

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Gerard Totanes VG
Assistant Priests Fr Savio Ngyuen 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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VOCATION VIEW: Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

Month of October | The Month of the Holy Rosary



The Handmaid of the Lord, the Virgin Mother of all the faithful, whose entire life is united in perfection and holiness to the Incarnate Word's mission of Salvation, returns again and again to us, exercising her office as

motherly intercessor, caring for her children, directing them always and everywhere to her Son. She says of herself: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

Do your troubles never seem to end? Is your family in need of special graces? The Rosary of

Hope is your solution! Our lady of the rosary herself said "You will obtain all you ask of me through the recitation of the Rosary".

When we feel powerless to solve the problems and difficulties of life: remember that we hold incredible power in our hands, when we are holding our rosary!

Pope Pius XI says "the Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin... If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without

saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours."

St Padre Pio also indicates the importance of praying rosary as he says "some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

The Rosary will be prayed in the Cathedral Monday to Friday at 5pm. You are cordially invited to take part in this great devotion.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH RANGEWAY RAFFLE DRAW

The St John's Church, Fundraising Raffle draw took place last Sunday 28 September 2025. **Congratulations to two Lucky Winners!**

1st Prize - Ticket No. 0736 – Noreen Logue. Winner of \$2,000 Rigtors IGA Store Vouchers + \$1,000 Cash.

2nd Prize - Ticket No. 0054 – Elsa O'Brien. Winner of \$1,000 Mitchell & Brown Retravision Store Voucher.

We sincerely thank **The Rigter Family** for sponsoring the 1st Prize and **Mitchell & Brown Retravision** for sponsoring the 2nd Prize. Your support and generosity are deeply valued and appreciated and have contributed to a fabulous outcome for our local community.

Our thanks also to **Kerry Okely, Finer Images**, for the time, creativity and donations of the banners and other printed promotional materials generously donated for the fundraising efforts.

Undoubtedly, the many parishioners, Clem Keeffe, Espie Edwards, Fr Bernard, Fr Savio who gave their time willingly to sell raffle tickets, your help was instrumental and invaluable and together we sold all of the 1,000 tickets which made the raffle so successful.

Finally, we thank our parishioners and people in our local community, Karratha, Exmouth and Carnarvon who bought tickets. With your combined support we raised over \$10,000! THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

- AmyZinetti



VALE FR BRIAN AHEARN

We mourn the passing of Fr Brian Ahearn, who died peacefully on Thursday, 2 October 2025, at the age of 81. Fittingly, he departed on the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, a day that reflects the way many saw him - as a spiritual guide, mentor, and friend.

Fr Brian retired from active ministry in 2023 and had been living at the Bishop's House prior to his death. He was a priest of the Geraldton Diocese for 58 years. A Pontifical Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 15 October at 10:30 am in St Francis Xavier Cathedral, then burial at the Geraldton Cemetery followed by refreshments at the Catholic Centre at 1.00 pm. May he rest in peace.

Jubilee Year of Hope Living Rosary

Let's come together and unite in prayer for peace, healing, and hope in our world and form a Living Rosary, where each person represents a bead in the rosary and leads a prayer. This brings the mysteries of the Rosary to life through collective prayer and reflection. Whether you're a lifelong devotee or new to this devotion, all are welcome. We hope to see you on Monday, the 13th of October. Assembly time is at 4.45 pm outside the cathedral, then Rosary at 5.00 pm around the labyrinth, concluding with a Bring & Share supper at the Divine Mercy Garden.



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Public Rosary Next Saturday, 11th October soon after the 9.00 am Mass in the Cathedral, starting with a procession to the Divine Mercy Garden, then the recitation of the rosary. All welcome.

Baptism Preparation Meeting Tuesday, 14th October 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Seminar Room, Catholic Centre. This is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptised. For booking, contact the Parish Office 9964 1608 or Email gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

Volunteers Needed for Cathedral Garden Mulching
We're seeking a team of enthusiastic volunteers to assist with spreading mulch along the Cathedral garden banks on Cathedral Avenue on Saturday, 11th October from 8:30am onwards. Tasks include: filling wheelbarrows with mulch and transporting and spreading mulch across the garden banks. Please bring your own work gloves and come prepared for some hands-on outdoor work. If you're able to help, kindly contact the Parish Office at (08) 9964 1608 or Fr Gerard on 0448 959 067. Your support will make a big difference in keeping our Cathedral grounds beautiful. Thank you!

Knights of the Southern Cross -Midwest Branch Meeting
Saturday October 11, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina with Fr Robert Cross in the Crypt, then Brunch at Tarts & Co afterwards. All men over 18 are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com."

World Mission Month Appeal
In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihood, and healthcare. Sunday 19 October is when we as Church celebrate World Mission Sunday. We invite you to support our missionaries who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need. Your prayers and financial gifts are the vital lifelines of essential programs.



To support this work, donations can be given by using the appeal envelope when available at your church, scanning the QR code, free call 1800 257 296 or going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world. Thank you from the people of Zambia and Catholic Mission.



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Movie Fund-raiser for Akot Village

Sunday 26th October, 1 pm Orana Cinemas Geraldton, to support our school and our Medical Clinic in Akot Village, South Sudan. The movie is called "**Deliver Me From Nowhere**" and tells the story of Bruce Springsteen, a popular American singer/songwriter. Ticket prices are Concession \$25 and Adults \$30. This includes your admission, a donation, a free drink and a small popcorn. Tickets are now available from Mon-signor Hawes Heritage Centre and from Committee members. Cash sales only please. Enquiries to Monica on 0437 814 872. - Jan Bowen

GARAGE SALE St Lawrence's Church Christmas Garage Sale

Have you 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. Thank you. Please deliver your items on Saturday 8 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 on Sunday 9 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.

Knights of the Southern Cross Foundation Scholarships

Open to teachers working in Catholic Schools. Apply to the KSC Education Foundation Scholarship Program for 2025 to study Religious Education and Theology Units at the University of Notre Dame in 2026. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and contribute meaningfully to their school communities, nurturing faith and academic excellence. This scholarship supports professional development and fosters a vibrant learning environment shaped by the values of Catholic education. Applications now open and will close on 27 October 2025. Online application forms available from <https://wa.kscwa.org.au/KSC-Education-Foundation.html> For further information, please contact office@kscwa.org.au, or phone 9368 2503.



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

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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



As the gospel makes clear, faith is never an abstract notion, it's how we live our lives. The apostles ask Jesus to 'increase our faith' as a specific response to what he has just said about forgiving one another.

Trust is central to the gospel and to our faith, which is to say our lives. And the faith that Jesus speaks of isn't blind; it's a way of seeing one another, as a woman reminded me recently when she spoke of coming to befriend a man sitting on the footpath outside Coles.

And as happened when Vinnies began its soup van service: On the first night they ran into Billy Morgan four times. On the fourth occasion a volunteer asked him if there was anything else they could give him or do and he replied, 'Your friendship is enough'. He had told her – ever so clearly – what they were all about. It wasn't simply that they had something to give him, but he had something to give them.

Billy and the woman outside Coles remind us that faith isn't something we have or don't have. It's not something we possess but is given to us in relationship. So, when Jesus

speaks of a mulberry tree obeying you, there's no magic formula involved; he's simply speaking of the power of faith made real in our relationship with God.



Yet it seems wherever we look these days, there's a general loss of trust which undermines our trust in one another and ensures, perhaps, that the one thing binding us together is money. We give so we might get in return, and often this becomes our model for relationship. Where it exists, a society may begin to fragment, all the more so a church, because a church community is founded in the gift of relationship – it's where we learn to trust one another and God.

As we do, we begin to see the connection between faith and service, which Jesus speaks of in the second part of today's gospel. We're invited to join a group, so we go along, and gradually our lives change. Our faith begins to deepen, almost unawares, as we practise what's been called 'the spirituality of turning up.'

Later, we may come to understand that it's our trust in the person who asked us and in Jesus which brought us to live in this way, doing 'all you have been told to do.' It's not that God is indebted to us for what we do, but we're indebted to God for enabling this. Like the disciples we're discovering that faith and service are inextricably linked.

This week's first reading, the psalm and the second reading all speak of trusting in God, whatever happens in our lives. This is the precious gift we're entrusted to look after, the gift of God's self in Jesus, and we do this by giving it away. Trusting in Jesus enables us to do what God entrusts to us – it's our duty and our life.

- Damian Coleridge

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Feasts of the Week

7 Oct Tuesday Our Lady of the Rosary



Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation Group in the cathedral gathers every Wednesday at 7:30am in the crypt. Inviting anyone interested. Please contact Iris Bolton for any queries on 0498 162 774

Columban Art Calendars 2026 now available to purchase in the Parish Office for \$11only. Limited number of copies.

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the Cathedral Crypt during the month of October. Rosary will be prayed at **5 pm** Monday-Friday. All are welcome to pray with the mother of God!



Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel on the following days in the main Chapel: *Monday, Friday and Sunday from 4 pm – 5 pm.* All welcome to join the Sisters and residents in prayerful adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

In the Cathedral, Thursdays after 7 am Mass until 8 am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00 am followed by Mass, and First Fridays 7:30-9:30 pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

At St Lawrence's Church in Bluff Point on the last Sunday of each month 3- 4pm. All welcome to pray the chaplet and adore Jesus, our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. "Jesus I trust in you."

Make your contributions online

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.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 28th September 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1734.25		683.70
Envelopes	\$ 154.00	87.00	140.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1359.85		450.65
Friday Fast	\$ 91.05		



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



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

Anniversaries: Jim Ward, George Chausis, Vince O'Dea and Peter Fahl.

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian J Ahearn

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading (Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4)

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 94)

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

R.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14)

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

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!..... The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 17:5-10)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep,

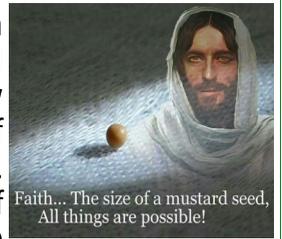
would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,



Faith... The size of a mustard seed,
All things are possible!

**So with you:
when you have
done all you have
been told to do,
say, "We are
useless servants:
we have done no
more than our
duty."**

~ Luke 17:10

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 Kings 5:14-17 | Psalm 97 | 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | Luke 17:11-19