

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

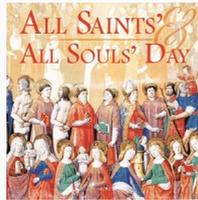
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VOCATION VIEW: *If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.*

All Saints' and all Souls' Days next Weekend

Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are the living.



Mass times on these days are as follows.

All Saints' Day Saturday 1st November, 9:00am in the Cathedral.

While All Saints' day is a Solemnity and would usually take precedence over All Souls, the expectation of the faithful attending on Saturday evening is that they are gathering for the Sunday celebration. For this reason, the Saturday evening Mass on 1st November this year will be for All Souls' Day - that is, the usual Sunday Mass.

All Souls' Day Sunday 2nd November
Regular Sunday Masses in all Churches.

Utakarra Mass and Blessing of Graves

November, being the month of the Holy Souls, Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 8th November in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra at 9:00 am followed by the blessing of graves. There will be no Mass in the chapel in December and January.



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. Be hurry to get your copy as it is selling out fast!



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.

Anointing Mass

The holy Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 9am Mass on Saturday, 15th November. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are encouraged to participate. The entire parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



Community Singing today

At 1– 2:30pm in St Francis Xavier Cathedral today.

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



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We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

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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!



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



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Movie Fund-raiser for Akot Village Today

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.

60th Anniversary Reflections on *Nostra Aetate*

Nostra Aetate: Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions

This year marks the 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, Vatican II's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions.

The Declaration is widely considered a "watershed" for, in a noticeable change of attitude, the Church spoke positively about other religions and their believers. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI called it the *Magna Carta* of the Church's new attitude and approach to other religions. Pope Francis also took major steps to promote interfaith relations and Pope Leo XIV has already from the beginning of his papacy indicated his desire to pursue dialogue and build bridges. *Nostra Aetate* continues to inspire and to guide Catholics in forging relationships of mutual respect and collaboration.

The Latin title is taken from the opening lines of the declaration and means "in our time". The 60th anniversary provides us the opportunity to read the Declaration again, to appreciate its significance, to celebrate its fruits, but most of all, to apply it to the multi-religious reality of Australia and the world "in our time".

History of the Declaration

Nostra Aetate is part of Vatican II's updating the Catholic Church to bring it into relationship with the modern world. Its genesis was in the mind and heart of Pope John XXIII, who had witnessed first-hand the tribulation of the Jewish people during the Second World War and had used his then

office as Apostolic Delegate to Turkey to provide them safe passage. After a meeting with the Jewish historian, Jules Isaac, who presented him with a document showing how Church teaching had contributed to the antisemitism which had helped fuel the Shoah/Holocaust, the good Pope John directed that changing this situation was to be included in the preparations for the Council. Originally it was to be a statement on the Jews only included in the document on the Church.

Cardinal Augustine Bea steered the text through several drafts in the Vatican Council. In the volatile atmosphere of that time, after the establishment of the State of Israel, the bishops of the Middle East cautioned that a statement on the Jews only would be seen as taking political sides and would have negative consequences for the Christian minorities. Accordingly, a section was added on Islam and relations with Muslims. The bishops of Asia then asserted that their very different situation of living as a minority among the believers of the other world religions was overlooked, so further sections were added. In the process, the statement became a separate document in its own right. On 28 October 1965, in the fourth and final session, the Council Fathers approved the final draft with an overwhelming majority of 2221 to 88. This ringing endorsement made *Nostra Aetate* the official Catholic teaching on relations with believers from other religions.

Nostra Aetate consists of five brief sections:

1. A statement on the unity of the human race, our shared origin and destiny, with religions providing answers to our common questions about the meaning of life, suffering, good and evil and what lies beyond death.
2. A description of religion as a response to a hidden power, with reference to the practices and teachings of Hinduism and Buddhism, stating that the Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions.
3. A positive treatment of Muslim affinities with Catholic teaching and practice, based on references to some of the Pillars and beliefs of Islam, proposing that past hostilities be put aside in favour of mutual understanding and cooperation for the common good.
4. An account of the spiritual ties between Christians and Jews, which reproves indiscriminate accusations of Jewish responsibility for the death of Jesus, affirms the ongoing validity of the Covenant between God and the people of Israel, and repudiates hatred, persecution and antisemitism as contrary to God's universal love.
5. A final affirmation that since we call God "Father", all human beings are brothers and sisters, made in God's image, so there should be no unjust discrimination but Christians should live peaceably with all.

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As church-people, we may think we know what it means to worship God. After all, we go to church, say some prayers, pay our dues, and try to live a decent life. Indeed, all this is well and good. But God asks something more of us. Do we think the good things we do in life arise from our own virtue? Do we find ourselves somewhat judgmental and intolerant of those who don't quite live up to our standards?

We are confronted with these kinds of questions by Jesus' story of the publican (or tax collector) and the Pharisee. A modern-day version might contrast a good church-going Catholic lawyer with a less than scrupulous property developer. One day the Catholic lawyer decides to make an extra visit to the church to praise and thank God for all the good things he does in life (including the pro bono work he does for the church). But his prayer drifts especially when, to his surprise, he sees the low-life property developer standing at the back of the church. He especially thanks God he is not like that!

What we note about our property developer is that he hardly dares enter the church and, when

he does, keeps his eyes downcast. Being neither fancy with words nor knowing how to pray, all he says is (repeatedly): "God forgive me". Jesus praises the property developer while

clouds'; and 'the humble shall hear and be glad'.

What is interesting in the life of Jesus is that he not only told stories that confronted people's attitudes and beliefs. He acted those stories out by befriending the poor, healing the disabled, 'eating with tax collectors and sinners'. However, unlike our 'self-referential' lawyer friend, Jesus' ministry does not focus on himself, the good he does or the choices he makes, but on the love and mercy of an all-forgiving God. The property developer in our story reaches a similar point in his own life whereby his entire focus becomes God-centred.

Popes Francis and Leo have been saying something similar about the kind of church they understand God is calling us to be, namely, a church of the poor, a church that reaches out to touch all people, especially those on the margins of life, with the message of God's mercy and compassion. For this to occur, the church needs to become less like our lawyer in the story, and more like our property developer..

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suggesting our lawyer was not really worshipping – or “at rights with” – God. In the original parable, Jesus finishes with the saying: ‘those who exalt themselves will be humbled; but those who humble themselves will be exalted’. Humility in prayer, linked to God’s ‘option for the poor’, is also a central feature in today’s other readings: the Lord hears the cry of the poor, is close to the broken-hearted, answers the prayer of orphans, widows and victims of injustice, and rescues those in distress. Indeed, it is ‘the humble person’s prayer that pierces the

First Friday Holy Hour - November

As Pilgrims of Hope, let us pray for the Holy Souls At 11am on Friday 7th November in the Cathedral followed by mid-day Mass at 12:05pm



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!



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 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 Finances

Contributions of 19th October 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1621.20		652.55
Envelopes	\$ 135.00	112.00	140.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1276.30		431.25
Friday Fast	\$ 46.65		



MHC 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, Don McDonald, Lydia E Mirabelis and Ron Siemiginowski.

Anniversaries: Ann Connolly and Margaret Hovell.

Recently Deceased: Reg Maisey, Michael Green and Ann Jansen.

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading (Sirach 35:12-14,16-19)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32)

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18)

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

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 18:9-14)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax

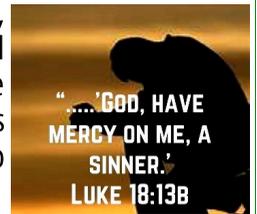
collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



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 25:6-9 | Psalm 26 | Romans 5:5-11 | Luke 7:11-17