

# 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

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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14 September 2025

**VOCATION VIEW:** *We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?*

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2025

Safeguarding Sunday — A day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the

“silent” ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

### Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea

Come and join in a special Morning Tea to celebrate Safeguarding Sunday today, 14 September, 10.30 am at the Catholic Centre

Hall. There will be children's games organised by our Catholic Youth Group. All are welcome! It is a day to be reminded of our continued commitment to live our mission of being *a safe, welcoming and hope-filled Church*. See you there!



## Happy Birthday Fr Gerard & Seminarian Tuan

Fr Gerard is celebrating his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday this Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Seminarian Tuan Dang will turn 33 this Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. We wish them a very happy birthday and keep them in our prayers.

**“A Big Thank You”** to all Year 9 Nagle Students, Mr Murray Gardiner and Nagle Staff for a fantastic job cleaning up St John's Church garden and surrounding area. — *From St John's Church Community*

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As part of their two day 'Shine Your Light' retreat the Year 9 Nagle Catholic College students participated in one day of reflection and one day of community service. In past years the students have cleaned the grounds and gardens around the Northampton Parish Church, Convent and Old Catholic Cemetery. This year we were approached by parishioners at the St John's Church in Rangeway to help tidy and clean the grounds and gardens. Over two days several staff and close to 200 students weeded, pruned, mowed, raked and cleaned around the entire grounds. The students walked away with a great deal of pride that they were able to 'Shine Their Light' in the community and help the St John's Parish.

— *Murray Gardiner, Nagle Catholic College Deputy Principal, Faith and Life*

## 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.

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

## CLERGY CHANGES IN 2026

Bishop Michael has announced the following clergy appointments and transitions within the Diocese of Geraldton effective from January 2026.

**Fr Gerard Totañes VG** will become the Parish Priest of Karratha while continuing his role as Vicar General of the Diocese of Geraldton.

**Fr Tai Trinh**, currently Parish Priest of St Paul's Parish, Karratha, has been appointed Cathedral Administrator for a six-year term.

**Fr Savio Nguyen** will become Parish Priest of Mullewa/Mingenew and will also provide pastoral care to Morawa, Perenjori, and the Murchison Inland Parishes (Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Cue).

**Fr Robert O'Bryan** will retire as Parish Priest of Mullewa and relocate to the Bishop's House. He will continue chaplaincy at St John's School, Rangeway, and support ministries in the Geraldton community.

**Fr Larry Rodillas** will assist Fr Tai in the pastoral ministry of the Geraldton parishes for the next three years. This includes outreach to the outback communities of Leinster, Leonora, and Laverton. Fr Larry will also continue supporting the Filipino community in Geraldton. His replacement in Northampton Parish will be announced before the end of 2025.

**Fr Bernard Balaraj** will continue offering pastoral support in Geraldton parishes alongside his role as Chaplain at Nagle Catholic College. He also serves as the Diocesan contact for marriage-related enquiries requiring pastoral guidance.

*Let us keep all our priests in our prayers, asking for God's blessings upon their ministry.*

**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)*

## YEAR OF HOPE DAY PILGRIMAGE

**An event not to be missed!!!**

Visit the official pilgrim churches in the southern part of the Geraldton diocese on this special Year of Hope



**Itinerary:** Starting with 9.30 am Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, then at 10.30 am we will travel by bus to Mullewa where we will process praying the Rosary along the town's Monsignor Hawes trail to the famous Church of Our Lady of Mt Carmel for Benediction and Lunch. After lunch, we go to Mullewa's famous Mass Rock and Pioneer Cemetery and then to the East Yuna McGauran family Mass site before returning to St Francis Xavier Cathedral at approximately 5 pm to conclude with The Angelus accompanied by the Geraldton Bells!



Features the Cathedral Young Choristers leading the music!



**Cost:** Individual \$40, Pensioner \$30, Family (Parents & 2 children) \$70  
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included

**Bookings:** Phone Parish Office 99641608 or email jacinta.jakovcivic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



## Movie Fund-raiser for Akot Village

On Sunday 26th October 2025, we will hold a movie fund-raiser to support our school and our Medical Clinic in Akot Village, South Sudan. The movie is called **"Rescue Me From Nowhere"** and tells the story of Bruce Springsteen, a popular American singer/songwriter. The movie will begin at 1pm and will be screened at Orana Cinemas. Ticket prices are Concession \$25 and Adults \$30. This includes your admission, a donation, a free drink and a small popcorn. Tickets will be available from Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre and from Committee members in the next few weeks. Cash sales only please. Enquiries to Monica on 043714872.

## Looking for Religious Gifts?

There are many piety gift items available in our holy shop for all occasions. Statues, Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, rosary beads, medals, necklaces, scapulars 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 office hours!



The **Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre** also has a small shop within the Museum for all your Cathedral and Monsignor Hawes memorabilia, sacramental and other religious gifts.

## St Lawrence's Church Suggestion Box

A Suggestion Box can be found at the entrance of the church and we invite you to write your suggestions for a better St Lawrence's Church. We appreciate your ideas which can be anonymous and will be discussed at the next St Lawrence's Parish Committee Meeting.

## St Lawrence's Church One-Off Special Collection

St Lawrence's Church is holding a special collection at the end of September to raise funds for upgrading equipment and for repairs. We will be most grateful for your support and your contribution will make a great difference. Please put your donation in an envelope marked SLC Special Collection and you may wish to include your name, address and phone number.

## Catholic Theological College

Invites you to our October 2025

## Engaging Your Faith online presentations

From \$25 per session. For more information:

[ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)



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## Make your contributions online

If you 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.

## While Receiving Holy Communion

If you are a *non-Catholic, non-Baptised or not in the state of grace* to receive Holy Communion during Mass, you are welcome to join the line of communicants *holding arms across your chest*, so that the Priest or Minister of Holy Communion can give you a blessing!



## 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.

## 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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**This** week's feast is an ancient one, known as The Triumph (or The Exaltation) of the Cross. Legend has it that on this date, September 14 in 330, St Helena, a Christian, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, discovered "the true cross" on which Jesus had died in Jerusalem.

Over the centuries, the cross has become the universal symbol of our Christian faith. Some people wear it around their necks. Many have a crucifix at home. A cross hangs in every Catholic Church.

We venerate the cross during the liturgy on Good Friday. And every day we, like our forebears who have gone before us in the Faith, begin and end our prayers, including the celebration of the Mass, making the Sign of the Cross while we say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

In this one simple gesture and prayer, the Sign of the Cross, we express the two great mysteries that lie at the very heart of our faith as Christians: God is Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the One God — and God revealed his great mercy and steadfast love for us in Jesus'

death on a cross, for "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16).

St Paul insists: "We preach Christ crucified."

The second reading is one of the most important of St Paul's writings. He writes that Christ, though enjoying a divine status, "emptied himself," freely taking "the form of a slave," humbling himself, even to death on a cross. "Therefore, God highly exalted him" so that all should confess that "Jesus Christ is Lord." His crucifixion was not his defeat or failure but rather his victory and triumph.

St Paul exhorts his readers, including us: "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." St John captures

succinctly what this "mind of Christ Jesus" involves: "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another" (1 Jn 4:11). When we make the Sign of the Cross, we also symbolise the cross that is ours to carry in our own lives, mindful at the same time of the resurrection and life of the world to come that Jesus' victory wrought for each one of us. May the cross be our comfort in times of suffering, our refuge in times of trouble, and our safeguard on life's journey.

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We can easily forget how shameful and humiliating death by crucifixion was. In the Roman Empire crucifixion was an off-used form of execution that was calculated to instil fear and dread in the people and to discourage any would-be political agitators or subversives.

As St Paul writes, the cross was a scandal, a stumbling block, to the Jews and a folly, sheer foolishness, to the Greeks. No wonder that it was about three centuries before the symbol of the cross was represented in Christian art, life and worship, so shameful a death it was. And yet, as

### KSC Foundation Scholarships

Teachers working in Catholic Schools are invited to 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 open on 1 September and close on 27 October 2025 and online application forms will be available from



<https://wa.ksca.org.au/KSC-Education-Foundation.html>

For further information please contact [office@kscwa.org.au](mailto:office@kscwa.org.au), phone 9368 2503.

### 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

### Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

The Sisters and Residents at Nazareth House have Holy Hours on the following Days in the main Chapel: *Monday, Friday and Sunday from 4pm – 5pm.* Anyone who wishes to make a visit or join us in prayers is welcome.

### Parish Finances

Contributions of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1792.25		627.30
Envelopes	\$ 139.00	107.00	175.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1486.00		466.75
Friday Fast	\$ 48.25		



### Feasts of the Week

- 15 Sep Mon Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 Sep Tue Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian
- 20 Sep Sat Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

Maureen Bone will host the Pilgrim Rosary statue at her home, Unit 34 Harbour Pines, 20 Francis Street from 15-27 September 2025. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm** Monday-Friday. All are welcome to pray with the Mother of God!



### Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Thursday after 7am Mass until 8am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00am followed by Mass and First Fridays 7:30-9:30pm with benediction.

### Adoration with Benediction at St Lawrence's

Last Sunday of each month 3-4pm - Divine Mercy holy hour.

### Please pray for those who are ill:

Fr Brian Ahearn, Rose Ralph, Tim Conway, Maria Salamone, Margaret John, Maureen Burke, Joe (Giuseppe) Gaudio, 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. and Zenaida Tan.



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

**Anniversaries:** Tony Guagliardo, Keyse Siemiginowski, Bren Prunster, Frankie Clancy, Brendan McCagh, and David McCarley.

**Recently Deceased:** Giuseppe "Joe" Gaudio, Loreto Pell

## Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

## First Reading (Numbers 21:4-9)

### A reading from the book of Numbers.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 77)

### R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

## Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of the Father.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!.....** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world..... **Alleluia!**

## Gospel (John 3:13-17)

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the

one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

## 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.

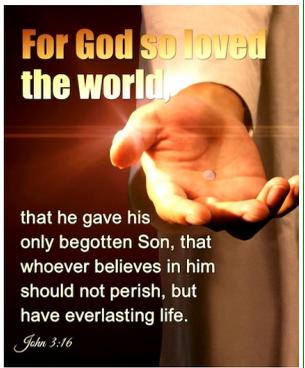
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

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

Amos 8:4-7 | Psalm 112 | 1 Timothy 2:1-2,4-8 | Luke 16:1-13