

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priests Fr Savio Nguyen
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

All Souls' Day

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VOCATION VIEW: *Sainthood: a vocation fulfilled. Whatever journey you take, whichever path you follow, be sure your "career" leads you to sainthood, the greatest and ultimate Vocation.*

The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

This Sunday we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. On this day the Church tenderly remembers all the faithful departed, entrusting them to the mercy of God who is life itself. The readings remind us that death does not have the final word: Christ, the firstborn from the dead, draws all who believe into his risen life.



In the Eucharist we stand within the great communion of saints - those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, those who mourn, and those still making the journey.

to God's care, we are invited to renew our own hope in the resurrection and to live now as people of mercy, gratitude and peace.

All Souls' Day celebrates the same mystery as

Prayer for the dead is an act of love, affirming our belief that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

As we name our loved ones and commend them

yesterday's feast of All Saints, though from a different perspective. Both feasts look to Jesus' death and resurrection and recognise that this Paschal Mystery is the hope of those who are baptised into Christ. All Saints however celebrates the fact that those who have been faithful rejoice with Christ in glory. All Souls remembers those who have died and commends them to God's generous care. The two feasts together recognise the ambiguity of human life after death and the mystery of our destiny in Christ.

Christmas Garage Sale next Sunday

Do you have any items no longer in use but will be a great treasure, or a great gift for another? Items such as kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, electrical items, jewellery, pot plants, garden items, tools, push bikes, toys, balls and soft toys. Ainslie is generously supplying us with books so we have plenty of books. No clothing please as it is difficult to present stylishly. Your generous donations will add great value to our garage sale.



Please deliver your items next Saturday, 8th November between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm to the undercover area at St Lawrence's School. If you can help for a few hours on Saturday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and Sunday between 8:15 am and 2:30 pm it would be greatly appreciated.

The Garage Sale is next Sunday 9th November from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, St Lawrence's School undercover area with a good cuppa available with homemade scones, cake and savoury and a good place for your Christmas shop.

We will have a raffle with wonderful prizes. Hope to see you there!

Utakarra Mass and Blessing of Graves next Saturday

November, being the month of the Holy Souls, Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 8th November in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra at 9:00 am followed by the blessing of graves. There will be no Mass in the chapel in December and January.



NOVEMBER | The Month of the Holy Souls

This is a time when we remember and pray for our family members and friends who are deceased. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special **November Mass offering envelopes** available at the Church



entrance today. Envelopes will be given to priests and names entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed near the Altar at each Mass in November.



Please write the names clearly and legibly.

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

Morning Tea today

Please join in the morning tea today at 10:30am in the Divine Mercy Garden. 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. Thank you.

Thank You

On behalf of the Akot Community South Sudan, the Women's and Children's Health Association committee would like to thank everyone who generously supported our movie fundraiser.

We are so grateful for the success. Just over \$1800 has been raised.

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)

The Jubilee of the World of Education celebrates all forms of education – early



learning, school (both primary and secondary), and tertiary education.

Anointing Mass

The holy Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 9am Mass on Saturday, 15th November. 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.



Last Baptism Preparation Meeting of the Year

The next and last Baptism preparation meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, 11th November at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room.



The following meeting will be on 10th February 2026.

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

First Friday Holy Hour - November

As Pilgrims of Hope, let us pray for the Holy Souls At 11am next Friday 7th November in the Cathedral followed by mid-day Mass at 12:05pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with Litany of St Joseph and Benediction. Next Friday, 7th November 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting next Saturday, 8th November, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in Crypt with Brunch at Tart & Co afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend.



Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com

Sustaining Mass for You at Home

Mass for You at Home (MFYAH) is a ministry that has, for over 54 years, provided a spiritual and liturgical lifeline to those who are sick, elderly, in prison, or otherwise unable to attend Mass in person.

For many of the 35,000+ weekly viewers, MFYAH is not simply a convenience; it is a vital connection to the Eucharistic celebration and the Church community they have loved and been part of their whole life.

A difficult decision - one more year

The financial reality of sustaining MFYAH is significant. Each year, the cost to produce and broadcast the program is approximately \$550,000 - with \$300,000 allocated to broadcasting fees and the remainder covering production, staff, and Auslan interpreters for the deaf community. Since 2021, the Diocese of Wollongong has absorbed financial shortfalls, but this model is no longer sustainable.

This weighed heavily on me as I discerned whether MFYAH could continue into 2025. Yet, like the patient gardener in Jesus’ parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:6-9), I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to give this

ministry “one more year” - to nurture it, to give it time to bear fruit, and to seek a path toward long-term sustainability.

However, if MFYAH is to thrive beyond 2025, we must look beyond temporary solutions. This is why I am writing - not simply to sustain it for another year, but to secure its future for the next five years while broadcast TV remains the primary medium for those without internet access.

A Call to shared Mission

If MFYAH were to cease, the Church in Australia would lose its only national presence on free-to-air television. More importantly, tens of thousands of faithful Catholics - our elderly, our sick, our imprisoned - would lose their spiritual connection to the Eucharistic celebration, as they do not have internet access or are unable to navigate online options. Our viewers, often elderly, also appreciate the excellent sound quality, music, close-up professional camera work and response captions which provides an intimate experience of being a part of the Mass.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

As Our Lady Help of Christians comes to the aid of her children, may we be moved by her example to bring Christ’s presence to those who are most in need of his peace and consolation, and who long to be united with him in spiritual Communion.

From the letter of Most Rev Brian G Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong.

Parishioners are encouraged to support this important ministry. For more information on how to support, please visit:

<https://massforyou.com.au/how-to-donate/>

To Pay by phone please call 1800 627 749

For Direct Deposits

Name of Account: Mass for You at Home
BSB: 084-034 **Account:** 76-617-0804

Please include Mass for You or MFYAH in the reference/details field and, if possible, please email massforyou@catholic.org.au to advise of the date of transfer and amount transferred.

“Mass for you at Home” is available on Channel 10 at 6am every Sunday and any time at <https://massforyou.com.au>

Thanks to your generosity !

On behalf of the Church in Zambia we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is helping empower women, provide essential healthcare, and bring hope to vulnerable communities.

To learn more about the impact your support



is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people’s lives.

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On All Soul's Day the Church invites each of us to remember and pray for the souls of our dear ones who have gone before us and for those who have no one to remember them.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, praying for the souls who have died is one way to ask for God's grace of forgiveness and mercy, so they may enter the Kingdom of God that He has promised. Our prayers to support the faithfully departed are important because "nothing unclean shall enter heaven" (Revelation 21:27). It is our fundamental belief that we are never truly separated when we are united in prayer.

Today's scripture readings invite us to discover God's mercy and His loving grace for the salvation of humanity. Salvation is the work of God and His graciousness. It is God's desire to save us all. With firm faith in Christ's resurrection, Christians believe that, in death, life is transformed, not destroyed.

The Book of Wisdom depicts that people who live righteously before God - even demonstrating their faithfulness when tested by various

challenges - will be blessed. As human beings, we hope to enter God's Kingdom after we pass from this world. Thus, we ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of hope, because the state of the world

explains, "the last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1Cor 15:26).

Christ is the New Adam who brought life through death. Only in

and through Christ Jesus will we be saved. Salvation is the pure grace and gift of God, and it calls for our human response of faith. The gospel highlights the relationship between faith and eternal life, as Jesus teaches, "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life" (John 6:40).

To enter eternal life requires faith, faith in Jesus as the Son of the Father who comes to show us the way to life. Jesus assures

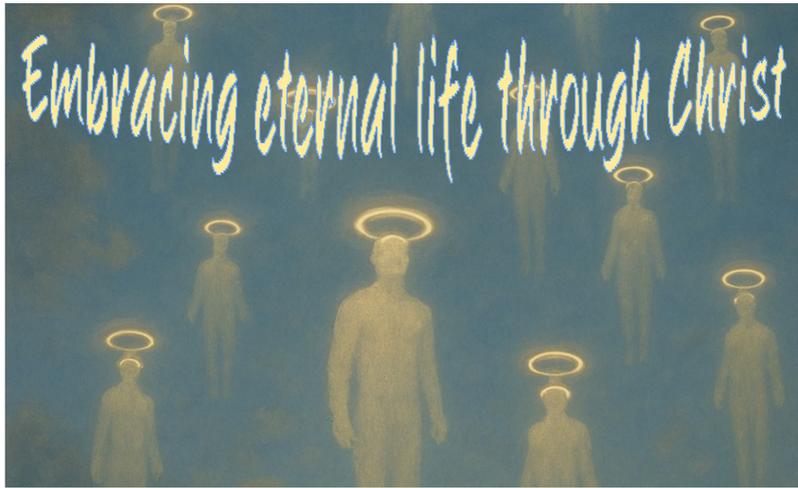
those who have faith and believe in him that they will experience resurrection and enjoy eternal life. This belief is the core of All Soul's Day.

So, with this celebration we come to the Lord in faith, praying that the souls of the dead, through God's mercy, may rest in peace. Amen.

Fr Bence Baoninang CSsR

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and life's challenges and difficulties can cause us to despair and even lead us to believe there is nothing after death. But as Christians we believe that the undying hope for salvation will ultimately be rewarded by God himself, because "hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5).

St Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, summarises the essence of today's celebration by saying, "in Christ all shall be brought to life." Jesus Christ's resurrection brings life. Through His resurrection, death is destroyed. As Paul

God's Word 2026 still available in the Parish Office

God's Word for daily readings and reflections for 2026 is available now in the Parish Office for \$22. Hurry to get your copy as only a few more copies left!



Columban Calendar 2026

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for the year 2026 is available now in the Parish Office for only \$11. Get your copy soon before being sold out!



Christmas cards and Nativity Sets Available now

Christmas is coming closer! Be in time to send out your messages to your loved ones. Beautiful Christmas cards are now available for you to purchase in our Holy Shop.



Budget cards for just \$3.50 per packet of 8.

If you are looking to buy a nativity set for this Christmas, whether it is small or big in size, we have it in our holy shop. Please visit the parish office during the office hours. EFTPOS available.



Other religious gifts are also available

Lots of new arrivals are there to browse and buy. Pure beeswax candles, pretty fleece blankets/throws etc also available.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 26th October 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1470.85		793.85
Envelopes	\$ 115.00	95.00	70.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1108.65		489.50
Friday Fast	\$ 57.95		



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.



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with Mrs Mary Marsh at 102A Fitzgerald Street, Beachlands until 14th November. All Welcome!

Rosary will be prayed at 5pm Monday-Friday



Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

Monday, Friday and Sunday from 4 pm – 5 pm in the main Chapel. All welcome to join the Sisters and residents in prayerful adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral

Thursdays after 7am Mass until 8am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00am followed by Mass, and First Fridays 7:30-9:30pm with Benediction.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Rose Ralph, Tim Conway, Maria Salamone, Maureen Burke, Andres Rodillas, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly, Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Cherrille Quilty, Pat Miragliotta, Derek Levett, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees, Ramon Tan Jr., Zenaida Tan and Peg Faithfull.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald and Teresa Teixeira.

Anniversaries: Fr Noel Tobin, John Sancho, Philomena Sancho, Glenis McKay, Gordon McLoughlin and Nelson Antony.

Recently Deceased: Reg Maisey, Michael Green and Imelda Con-ui.

Entrance Antiphon

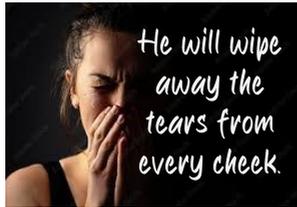
Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 26)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading (Romans 5:5-11)

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

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 7:11-17)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it

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.

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

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 | Psalm 45 | 1 Corinth 3:9-11,16-17 | John 2:13-22

happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.

Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

