

# 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 Balraj

**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

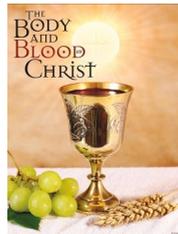
## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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22 June 2025

**VOCATION VIEW:** Food usually becomes more when it is given than when it is taken –  
 The more Jesus is given, the more we share Him, the more He increases.

In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgina diocese of Liège, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast. From Liège, the celebration began to spread, and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church. For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a eucharistic



### Celebration in our Cathedral

We celebrate this great feast in the Cathedral with Holy Mass at 9:30am followed by Eucharistic procession reciting Holy Rosary.

procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by.

The procession will commence from the Cathedral soon after the Mass which will go through *Maitland Street - Cathedral Avenue - Sandford Street - Columbarium* and coming back to the Cathedral for benediction.

Everyone is invited to take part in this great event in proclaiming our faith in the Eucharist. The procession will be contained wholly on the footpath at all times and will not cross or be on any road at any time.



## First Holy Communion Celebration

Hearty Congratulations to the students from Saint Lawrence's Primary School who are celebrating their First Eucharist today at 11am in Bluff Point. Felicitations also to the students from Saint Francis Xavier Primary School along with the Parish After School Program, who will celebrate it next Saturday, on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4:00pm in the Cathedral. Keep them all in your prayers as they take an important step in their life, to grow in deep faith and sanctity.



## Congratulations Bishop Michael

Bishop Michael is celebrating the eighth anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination, next Saturday on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts as he is currently on holidays in Europe.



## Malayalam Mass

Fr Ajith C Antony and Fr Bibin Kurian will be celebrating Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass in the Cathedral tomorrow, Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6pm. Confessions begin at 5:30pm. All Keralites are invited to attend. Thank you.

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

## Did you know?

If you are a non-Catholic or not in the state of grace to receive holy Communion during Mass, you are still welcome to join the line of communicants *holding arms across your chest*, so that the Priest or Minister can give you a blessing!



## Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

Thank you all who have made changes recently in their planned giving system in response to the bulletin notices. We urge other parishioners also to respond this week.

### 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://www.geraldtoncatholic.org.au) either by scanning this QR code or accessing via URL <https://geraldtoncatholic.org/planned/>

Completed forms can be put in the collection bowl or send it to the Parish Office at the earliest either by email or by post.



### Envelope Users - Important notice.

Please **do not use** any left over envelopes of this year after next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. For those who have opted to contribute in your own envelopes, the PG number will be provided after 29<sup>th</sup> of June. *Please do not use your current envelope number from July onwards, as this will be changed.*

### 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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## Holy Father's Collection Next Weekend

Catholics around Australia are encouraged to support this Appeal on the Feast of St Peter and Paul on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. The funds offered by us, the faithful, are a sign of our shared concern with the Successor of Peter in addressing the needs of the Universal Church and to help those in need.

"Holy Father's Collection" envelopes are available at the church doors today for you to contribute. Thank you for the generosity!



## Garage Sale for St John's Church Fundraising Sunday 3 August 2025 in the Catholic Centre From 8:00am onwards. Free entry..

Come along with your Family and have fun joining in - Morning Tea, cakes and slices, buy a raffle ticket, kids enjoy face painting, lucky dips, toys, games, for sale. Adults come along, buy hamper raffle tickets, plants, gardening items, kitchenware, linen, tools, novels, books, furniture, bikes, IT and musical instruments, electronics and much, much more to be found! Pre-sale offers to buy items are welcome!

Cash accepted and EFTPOS available!

For more details: call on 0419 216 621

Come along and have fun and find bargain items!

# GARAGE SALE



## 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.

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."  
- St Padre Pio



## 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

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



## 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!**



## 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.

## 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/>



## 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.

**NO PARKING**

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR),  
and Garratt Publishing present

## Making Synodality Work in our lives and our Parishes

Thursday 26 June 2025 7:00 pm AEST, **Via Zoom, Cost: Free**

The event will be moderated by Christina Reymer and she will be joined by *Bishop Tim Norton SVD, Dr Elissa Roper and Steph Jorna. Gail Gill* will give the concluding summary. To register, please scan the QR code or [click here](#).

Catholicism is experiencing an amazing era of change. We hope that the concepts and ideas from the recent Synod on Synodality will become part of our parishes and dioceses.



## Jubilee Year 2025

## Jubilee of Governments

21-22 June

The Jubilee of Governments is an opportunity to recognise the role that



governments can play in fostering a peaceful, harmonious society.

## Diocesan Office

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**Bread** and Wine are the staples of the life of faith. They are also, simply, staples of life. As staples of life, they signify good living, the celebration of abundance. As staples of faith life, they signify strangely, by being sacrificed, offered to God in thanksgiving, as the crown of abundance, the celebration of God's faithfulness.

Bread means sustenance; wine means celebration, a movement beyond mere survival into the surplus of festival. Grain and grape are transformed through human activity into life-giving (bread) and life-celebrating (wine) elements. And when these staples of life are brought to God, he catches them up into an all-new level of life. Let's now call it divine life. So human life is completed by surplus, by moving beyond itself, first from survival to celebration, and then, by carrying up that movement onto the plane of the ultimate, into sharing in the divine life God made us for and calls us to.

Of course, I'm talking about what happens at the altar, the table of feasting that joins heaven and earth, unites God and humanity. Incredibly, our understanding of bread and wine goes back to the origins of faith, to the life of Abraham. This week's first reading is the first place, in fact,

that bread and wine appear in Scripture. Melchizedek, whom Abraham gives a tenth of his

## The bread and wine narrative



surplus and who brings out bread and wine, is a priest-king of Salem (the future Jerusalem, the capital city of David's kingdom about a thousand years later), who serves "God Most High." Abraham recognises the God of this priest-king as the very God who called him out of Babylon ("Ur of the Chaldeans") and who made a singular promise that his family line would carry forward God's own purpose to bless all nations.

It's a strange story. Who is this priest-king? Why does Abraham give him a tithe? What's up with the bread and wine? The place of this story

within the wider narrative of the Abraham story underlines its strangeness. It just breaks through into a narrative about Abraham's miraculous war victory against five kings and his refusal to share any of the spoils with another king.

Melchizedek sticks out like a sore thumb. But he is never heard of again in the story. He is, however, pinned to David in a very important Messianic Psalm (110, fittingly used as the responsorial). And the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament has an entire chapter (7) pinning Melchizedek to Christ.

Given the prominent place of bread and wine in the agrarian and liturgical life of ancient Israel, it seems like this episode with Abraham (like so much in his story) is meant to be a pregnant heading for all that is to unfold in his descendants' story. The bread and wine of Melchizedek are only fully understood, in all their strangeness, at the altar of Jesus Christ, where that promise to Abraham, carried forward through the old sacrificial system, is realised.

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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.

### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 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)

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 3 - 4pm  
at St Lawrence's Church.

Welcome all to adore the risen Lord!



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1311.90		749.40
Planned Giving \$	563.00	122.00	340.00
Parish Collection \$	922.00		466.05
Friday Fast \$	68.45		

### Feasts of the Week

- 24 Jun Tue The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- 27 Jun Fri The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 28 Jun Sat The Immaculate Heart of Mary



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in the St John of God Hospital Chapel until 27<sup>th</sup> 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 and Matthew Greenlees.



**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:** Mons Cyril John Hawes, Stephen Varghese, John Doust, Bernie Keogh, Joseph Duplex and Thomas Kennedy.

**Recently Deceased:** Nancy McMahan (Fr Andrew's mother in Ireland), Brian Carruthers and Sr Alphonsus Tierney SJG.

### Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### First Reading (Genesis 14:18-20)

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

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 109)

#### R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

R.

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

R.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

R.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

R.

### Second Reading (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

*The Word of the Lord.*

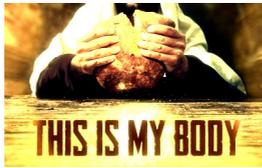
*Thanks be to God.*

### Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine

In fields of immortality;  
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.



### Gospel Acclamation

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

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever..... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Luke 9:11-17)

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

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



*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

Acts 12:1-11 | Psalm 33 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 | Matthew 16:13-19