

# 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

## Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

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29 June 2025

**VOCATION VIEW:** Saints Peter and Paul who preached Christ and planted the Church with their blood and became friends of God. Now it is our turn to care for the Church and live the faith to become friends of God. Are you ready?

### 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 and personal letter. As the new financial year commences this week, 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://geraldtoncathedral.org/planned/) either



by scanning this QR code or accessing via URL <https://geraldtoncathedral.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.

#### Planned Giving Number

For those who have requested the Planned Giving Number for documented contribution, it will be intimated this week either by phone or email.

Please write it on your envelope if you contribute in cash or give your PG number (e.g. **PG - [number]**) in the Reference/description for EFT Transfers.

## Holy Father's Collection this 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.



Please use "Holy Father's Collection" envelopes which are available at the church doors today for you to contribute.

## Morning Tea next Sunday

Our monthly fellowship will be held next Sunday, on 6<sup>th</sup> July in the Divine Mercy Garden at 10:30am subject to the weather. The venue will be changed to Catholic Centre if it is a wet day.



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.

## Welcome Young Choristers

We welcome our new Young Choristers who are singing for the first time today in the Cathedral at 9:30am Mass!! If you know of anyone who may like to join this exciting energetic group, please contact Jacinta at [Jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

We are looking to organise for choir robes for our Young Choristers. if you would like to donate towards the choir please also contact Jacinta by above email.

## Welcome New Trio Seminarians

We welcome three Seminarians from Vietnam who arrived in Perth a few weeks ago and currently on a short visit in Geraldton for a fortnight. Tuan Dang, Tho Hoang and Phong Nguyen



have commenced their formation at St Charles Seminary in Perth. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts as they left their families to become Priests for our diocese.

"Every Mass you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins, more or less, according to your fervour."

- St Leonard

## 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 Amy on 0419 216 621

Come along and have fun and find bargain items!



## Jubilee Year 2025

## Jubilee of Youth

23 July – 3 August

The Jubilee of Youth celebrates the life and contribution of young people in our Church and the world. "Young people are no longer

children. They are at a time of life when they begin to assume a number of responsibilities, sharing alongside adults in

the growth of the family, society and the Church" (Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, n.64).



### Parish Office & Holy Shop

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**Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707

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

## July Holy Hour in the Cathedral

Come and join in the communal prayer and reflection at 11am, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July followed by Mass at 12.05pm.



## 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)



## 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.



## 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!



## 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/>



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/>



## 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)



## 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

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

## Feast of the Week

3 July Thu Saint Thomas, the Apostle



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



## Diocesan Office

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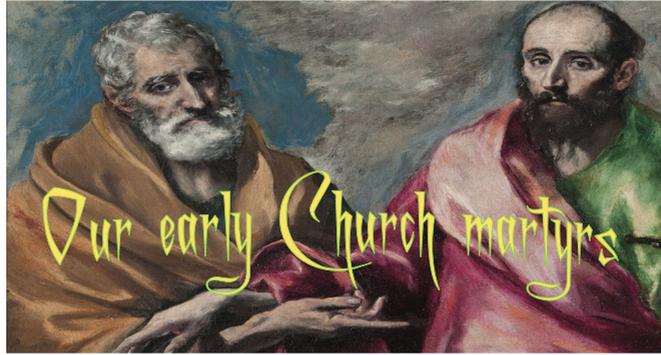
In this week's gospel reading (Matthew 16:13), Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?". The disciples offer various answers, including that some believe Jesus to be John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah.

However, when Jesus presses further, asking, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?", it is Simon Peter who responds emphatically, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

This confession of faith is a pivotal moment in the gospels. Peter, inspired by divine revelation, recognises Jesus not just as a prophet but as the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus' response to Peter's declaration is both affirming and momentous. He tells Peter, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven." Jesus then declares that Peter is the rock upon which He will build His Church: "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

The name "Peter" itself comes from the Greek word petros, meaning "rock," which establishes a direct connection to Jesus' words. The passage continues with Jesus giving Peter the "keys of

the kingdom of heaven," granting him authority to bind and loose on earth, as it will be in heaven. This confers a unique leadership role on Peter in the early Church, establishing his



primacy and special role among the apostles. The roles of Saints Peter and Paul in the early Church are central to understanding the growth and spread of Christianity. Both apostles are foundational figures, each contributing uniquely to the establishment of Christian teaching and community.

Peter is often considered the first pope of the Roman Catholic Church, based on the belief that Jesus entrusted him with the authority to lead His Church. Peter's leadership and his martyrdom in Rome further solidify his position as a central figure in Christian tradition.

Peter's role as the rock upon which the Church is

built signifies stability, continuity, and faithfulness in Christ's mission. The Church sees Peter's authority, symbolised by the keys of the kingdom, as essential in guiding the faithful and preserving the integrity of Christian teaching.

While Peter was the leader of the early Church, Paul was the great missionary who brought Christianity to the Gentiles. He too was martyred. Paul's letters (Epistles) form a significant portion of the New Testament, shaping Christian doctrine, ethics, and theology. His conversion from Saul, a persecutor of Christians, to Paul, an ardent missionary, serves as a powerful testimony to the transformative power of Christ. Paul's deep theological insights, especially concerning grace, salvation, and the nature of the Church, made him instrumental in spreading Christianity beyond its Jewish roots.

Though Peter and Paul had different missions, their combined efforts were crucial to the growth and establishment of the early Church. Their martyrdoms — both in Rome, under the reign of Emperor Nero - are commemorated each year on June 29.

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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.

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

Welcome all to adore the Lord and Saviour!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.

Welcome everyone to adore the Lord!



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1485.60		1000.95
Planned Giving \$	463.00	202.50	260.00
Parish Collection \$	1049.45		677.60
Friday Fast \$	67.35		

### MHC 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.



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The pilgrim rosary statue will be in the St John of God Hospital Chapel until 4<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 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, Don McDonald and Ron Siemiginowski.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Duplex and Carlo Ricupero.

**Recently Deceased:** Sue Creek, Mary Bosman, Kathleen Browning, Nancy McMahan (Fr Andrew's mother in Ireland) and Brian Carruthers.

### Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

### First Reading (Acts 12:1-11)

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

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33)

#### R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him **R.**

### Second Reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18)

#### A reading from the Second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.

To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it..... Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 16:13-19)

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

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

### 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

Isaiah 66:10-14 | Psalm 65 | Galatians 6:14-18 | Luke 10:1-12,17-20

