

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

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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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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9 November 2025

VOCATION VIEW: *'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'.* Jesus is zealous to keep His Father's house sacred. Your body is the temple of God. Keep it sacred for God to dwell in it!

Each year on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake. Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners.



"We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love," Pope Francis said at the time. *Please keep in your prayers all of our brothers and sisters in prison, our prison ministry members and chaplains.*

Christmas Garage Sale Today!

You are invited to attend our garage sale today, Sunday 9th November, at St Lawrence's School undercover area from 8:30am to 1:30pm where a good cuppa with homemade scones and a tasty assortment of cakes and savouries are available. A one stop Christmas shop with plants to beautify your home, extra glassware for the occasion, chinaware and cutlery at bargain prices. Keep the kids happy with our affordable toys and while they are playing, relax with a book or two purchased at our quality bookstore that Ainslie always organises and caters for everyone's tastes. *We have EFTPOS! See you there!!*



Anointing Mass next Saturday

The holy Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 9am Mass next 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.



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.

Prison Sunday Prayer

God of all life,
 Your son called us to be compassionate,
 just as You are compassionate. And so we pray:
 For our generous Earth, who, even when mistreated,
 continues to nourish and sustain us.
 May we grow in mutual care.
 For our suffering peoples,
 who, even when facing injustices,
 teach us resilience and hope.
 May we grow in mutual care.
 For each one of us, who, in times of vulnerability,
 draws on divine love and strength.
 May we grow in mutual care.
 For our prison ministries, which, in times of change,
 find new ways of reaching out and in.
 May we grow in mutual care.
 And may we be blessed and inspired
 as we hear these words anew:
 "For you had compassion for those who were in prison."
 In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
 Amen.



*Australian Catholic Bishops Conference,
 Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.*

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

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

AGM of our combined Parishes will be held on Sunday, 23rd November starting with a morning tea at 10:30am in the Catholic Centre. The meeting will be commenced at 11:00 am in the Youth Room. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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Vatican Clarifies on certain Titles of Mary, The Mother of Christ

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued a Doctrinal Note recently on Some Marian Titles Regarding Mary's Cooperation in the Work of Salvation.

This Vatican document on Marian devotion clarifies that Mary is not co-redemptrix or co-mediatrix, emphasizing Christ's unique role in salvation.

While clarifying in what sense certain titles and expressions referring to Mary are acceptable or not, this text also aims to deepen the proper foundations of Marian devotion by specifying Mary's place in her relationship with believers in light of the Mystery of Christ as the sole Mediator and Redeemer.

Marian devotion, which Mary's motherhood engenders, is presented here as a treasure of the Church. The piety of the faithful People of God - who find in Mary refuge, strength, tenderness, and hope - is not contemplated here to correct it but, above all, to appreciate, admire, and encourage it.

However, there are some Marian reflection groups, publications, new devotions, and even requests for Marian dogmas that do not share the same characteristics as popular devotion. Rather, they ultimately propose a particular dogmatic development and express themselves intensely through social media, often sowing confusion among ordinary members of the faithful. Sometimes these initiatives even involve reinterpretations of expressions that were used in the past with a variety of meanings.

The Original Doctrinal Note can be read at https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dof_doc_20251104_mater-populi-fidelis_en.html

Here are some important points from the said Note for you to read and understand.

[*Mater Populi Fidelis*] The Mother of the Faithful People of God is viewed with affection and admiration by Christians because, since grace makes us like Christ, Mary is the most perfect expression of Christ's action that transforms our humanity. She is the feminine manifestation of all that Christ's grace can accomplish in a human being. In the face of such beauty and moved by love, many members of the faithful throughout history have sought to refer to the Mother using the most beautiful words to exalt the special place she holds at Christ's side.

Yet, these titles - some of which already appear in the writings of the Church Fathers - are not always employed precisely, and their meanings are sometimes altered or misinterpreted.

Beyond terminological issues, some titles pose significant difficulties regarding their content because they can often lead to a mistaken understanding of Mary's role, which carries serious repercussions at the Christological, ecclesiological and anthropological levels.

Regarding the theological development of these themes* in the first centuries of Christianity, the Church Fathers were primarily concerned with Mary's divine motherhood (*Theotokos*), her perpetual virginity (*Aeiparthenos*), her perfect holiness as one who was free from sin throughout her life (*Panagia*), and her role as the New Eve, reflecting upon Mary's association with Christ's Redemption in the context of the mystery of the Incarnation. Mary's "Yes" to Gabriel's message - so that the Word of God might become flesh in her womb (cf. *Lk 1:26-37*) - opens for humanity the possibility of divinization. For this reason, Saint Augustine calls the Virgin "cooperator" in Christ's Redemption, thereby emphasizing both Mary's action at Christ's side as well as her subordination to him, for Mary cooperates with Christ so that "the faithful might be born in the Church." *For this reason, we can call her the Mother of the Faithful People of God.*

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception highlights the primacy and unicity of Christ in the work of Redemption, for it teaches that Mary - the first to be redeemed - was herself redeemed by Christ and transformed by the Spirit, prior to any possible action of her own. From this special condition of being the first redeemed by Christ and the first transformed by the Holy Spirit, Mary is able to cooperate more intensely and profoundly with Christ and the Spirit, becoming the prototype, model and exemplar of what God wants to accomplish in every person who is redeemed.

Among the titles used to invoke Mary ("Mother of Mercy," "Hope of the Poor,"



"Help of Christians," "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour," "Our Advocate," etc.), there are some that place greater emphasis on her cooperation in the redemptive work of Christ, such as "Co-redemptrix" and "Mediatrix."

Given the necessity of explaining Mary's subordinate role to Christ in the work of Redemption, *it is always inappropriate* to use the title "Co-redemptrix" to define Mary's cooperation. This title risks obscuring Christ's unique salvific mediation and can therefore create confusion and an imbalance in the harmony of the truths of the Christian faith, for "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (*Acts 4:12*). When an expression requires many, repeated explanations to prevent it from straying from a correct meaning, it does not serve the faith of the People of God and becomes *unhelpful*. In this case, the expression "Co-redemptrix" does not help extol Mary as the first and foremost collaborator in the work of Redemption and grace, for it carries the risk of eclipsing the exclusive role of Jesus Christ — the Son of God made man for our salvation, who was the only one capable of offering the Father a sacrifice of infinite value — which would not be a true honor to his Mother. Indeed, as the "handmaid of the Lord" (*Lk 1:38*), Mary directs us to Christ and asks us to "do whatever he tells you" (*Jn 2:5*).

The biblical statement about Christ's exclusive mediation is conclusive. Christ is the only Mediator, "for there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all" (*1 Tim 2:5-6*). The Church has clarified this unique place of Christ in light of the fact that he is the eternal and infinite Son of God, hypostatically united with the humanity he assumed. This is exclusive to Christ's humanity, and the consequences that derive from it can only be properly applied to him. In this precise sense, the Incarnate Word's role is exclusive and unique. Given this clarity in the revealed Word of God, special prudence is required when applying the term "Mediatrix" to Mary. In response to a tendency to broaden the scope of Mary's cooperation through this title, it is helpful to specify the range of its value as well as its limits.

** Please read the full document online.*

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The celebration of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the official cathedral of the Diocese of Rome) one thousand seven hundred and one years ago in 324AD is an occasion to reflect on the architectural symbolism of a church.

The most foundational elements of a functioning church are surely the altar, the tabernacle, and the baptismal font. There is wide variety as regards their architectural style and location in the building. Typically, the baptismal font is placed at the entrance at the back of the church and the altar in an elevated section in the front of the church, called the sanctuary.

The tabernacle, flanked by a perpetually burning candle, is often beyond the altar, perhaps above the high altar against the eastward wall, if your church is old enough to have one. It may be placed in its own chapel somewhere else in your church. If you are seated in a pew in the nave, the main body of the building, you can probably locate each of these three items. To understand their significance, we must look at them from a symbolic or sacramental perspective.

The baptismal font: The story of creation begins with waters. They represent uninhabitable,

unformed reality, chaos, death, and ultimately nothingness. God restrains darkness with light, separates the waters, and permits dry land to appear. He's making a domain in which life can appear and ultimately human life with which he

through the act of creation! And what happens on the altar is the sacramental accomplishment of the goal of creation, a real foretaste of the world's purpose.

The tabernacle: This box takes its name from the tent in which the presence of God resided in the center of Israel's camp as they made their pilgrimage through the desert after passing through the waters of the Red Sea in their miraculous deliverance from Egypt. In your church, it holds the reserve sacrament, the consecrated bread which is the sacramental presence of God made flesh. The tabernacle contains the tangible promise of God's commitment to liberate the whole world through humanity united to himself. It is opened at the apex of the mass when this promise is renewed between God and you.

If you ponder these architectural items from the sacramental viewpoint, you will begin to see the world with new eyes. The church, in its most basic elements, is a microcosm of creation. Its architecture is meant to teach you the deepest truths about the world's beginning and purpose.

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seeks to partner to complete his creation purpose. Baptism restarts that original purpose. It reestablishes your partnership with God, bringing you into Eden where the New Adam and Eve, Jesus and his mother, are now, giving you a place and a role in their new world.

The altar: An altar is a little mountain. And a mountain is the high place where heaven and earth are brought together. When you enter liturgical space, you move through the waters to the mountain. In other words, you make passage

Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass for Vaun Gould will be celebrated at St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point on Wednesday, 19th November at 10:30am followed by light refreshments at the Wintersun Hotel.

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 2nd November 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1812.95		759.95
Envelopes	\$ 164.00	77.00	240.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1519.40		472.40
Friday Fast	\$ 104.15		



Feasts of the Week

10 Nov Mon Saint Leo the Great
11 Nov Wed Saint Martin of Tours
12 Nov Thu Saint Josaphat



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 and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Fr Michael Moffat, Sr Gerard Cooney csn, Julius Moralde and Gerry Criddle.

Recently Deceased: Reg Maisey and Robin Susanne Wood.

Entrance Antiphon

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading (Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 45)

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17)

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

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (John 2:13-22)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked

their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.



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

Malachi 3:19-20 | Psalm 97 | 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 | Luke 21:5-19