

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

Pentecost Sunday

Year C

8 June 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Like sun through a stained glass window, the Spirit of God can shine in your life to rouse the best in another. Come, follow Him!

The season of Easter concludes with Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem, the event which marked the beginning of the Church. Gospel of John describes three distinct but related functions of the Spirit.

1. Spirit as Advocate: John's gospel refers to the Spirit as the 'Paraclete' ('Advocate' in our translation). Literally, the Greek word means

'one who comes to the aid of another'.

2. Spirit as Revealer:

Related to this legal role as advocate and witness is the Spirit's role in the proclamation of the word - not just in the courtroom but in 'the world'.

When the Spirit is sent upon the disciples, they will 'also testify' to Jesus (15:27).



3. Spirit as Abiding Presence of Jesus:

As 'another Advocate' the Spirit takes the place of Jesus and is the abiding presence of Jesus with his disciples.

With the coming of the Spirit Jesus' 'earlier promise to remain in his disciples (14:20: 15:4) is fulfilled for the Spirit is sent 'to be with you always' (14:16-17).

- Adapted from Living Liturgy | Labora Worship

Welcome to our Christian Community

Congratulations to Debbie Vowell, Robert Connolly and Doreen Howells on being received into full communion with the Catholic Church. May the faith journey you have begun and brought you to the Easter sacraments lead you to a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be this Tuesday, 10th 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



Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

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](http://geraldtoncatholic.org/planned/) either by scanning this QR code or accessing via URL <http://geraldtoncatholic.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](http://geraldtoncatholic.org/), 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, please read it carefully and follow the options available.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530
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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)

Gaza Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia Appeals for Support for Amputees in Gaza. The UN described Gaza as being "home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history". As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have been made amputees due to the current conflict. In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia's Gaza Emergency Appeal.

We urgently need your support. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 18 00 024 413.



Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting is next Saturday June 14, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in the Crypt with Brunch at Tart & Co afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



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/>



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

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

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!**



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.**

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.**

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.



Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

7-8 June

The Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities will

invite members of ecclesial movements and prayer groups to participate in a celebration of their shared mission.



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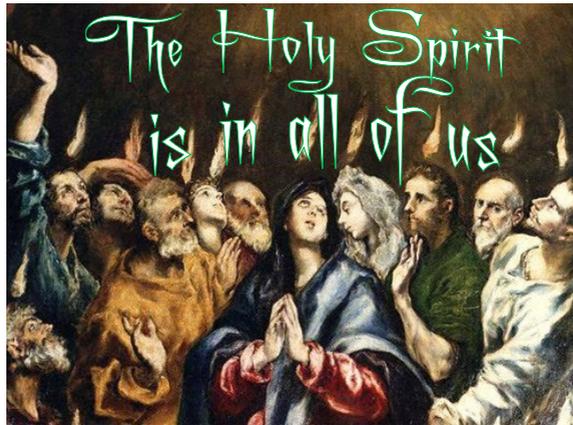
Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the events of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were gathered. They were alone, waiting and wondering. Jesus had ascended into heaven. Now, at Pentecost, there was the coming of the Advocate, the Paraclete, as promised by Jesus at the Last Supper before his death.

The Feast of Pentecost brings the liturgical season of Easter to a close. With the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the plan of salvation is brought to its conclusion.

On this day the Church came into being and, gifted with and inspired by the Holy Spirit, it now began its mission to proclaim "the marvels of God" (Acts 2:11) to the whole world.

The Book of Acts speaks in dramatic terms of the actual event of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. There was a mighty wind and tongues of fire and, much to everyone's astonishment, suddenly the disciples "were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech" (Acts 2:4).

St Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, then reminds us that, as followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit has made a home and dwells in each of us. St Paul describes how this



indwelling radically transforms our very identity. It means that we are not just followers of Christ but beloved children of God and, as children, we are heirs! We are heirs with Christ, sharing the blessings of his resurrection.

St Paul urges us to live by the Spirit, for "everyone who is moved by the Spirit is a son of God" (Rom 8:14). It is the Spirit in us who teaches us to pray, "Abba! Father!"

Today's readings culminate with a text from

John's Gospel reminding us of the role of the Holy Spirit in our personal daily lives and in the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit is an advocate who will guide us and remind us of all that Jesus taught. Jesus promises that "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (Jn: 14:26).

But John's Gospel tells us something even more profound when Jesus promises that "if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14:23).

This is grace: it is God, the Trinity of three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, making their home in us, abiding in us, and little by little, transforming us and conforming us ever more closely into God's image. Little by little we more clearly see the world and everything in it as God sees it. And the fruit of this grace in our lives is good works ... works for the coming of the Kingdom, works of compassion, hospitality and love.

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Catholic Theological College Online Information Session

Monday 16 June at 7pm (AEST)
 Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session
 For more information contact:
 Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar

"Lukewarm people don't really want to be saved from their sin; they want only to be saved from the penalty of their sin."
 – Francis Chan

WA Professional Standards Office

for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

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Geraldton Catholic Parishes

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Parish Finances

Contributions of 1st June 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1481.05		662.80
Planned Giving \$	450.95	115.00	525.00
Parish Collection \$	955.55		369.25
Friday Fast \$	91.20		



Feast of the Week

- 9 Jun Mon Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- 11 Jun Wed Saint Barnabas
- 13 Jun Fri Saint Anthony of Padua



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: John Rowe, Iszac Rowe, Aleyamma George, Celia Hevia, Lisa Siemiginowski, Hazel McLoughlin and Allanah Langton.

Recently Deceased: Marion Harrington.

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 2:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-17)

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Love

Joy

Peace

patience

kindness

Goodness

Trustfulness

gentleness

self-control

let us
be directed
by the Spirit

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew,
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore,
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (John 14:15-16, 23-26)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Proverbs 8:22-31 | Psalm 8 | Romans 5:1-5 | John 16:12-15