

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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19 October 2025

VOCATION VIEW: *Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you His will. But, be ready to do it!*

World Mission Sunday

The World Mission Sunday is celebrated today, on Sunday 19th October.

This week, you are invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to



ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to



be "Missionaries of hope among all peoples", and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope available in the Church today, going online by scanning QR code or visiting catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Free call: 1800 257 296

Congratulations OCIA Candidates

The OCIA (*Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults*) candidates publicly declared their intention to become members of the Church, and the Church in turn welcomed and accepted them last Sunday. This is an important step they made in their faith journey.

Our Catholic community joyfully welcomed Geoff Faulkner, a Catechumen who is to be Baptised and Confirmed. Camilla Nairn who will be Confirmed along with Amanda Beaver, Shane Brand and Shannon Robinson who are the candidates for Full Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church.

We congratulate and offer them our prayerful support as they prepare for the sacraments of Christian Initiation next Easter.

"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."



- Pope Leo XIII



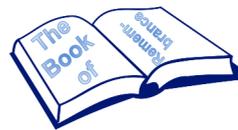
Come and join us today on 19th of October from 9:00 am at the Fisherman's Wharf for the Blessing of the Fleet!

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!

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.



Community Singing Next Sunday

26th October at 1 – 2:30pm in St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Join us for a fun afternoon of music and singing: includes Great Hymns, Popular Songs, other Classics and lots more !!

Includes door prizes & raffle followed by afternoon tea.

Entry by donation. Open to all ages.

No experience required !! **All Welcome!**

For Further information, please contact Jacinta Jakovcevic by email Jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



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!



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)

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!

Movie Fund-raiser for Akot Village

Sunday 26th October, 1:00pm 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.

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.

Lighting candles in the Cathedral

Lighting candles before the altar of Our Lady is restricted to certain times on any day due to various reasons including vandalism and safety. The permitted time is just before Mass and soon after the Mass only. Everyone is kindly requested to follow this. Thank you.



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 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.



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



Last Baptism Preparation Meeting of the Year

The next and last Baptism preparation meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, 11th November at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. The following meeting will be in February 2026. This meeting is mandatory for the parents of the eldest child to be baptised. For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



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 CONVERSATION MATTERS

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



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The determined widow in this week's parable encourages us to persist in prayer. She was not deterred by the judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. Instead, she

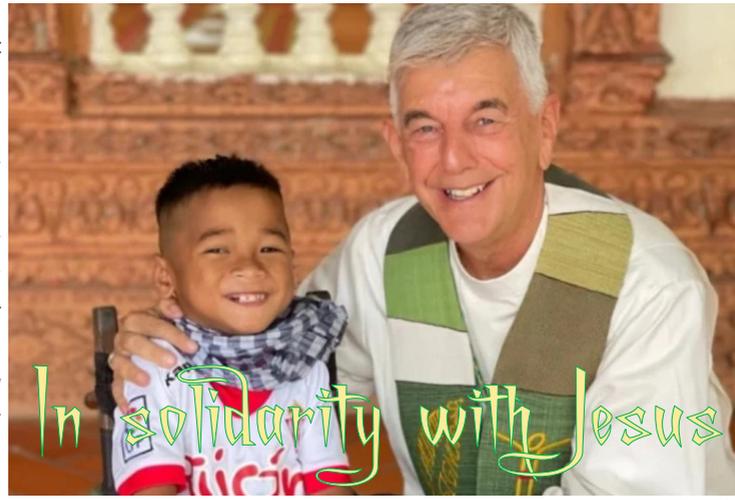
demonstrates what St Therese of Liseux described as a "surge of the heart": a trust and confidence in God who knows what we need and who draws close to us. Indeed, when we pray, we need not speak much at all; but merely let ourselves be still before God and let God nourish us. St Alphonsus Ligouri advised us to "speak with familiarity and confidence as to your dearest and most loving friend. In return, God will speak to you – not that you will hear audible words in your ears, but words that you will clearly understand in your heart."

But the gift of prayer goes beyond intercession. In prayer, we discover a clear vision of our deepest identity – both of who we are and whose we are – and of who we are called to be and what we are called to do. Being aware of how God is at work in our lives awakens within us a response to be a prophetic presence in the world. We are not content to act within the limits of our current reality, but are inspired to move

towards that vision of who we are called to be. We are invited to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of God – into a divine presence and purpose larger than our finite frames of

reference. We are drawn into the ongoing work of God within us, throughout the world and, indeed, in the whole of creation. In this way, prayer awakens us and inspires us to act, to make a difference by bringing about justice, mercy and wholeness. As a sixteen-year-old, Monsignor Enrique (Kike) Figaredo, a Spanish Jesuit who has spent his life working with victims of landmines in Cambodia, once prayed on a Holy Thursday at a Taize

monastery for God to enlighten him with his life's direction. He said he was "looking for Jesus, like a madman". He heard within his heart Jesus saying to him, "Don't go crazy. If you want to know me, I live with others. My face is that of people. If you look for me, look for me in people." This realisation inspired him to dedicate his life to victims of landmines. Known as the Bishop of the Wheelchairs, Monsignor Figaredo wears a crucifix which he describes as the wheelchair crucifix. One of the legs of the crucified figure is shorter than the other. This wheelchair crucifix is a symbol of the victims of landmines; of Jesus in solidarity with people who suffer from landmines; and of God entering into the suffering of his people and illuminating their lives. Kike, as Monsignor Figaredo is affectionately known to Cambodians, says the wheelchair is his sacrament. It is where human suffering meets the beauty of God's love. God is intimately present with his people and his love transforms every human experience.



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If you or family members are admitted to hospital (or sick and at home) and wish to receive holy communion/pastoral visit, please ring the Parish Office on 9964 1608. You can also request the hospital staff to inform the Parish Office that you have been admitted in the hospital.

When you Call After Hours

Afterhours phone calls are expected for emergency pastoral care only. For any other enquiries and bookings must be made during the office hours. If the duty Priest is involved in a ministry when you call, for example during a Mass, he won't be able to pick it up. So please try after some time or leave a clear voice message with your full name and phone number for him to call you back. Thank you.

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

Important Notice to 7:30am Mass attendees

Those who are attending Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30am on Sunday, are kindly requested to move your car from the Cathedral grounds before 9:00am, to make it available for the people attending Mass at 9:30am.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation

Parish Finances			
Contributions of 12 th October 2025			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1837.20		741.35
Envelopes	\$ 154.00	112.00	180.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1446.95		447.25
Friday Fast	\$ 116.25		



MHHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open daily from 10am-4pm. If you would like to learn more about John Hawes and the SFX Cathedral, tours are available on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 and Friday at 4:00. Tickets (\$5) are available at the museum.



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



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: Keith O'Brien, Don Golding, Margherita Armanasco and Freda Miragliotta.

Recently Deceased: Ann Jensen and Terry Hughan.

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading (Exodus 17:8-13)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 120)

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)

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

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!..... The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 18:1-8)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but

at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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

Sirach 35:12-14,16-19 | Ps 32 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 | Luke 18:9-14