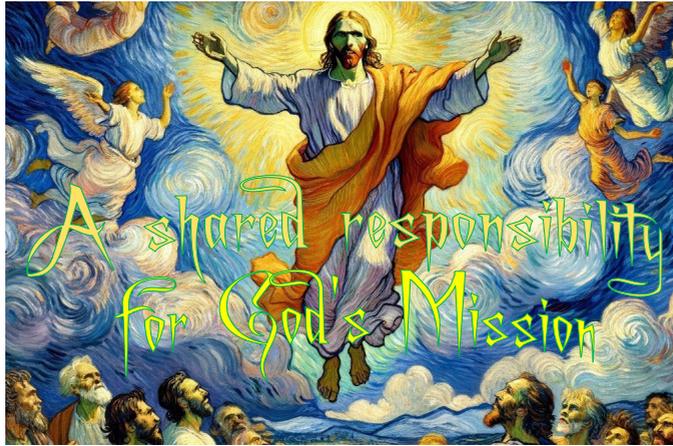
**The** Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote famous operas such as La Boheme, Madama Butterfly and Tosca. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write Turandot, which many consider his best work.

He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy. When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, "If I don't finish Turandot, I want you to finish it." He died of a heart attack in 1924, leaving the work unfinished.

His disciples gathered all that was written for Turandot, studied it in detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. The world premier was in La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926, and Maestro Arturo Toscanini, Puccini's favourite student, conducted it. The opera went beautifully, until Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini.

He stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, "Thus far the master wrote, but he died." There was a long pause; no one moved. Toscanini then picked up the baton, turned to the audience and, with tears in his eyes,

announced, "But his disciples finished his work." The opera closed to thunderous applause and has found a permanent place in the annals of great operas.



The Easter season concludes the public life of Jesus, but before he returns to the Father, he gathers his disciples. He asks them to be his witnesses to the world and continue his ministry by proclaiming the good news and under the influence of the Holy Spirit calling people to newness of life.

The feast of the ascension reminds us of our collective responsibility for mission. We are baptised into the community of believers and share an identity, but life as Catholic Christians is a call to share the mission of Jesus.

We may think that mission and evangelisation are the responsibility of clergy and religious, but they are the responsibility of all the baptised. Pope Francis consistently emphasises that the Church does not engage in proselytising but grows through "attraction" and the witness of lived faith, is how we best share the gospel message and invite others to follow Christ.

Jesus is no longer physically among us, but he reminds us that he journeys with us and that the Holy Spirit accompanies us in our journey through life.

Bearing witness does not necessarily mean speaking about our beliefs, although this is what happened with the first disciples. It means integrity of life where our actions match our words. It may also mean on occasion being willing to engage in dialogue with others who do not share our belief, but who have questions. Dialogue is an essential part of witness to our belief. Like the first disciples of Jesus and Puccini's disciples, it is our task to bring their work to completion.

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### 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.

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.**

### Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with Litany of St Joseph and Benediction  
Next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.  
Welcome everyone to adore the risen Lord!



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	<b>1556.45</b>		<b>686.10</b>
Planned Giving \$	<b>608.00</b>	<b>162.00</b>	<b>465.00</b>
Parish Collection \$	<b>1064.95</b>		<b>377.55</b>
Friday Fast \$	<b>83.50</b>		

### Feast of the Week

3 Jun Tue Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions  
5 Jun Thu Saint Boniface



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be with Soosa & Sisi at 50 Koojarra Street, Strathalbyn until 13 June.  
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 Peter Downes, Rose Ralph, Maria Salamone, Tim Conway, Margaret John, Maureen Burke, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, Andres Rodillas, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly, Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Zenaida Tan, Cherrille Quilty, Andrew Benzie, Pat Miragliotta, Yvonne Fahl, Derek Levett, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees and Nancy McMahon.



**For the deceased:** Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Giovanni & Severina Giudicatti, Emilia & Novello Amazzini, Alessandro & Ida Caratti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza and Don McDonald.

**Anniversaries:** Fr Brian Morgan, Bill Kennedy, Joe Priolo, Fay Clifford, Daniel Donnelly, Felipe Balolong, Eulogia Balolong and Leonilo Balolong.

**Recently Deceased:** Marion Harrington and Roger Fripp.

### Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### First Reading (Acts 1:1-11)

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 46)

#### R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

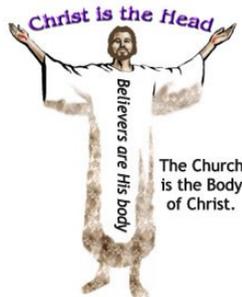
God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23)

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet,



and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!.....**

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world..... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Luke 24:46-53)

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### 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

Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 103 | Romans 8:8-17 | John 14:15-16, 23-26