

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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16 November 2025

VOCATION VIEW: You know that at the end of earth-time, everything will be stubble.
 Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

COMMUNIO SUNDAY

The Bishop's annual Christmas Communio Appeal begins today on Communio Sunday. This Appeal is a time for us to prayerfully consider our gifts and the gift of giving, and to possibly help those within our Diocese needing assistance.

We encourage you to please take home with you today Bishop's Christmas Communio Appeal letter addressed to Parishioners. Thank you.

"Together we can make a difference!"

Red Wednesday this week

Red Wednesday is on 19th November which is an initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) to pray for, and draw attention to, Christians who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Notre Dame in Paris; the British Houses of Parliament and the Colosseum in Rome, are some of the landmarks that have participated by lighting their facades in red. Since 2018, ACN Australia has joined commemorations around the world for Red Wednesday. Our Cathedral will also be lighted in red this year.

Praying the Red Rosary: focusing each decade on a different continent where Christians suffer persecution, at the Cathedral Labyrinth, 6pm on Red Wednesday. **All Welcome to pray in solidarity!**

Little blue books available today

A beautiful resource for daily reflections during Advent, the **Little Blue Books** are available in the church from today onwards for only \$4. Get your own copy in time and be ready for Advent! Just put your money in the bowl and take your copy.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Change of Date

AGM of our combined Parishes will be held on Sunday, 30th 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.

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.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We will celebrate this feast next Sunday in the Cathedral with **Holy Mass at 9:30am followed by Eucharistic procession**, reciting the holy Rosary, which will be concluded with a solemn Benediction. *Welcome all to be a part of it.*

Launch of Diocesan Pastoral Plan

During the Mass, Bishop Michael will launch the diocesan pastoral plan, which is the fruit of the diocesan synod held in Geraldton last year.

Pipe Organ Day

Next Saturday 22 November 12:30-4pm (pop in any time!!)
 Come and experience the amazing world of the **pipe organ**!!

An age-old instrument but ever-new featuring the latest technology;

it enthral, inspires, wows - you must come and see it in action !!!

This event is part of the international **Play the Organ Year**: an initiative of the *Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)* and is part of a series of musical events taking part all across the world on this same day: including the playing of Handel's **Largo** at 2pm in various time zones through the world - including right here in Geraldton at 2pm!



Christmas cards and Nativity Sets Available now

Christmas is coming pretty 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 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)

9th World Day of the Poor

Today is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world.

Please find below from the Message of Pope Leo XIV for the 9th World Day of Poor.

"You, O Lord, are my hope" (Ps 71:5). These words well up from a heart burdened by grave hardship: "You have made me see many troubles and calamities" (v. 20), the Psalmist exclaims. At the same time, his heart remains open and confident; steadfast in faith, he acknowledges the support of God, whom he calls "a rock of refuge, a strong fortress" (v. 3). Hence, his abiding trust that hope in God never disappoints: "In you, Lord, I take refuge; I shall never be put to shame" (v. 1).

Amid life's trials, our hope is inspired by the firm and reassuring certainty of God's love, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. That hope does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Thus Saint Paul could write to Timothy: "To this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God" (1 Tim 4:10). The living God is in fact "the God of hope" (Rom 15:13), and Christ, by his death and resurrection, has himself become "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1). We must never forget that we were saved in this hope, and need to remain firmly rooted therein.

The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting hopes to a

lasting hope. Once we desire that God accompany us on the journey of life, material wealth becomes relativized, for we discover the real treasure that we need. The words that the Lord Jesus spoke to his disciples remain forceful and clear: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Mt 6:19-20).

The gravest form of poverty is not to know God. As Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "The worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. The great majority of the poor have a special openness to the faith; they need God and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith" (No. 2000). Here we see a basic and essential awareness of how we can find our treasure in God. As the Apostle John insists: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).

This is a rule of faith and the secret of hope: all this earth's goods, material realities, worldly pleasures, economic prosperity, however important, cannot bring happiness to our hearts. Wealth often disappoints and can lead to tragic situations of poverty — above all the poverty born of the failure to recognize our need for God and of the attempt to live without him. A saying of Saint Augustine comes to mind: "Let all your hope be in God: feel your need for him, and let him fill that need. Without him,



whatever you possess will only make you all the more empty" (*Enarr. in Ps.*, 85:3).

The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church's charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope.

It is my hope, then, that this [Jubilee Year](#) will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor. Labor, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms. I express my appreciation for those initiatives that already exist, and for the efforts demonstrated daily on the international level by great numbers of men and women of good will.

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Comforter of the Afflicted and, with her, let us raise a song of hope as we make our own the words of the *Te Deum*: "In you, O Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain."

For reading the full message, please access it by scanning the QR Code or via URL

www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html



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!



"As the separation of the soul from the body is the death of the body, so the separation of God from the soul is the death of the soul. And this death of the soul is the true death."
— St. Gregory Palamas



DV alert is free, nationally recognized training program to help frontline workers and general public to recognize the signs of domestic and family violence and know what to do next.

2 Hour Domestic Violence aware Workshop

for general public On 3 December 1-3pm hosted by the Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation, Spalding, WA. Register by scanning the QR Code.



2 Days First Nations Foundations Workshop

for frontline workers 4 & 5 December 9-5pm (both days) hosted by the Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation, Spalding, WA. Register by scanning the QR Code.



For further enquiries: training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au



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This week's readings are referred to as apocalyptic. While 'Hollywood' and video games portray apocalyptic through images of widespread destruction, catastrophic events or zombie attacks, the original meaning refers to uncovering or unveiling in order to impart wisdom, meaning, and hope to people.

Like all biblical references to the future, such apocalyptic descriptions are symbolic in nature. They are meant to inspire believers to find whatever good they can from life's inevitable suffering. Contrary to what some people think, they don't point to specific historical occurrences, nor are they predictions of events taking place in our own time. Rather, they are meant to urge us on with perseverance and fidelity.

The prophet Malachi predicts: "the day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble". Yet, for the righteous, it will be a day of healing. Luke presents Jesus announcing: nations at war, family divisions, and various natural disasters. For individuals, there's also an expectation of persecution, hatred and even death. Yet, in the midst of the turmoil, promises for those who remain steadfast: "your endurance

will win you your lives" and "not a hair of your head will be lost".

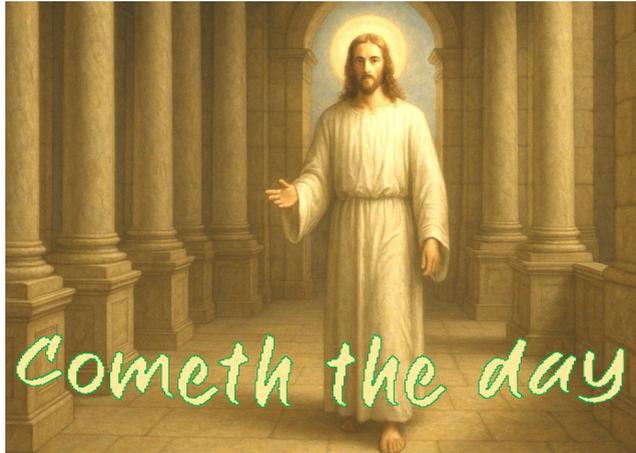
Jesus warns his disciples there will be challenging times ahead – for himself, his followers and the nation. Yet, in the midst of all this, he offers hope that "the end is not so

accidents or the negligence and malice of others. We're encouraged to reflect on such realities, with Jesus cautioning us to invest our time, talent and resources in God's Kingdom and its values, which cannot be destroyed.

There's a verse in Marty Haugen's hymn "Gather us in," that says: "Not in the dark of buildings confining; not in some heaven light years away. But here, in this place, new light is streaming, now is the kingdom, now is the day." This is precisely what Jesus is saying. We must live God's Kingdom now, not just as something that will happen at some future date. While God's Kingdom is not fully established, it does have a solid foothold in our world.

Jesus is offering us the vision of an ending and a new beginning; a vision of God's Kingdom and a different kind of temple where Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus understands that every temple is temporary, every system we create will collapse, every cause, every framework that we construct will disappear and disappoint, except His!

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soon." He urges his followers, and us, not to be fooled by so-called 'saviours and messiahs' spouting empty promises and false predictions. He implores us to remain resolute and forever focused on the gospel.

The gospel shines an insightful light upon the great efforts we put into building up visions, plans or structures only to have them torn down by circumstances; whether by natural disasters,

Memorial Mass

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

International Volunteer Opportunities

⇒ Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

⇒ Discover how you can get involved in Palms International Volunteering



Discover Palms International Volunteering at <https://palms.org.au/event/> in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our **Gap Year opportunities** for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future.

On Thursday 4 Dec 2025 at 6pm or 9pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

2. Join our **TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER** Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

On Monday 8 Dec at 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at palms.org.au/events **02 9560 5333 | palms@palms.org.au**

Parish Finances

Contributions of 9th November 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1823.90		820.10
Envelopes	\$ 130.00	97.00	180.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1566.05		635.45
Friday Fast	\$ 83.00		



Feasts of the Week



17 Nov Mon Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

21 Nov Fri The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22 Nov Sat Saint Cecilia



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THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the Bishop's House until 28th November.

Rosary will be prayed at **5pm** Monday-Friday **except** this **Wednesday at 6pm at the Cathedral.**



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, Peg Faithfull and Maureen Lynch.



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

Anniversaries: Michael Duplex, David Pope, David Day and Fred Hug.

Recently Deceased: Robin Susanne Wood.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading (Malachi 3:19-20)

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 97)

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!..... Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 21:5-19)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there

will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defense, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

"Not a hair
of your head
will be lost" !

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

2 Samuel 5:1-3 | Psalm 121 | Colossians 1:12-20 | Luke 23:35-43