

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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23 November 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? It must be YOU!

Nativity Display and Schools Competition in the Catholic Centre, commencing this week!

Do you remember the spectacular Nativity Display of last year marking the 800th year of St Francis of Assisi creating the First Nativity Scene in Italy? Thereafter it has become a unique and unavoidable tradition for celebrating Christmas! Last year over 2,000 people visited and marvelled at the wonderful display and even prayed at the Nativity Display.

Fr Savio has changed the arrangements of the display this year. He invited all Catholic primary schools in the Midwest to take part in a competition and encouraged the students of each school and year group to make their own Nativity Scene. The Students of Schools from St Francis Xavier Primary, St Lawrence's, St John's, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Mullewa and St Mary's in Northampton have taken part, to look at various ideas and themes of Nativity Scenes (with a stipulation that the models must be respectful). The model categories include traditional Biblical

setting; culturally inspired, nature inspired, urban or modern themed, technology inspired or interfaith inspired. There are nine categories in total, that the students are using to create their models. Prizes will be awarded to the winners with the best nativity scenes and you are invited to vote for the best Nativity Scene that you think to be a winner!



The Display will be for a week in the Catholic Centre at 9 Maitland Street, Geraldton, opening this Thursday, on 27th November at 9 am and concluding on following Thursday, on 4th December at 5 pm.

The display is open to everyone to come along and enjoy the creativity and work of our students, take a break and have some refreshments (*for a donation*). Nativity Café will be open and available each day from 9 am to 5 pm.

Fr Savio has again made beautiful Nativity souvenir to go on sale, which you may purchase and request for a personalised message to be inscribed on it by his freehand calligraphy script!

A raffle for a large Nativity Set worth of \$400 is also ready with tickets on sale at the display. Come along and support this wonderful initiative leading up to Christmas this year!

Booking Needed for Group Visits

Any school or institution wishing to make a visit, please contact the Parish Office and make a booking in advance.

All local schools whether it is Catholic or non-Catholic are encouraged to visit this great event.

Please visit our webpage <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/nativity-display/> or scan the QR code for more details and to see the available time slots.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation.

Please join in the Eucharistic Procession after 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral reciting Holy Rosary followed by benediction. Everyone is invited to take part in this great event by proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ, our King.



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.

Little blue books available today

A beautiful resource for daily reflections during Advent, the **Little Blue Books** are available in the church today for only \$4. Get your copy in time and be ready for Advent which starts next weekend.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Next Sunday

AGM of our combined Parishes will be held next 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.



Bishop's Christmas Communio Appeal

Jesus is our Universal King, and we belong to His Kingdom. He laid His life down for us and cares deeply about each one of us and He desires we care as much for one another. The Christmas Communio Appeal is a way we can share what we have, to ensure other's needs are met. Please collect a copy of Bishop's Communio letter at the door and prayerfully consider how you can help.

Donations \$2 and over are Tax deductible.

Scan the QR Code or click on the link <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/communio/> for more details and mode of payments.



Parish Office & Holy Shop **Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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Sestercentennial celebration of Presentation Sisters

Beginnings of the Presentation Sisters on Christmas Eve, in 1775, Nano Nagle, the Foundress, began what was to become the Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.



Here in Geraldton, we look forward to mark the 250th Anniversary of this beginning, at the 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 7th December followed by morning tea in the Catholic Centre.

Inviting your esteemed presence in this great celebration!

Garage Sale Outcome

With great gratitude for supporting St Lawrence's Church Christmas Garage Sale we thank St Lawrence's Primary School for the use of their undercover area and for advertising our event, along with St John's School, St Francis Xavier School and Nagle Catholic College, our sponsors Mitchell and Brown, Dome, Glamorous Nails, Orana Cinemas, Kmart, BWS Seacrest, Woolworths Seacrest, Carl at SJT Electrical for testing and tagging of electrical goods, Radio MAMA, Geraldton's FM Radio Station, Fusion Australia Friday Circulars, Red Cross Northampton, the numerous business who displayed our posters, parishioners and friends of St John's, SFX Cathedral, St Peter's and St Lawrence's who donated goods and worked tirelessly, Catholic Youth Group and our many patrons who purchased our items. *Because of the wonderful generosity of all, the garage sale was a great success as we raised \$7,667.20*

Thank You

Have you bought enough Christmas Cards?

Cards and Nativity Sets are available in our Holy Shop

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.



Visits to Opal and Hillcrest Residents

Our fellow-Catholics in residential care will gladly welcome parishioners who would like to come and visit. You are welcome to join me there. Our times are:

10.15 - 12.00 on Wednesday at Opal Shore in Fitzgerald St

10.15 - 12.00 on Thursday at Juniper Hillcrest in Onslow St

Please let me know in advance, if possible, if you would like to come. Thank you! - Sr Flora 0459 119 575 / flora@preswa.com.au



NOVEMBER | The Month of the Holy Souls

Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special **November Mass offering envelopes** available at the Church doors. Envelopes will be given to priests and names entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book is placed near the Altar during this month.



Seasons of Hope - Centacare Christmas Appeal

We come together to support those most in need within our community.

If you would like to help those in need this Christmas, we are seeking support through Donations of:

⇒ Non-perishable food items - in high demand

⇒ School stationery - in high demand

⇒ New blankets - in high demand

⇒ Financial contributions - in high demand

⇒ New toys & gifts for children/teenagers

Donate at Centacare's office at 3 Maitland Street or at any designated drop off point, scan the QR Code.

Your kind support will help us deliver a range of meaningful programs that bring joy, comfort and hope to those who need it most. For more information please visit centacaregeraldton.org.au or call 9921 1433.



DV-alert
Domestic and Family Violence Response Training

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 Lifeline



"If it were but known how great is the power of the good Souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us."
- St John Vianney

Eucharistic Processions - Bringing Jesus to the world!

"The procession with the Blessed Sacrament reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives."
- Pope Francis

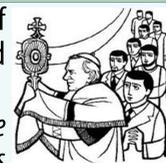
In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized as we go forth into the world. Not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago as they walked with Jesus, proclaiming

the Good News to the world. A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host. For those who participate in the procession, it is an opportunity not only to proclaim their faith but also to grow in their faith. The procession is finally an invitation to

Jesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live.

"We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness. May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence." - Pope Benedict XVI

Inviting everyone to join in the Eucharistic Procession today at the Cathedral.



Diocesan Office

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We come to the last Sunday of this liturgical year, and our year-long celebration of all the wonders that God has done for us culminates in the feast of Christ the King. Crowning the liturgical year, we profess and rejoice that Christ is King of the Universe, Lord of all creation, and that he is Lord of our lives, individually and communally.

On this feast, we also rejoice that, unlike the monarchies, dictatorships and governments that come and go in the world, Christ the King reigns forever. But today's feast challenges us to think about what it means to say that Christ is King.

We remember that, after his arrest, on the night of his trial, Jesus is taken to be examined by the governor, Pontius Pilate. In the course of their conversation, Pilate asks Jesus if he is indeed a king. In John's Gospel, Jesus replies that his kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:36)). Jesus' response clearly implies that he is a king, but he stresses that his kingship is not the kind that the world has come to know in the course of human history.

Indeed, Jesus' whole life attests to the fact that

his kingdom is definitely not of this world. His kingship brooks none of the trappings of power, majesty or wealth which worldly kingship readily claims and jealousy guards for itself. His

risers from the dead, his resurrected body bears the wounds of his suffering, born for love of us. Rather than power as the world exercises it, rather than power over people, the power of Christ's kingship is the power of love. It is a love that is all-embracing and steadfast. It is a love that refuses to be anything but love, even in the face of violence and rejection. It expresses itself concretely and consistently in the virtues of hospitality, compassion, patience, gentleness, and kindness (as described by the apostle Paul in 1 Cor 13), and in an unswerving concern for justice and for the welfare of others, especially the most vulnerable.



kingship also firmly rejects the methods of coercion, violence and abuse of power that worldly power so often wields.

The events of Jesus' passion and death following his arrest demonstrate that his crown is made not of jewels but of thorns; he wears no rich finery; indeed he is stripped of his clothes; he is mocked and tortured; his hands and feet pierced with nails; he is crucified; he dies battered and bloodied; his throne is a cross. Even when he

This is "the mind of Christ" (Phil 2: 5-8) that we, his disciples, are called to make our own.

The feast of Christ the King surely challenges us to be especially attentive to the ways in which we exercise power in our dealings with others — be it in our family or our community or our workplace — that it be true to the example of Christ our King.

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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!



Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Bluff Point

Next Sunday 3- 4pm at St Lawrence's Church. All welcome to pray the chaplet and adore Jesus, our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



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

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
All are welcome to pray with the mother of God!



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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 Scarpuzza, Jim and Nancy Ward, Rosemary Loomans, Wilfredo Lopez and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Carmelo Pace, Eugenio Condo, Anselmo Scarpuzza and Mick Mines.

Recently Deceased: Mary Anne Berry and Teresa Levett.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 16th November 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1716.00		687.85
Envelopes	\$ 130.00	79.05	180.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1403.50		441.95
Friday Fast	\$ 53.00		



Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 121)

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**

Second Reading (Colossians 1:12-20)

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

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers- all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 23:35-43)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him

there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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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.

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 2:1-5 | Psalm 121 | Romans 13:11-14 | Matthew 24:37-44