

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



## St Francis Xavier Cathedral

**Administrator** Fr Gerard Totanes VG  
**Assistant Priests** Fr Savio Nguyen 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

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**12 October 2025**

**VOCATION VIEW:** *If faith can move mountains, it can remove hardness of heart.  
 Faith does move mountains, so faith does remove hardness of heart.*

## World Mission Sunday | Next Weekend

The World Mission Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We thank you greatly for your most generous financial support and prayers in the past years, allowing those in much need to experience God's loving grace. For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through



Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital,



Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.  
**Free call: 1800 257 296 or visit the web Page: catholicmission.org.au/mission**

## Final Farewell to Fr Brian Ahearn this week

A Pontifical Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Father Brian this Wednesday, on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am in Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral, then burial at the Geraldton Cemetery followed by refreshments at the Catholic Centre at 1.00pm. Fr Brian retired from active ministry in 2023 and had been living at the Bishop's House prior to his demise. May he Rest In Peace. *The service will be live streamed and accessible through the cathedral home page <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/>*



## Office Closure

For the staff to attend the funeral of Fr Brian Ahearn, the Diocesan, CDF and Parish Offices will be closed this Wednesday on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Apologies for any inconveniences this may cause.

## Mass at Bluff Point & St John of God Hospital on Wednesday

There will be NO Mass in Bluff Point and St John of God Hospital Chapel this Wednesday due to the funeral of Fr Brian Ahearn.

## Jubilee Year of Hope Living Rosary Tomorrow

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



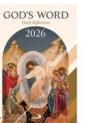
## Catholic Mission Guest Speaker Today

The Guest Speaker today is Francis Leong, who is the Province Director for Catholic Mission in WA and is based in the Archdiocese of Perth. He facilitates regular workshops on mission and evangelization for Catholic schools, parishes and agencies. Prior to his appointment with Catholic Mission, Francis spent eight years as a lay missionary in Africa with the Jesuit Refugee Service. As their Country Director in Zambia, he represented at inter-governmental and UN forums, the Catholic Church's concerns and response to the complex humanitarian crises caused by ethnic conflict and environmental catastrophes. He was also responsible for preparing and managing international volunteer placements in refugee camps and worked directly with refugee and local communities to empower them for environmental and child protection advocacy as well as conflict transformation and peace education. We welcome you to have a chat with Francis after mass as he will be speaking at most masses and join us for coffee at Tarts and Co after the 9:30 am Mass in the Cathedral.



## God's Word 2026 available now in the Parish Office

God's Word for daily readings and reflections for 2026 is available now in the Parish Office for \$22. If you wish to have one, please visit the parish office at the earliest.



## 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!



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## Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday 19th October 2025  
10am – 3pm  
Fisherman's Wharf



Come and join us next Sunday on 19<sup>th</sup> of October from 9:00 am at the Fisherman's Wharf for the Blessing of the Fleet!

It's a beautiful local tradition where we pray for God's protection over our fishermen and their families, with the blessing of the boats at 10:30 am, accompanied by our Cathedral Choir. Let's show our Catholic community spirit and keep our faith and culture alive together.

The Catholic Youth Geraldton (CYG) will also be there with a food truck and fun games for kids. Bring your family and friends for a joyful morning by the water!

## 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!

## 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.



## Important Notice to 7:30 am Mass attendees

You are kindly requested to move your car from the Cathedral grounds before 9:00 am, to make it available for the people attending Mass at 9:30 am. *Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.*

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be this Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at **5:30pm** in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptised. *For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)*



## Movie Fund-raiser for Akot Village

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre and from Committee members. Cash sales only please. Enquiries to Monica on 0437 814 872.

## 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](mailto:office@kscwa.org.au), or phone 9368 2503.

## Looking for Devotional Gifts or Cards?

There are many piety gift items available in our holy shop for many occasions.

Beautiful statues, Bibles, Sunday and Weekday Missals, Children's Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, variety of rosary beads, necklaces as well as a great selection of greeting cards for various occasions such as Birthdays, Christening, Feast days, Wedding, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Jubilees, Anniversaries and many more...



EFTPOS available... **Welcome to visit during the office hours!**

## 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**



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**How** often have you encouraged your young children to say 'thank you' after they are given something? Saying 'thank you' is a common courtesy that is used almost without thinking. Yet it's much more than a courtesy.

When you give your children food or a gift, or do something for them, you do so without question because you love and care for them. Your giving is an expression of your relationship with them.

So too for saying 'thank you'. It is the relationship that is most important. Saying thanks is a personal acknowledgment of what you have done for them, sometimes with considerable effort on your part. Saying 'thank you' implies that I am not taking for granted what you have done for me. It can be very annoying if we feel others are taking for granted what we do for them.

Even Jesus may have been annoyed with the nine lepers who did not return to say thank you for being cured. The word translated as 'lepers' does not refer to the disease that is known today as leprosy. It did not exist at that time in Palestine. But the disfiguring skin disease

suffered by these 10 people meant they were isolated from their families and communities and could not even approach Jesus. How distressing

were not supposed to have any contact with Samaritans because they had separated from the Jewish people and established their own temple worship.

How excited and overcome with emotion was this Samaritan, 'praising God at the top of his voice' and throwing himself at the feet of Jesus. The other nine disappeared, but the Samaritan enters into an intense personal relationship with Jesus. Being cured is really a springboard into a deeper relationship.

St Luke is telling us something significant. It is the most excluded and marginalised of the group who responds to Jesus, while the other nine, Jesus' own co-religionists, have taken the gift but ignored the giver. By thanking God and falling to the ground before Jesus, the Samaritan is relating with God on an entirely new level. He is not only cured but, as Jesus remarks, it is his faith that has saved him.

For us too, saying thanks to God for all the gifts of life and love around us will surely enrich our relationship with God.

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this must have been for all concerned. Jesus sent all 10 lepers to the Jewish priests, because only after the priests had formally verified they were cured would they be able to return to their homes and families. Soon after setting off to see the priests, they realise they've been cured, but it is only the Samaritan who returns to thank Jesus. This Samaritan must have been doubly isolated, suffering from this disease – being ritually unclean – and belonging to a heretical religion and tribe. Jews



### Feasts of the Week

- 15 Oct Wed Saint Teresa of Jesus
- 17 Oct Fri Saint Ignatius of Antioch
- 18 Oct Sat Saint Luke



### An Appeal To All: Responding with One Voice

Holy Mass is a communal experience where the faithful are united in prayer and worship, expressing their faith and devotion through shared actions, responses, and postures. **Prayer easily becomes a distraction when responses are out of sync, with some responding too fast or too slow.** Please be mindful that when we pray, we listen to one another praying and responding in one voice together.

one voice

### 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

*"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials."*

*- St Teresa of Jesus*

### Parish Finances

Contributions of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1803.55		726.20
Envelopes	\$ 154.00	107.00	150.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1250.85		424.95
Friday Fast	\$ 73.40		



### 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 **5pm** Monday-Friday **except** this Tuesday at **6pm** for Fr Brian Ahearn.



### 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.

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Bluff Point

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."*



### 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:** Peter Rowe, May & Colin Criddle, Domenica Italiano, Elia Italiano, George Quinlan and Maureen Lang.

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Brian J Ahearn and Terry Hughan.

### Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17)

#### A reading from the second book of the Kings.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 97)

#### R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

### Second Reading (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

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

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!.....** For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus..... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Luke 17:11-19)

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back

praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"**

### Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

### 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

Exodus 17:8-13 | Psalm 120 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 | Luke 18:1-8

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