

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

21 September 2025

VOCATION VIEW: Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others?



YEAR OF HOPE DAY PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, 28 September 2025

An event not to be missed!!!

Hurry! Only a few bus seats left!

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.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

PUBLIC ROSARY

The Secret of the Rosary, St Louis Marie de Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy."



The public Rosary of the Geraldton Catholic Community this year will commence soon after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral with a procession to the Divine Mercy Garden on Saturday, 11th October. Please mark this great event in your diary and welcome all to join and pray with other volunteers across Australia on the day.

MAJOR RAFFLE DRAW & MORNING TEA SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

The usual 1st Sunday morning tea for October, has been brought forward to the last Sunday of September. Please come join us for morning tea to celebrate on the last Sunday of the month! This day is also an opportunity to watch the St John's Church, Fundraising Raffle Draw take place!



Raffle Draw - Change of Venue:

The St John's Church, Raffle Draw will take place at 11:00am on Sunday 28 September 2025. There is a necessary venue change for the raffle draw which will be at the new location of **St Francis Xavier Cathedral Labyrinth, 65 Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton**. The Cathedral Labyrinth is across the road from the Catholic Centre. We apologise for this change, which is due to unforeseen factors, that caused the venue change of the draw to take place.

All raffle tickets are sold! If you bought a ticket in the Raffle we wish you the very best of luck!!

We sincerely thank **The Rigger Family** for sponsoring the 1st Prize and to **Mitchell & Brown Retravisio**n for sponsoring the 2nd Prize of the raffle. We are grateful for their ongoing generous sponsorship of the fundraising initiatives they have supported in the past as well.

We also thank the many people who helped with ticket books and sold raffle tickets, their help is invaluable to the raffle's success. Thank you to one and all and please come along and join in the morning tea and watch the draw taking place. All are welcome!

- Amy Zinetti

WORK OF MERCY: OPAL & HILLCREST VISIT

Come and enjoy meeting the residents in Opal or Hillcrest Nursing Home Wednesday 10.15 at Opal (Geraldton Shore Community) in Fitzgerald St; Thursday 10.15 at Hillcrest in Onslow St. Please make contact beforehand: 0459 119 575 or flora@preswa.com.au

Columban Art Calendars 2026 Popular Columban Calendar for 2026 is now available to purchase in the Parish Office for \$11.

Parish Office & Holy Shop Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday
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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.

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.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th 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

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.

Parish Office may be unattended

The Parish Secretary is on long service leave. The Parish Office may be closed at times until the first week of October when the Priests are out for pastoral commitments. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



SISTERS OF NAZARETH
GERALDTON COMMUNITY

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.

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.

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

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.kscfa.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.



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EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



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We often draw a careful line between our spiritual lives and the economic and political realities of everyday existence—as if God somehow stops paying attention when we open our laptops or balance our budgets. But Jesus, like the prophet Amos before him, finds the divine in spreadsheets and business dealings, in the messy intersection of faith and finance.

In this week's readings, we find ourselves once again in the company of an accomplished raconteur, listening to tales that are both wonderfully ordinary and mysteriously profound.

Jesus' parable of the dishonest steward is a perfect example of his storytelling genius. Here's a tale that would make any modern HR department break out in a cold sweat—a story about a manager who, facing termination, essentially cooks the books to secure his future. Yet somehow, this ethically questionable character becomes the hero of Jesus' parable.

Jesus doesn't traffic in simple moral platitudes. His stories make us wrestle with complexity, discovering that the kingdom of God operates by different rules than our world. The dishonest steward's cleverness becomes a metaphor for the kind of creative urgency we should bring to our

spiritual lives. Amos understood this centuries earlier, railing against merchants who trampled the poor and made "the ephah [the measure or weight] small and the shekel [the money or payment] great"—an ancient form of "shrinkflation" that



sounds remarkably familiar. The prophet saw clearly that there's no separating our relationship with God from our relationship with money, power, and each other. God, it seems, is indeed in the details of everyday life. The olive oil debts, the wheat measures, the awkward conversations between masters and servants—these aren't just narrative props. They're the very fabric of existence where the sacred and secular meet.

This brings us to the question of true wealth. The steward in Jesus' parable understands something profound: relationships matter more than balance sheets. When he reduces the debts, he's

investing in human connections that will outlast his employment. The "friends" he makes through his generosity become his true treasure.

Paul's letter to Timothy echoes this theme—the love of money is the root of evil. Notice he doesn't say money itself is evil, just our relationship with it. True wealth isn't measured in dollars but in faithfulness, gentleness, and godliness. It is found in choosing relationships over riches, recognising that we are all stewards of the "things" that have been gifted to us by fate or fortune.

Jesus' storytelling continues to surprise us. Two thousand years later, we're still debating the finer points of the dishonest steward's actions, still discovering new layers of meaning in these ancient tales. That's the mark of a master storyteller—creating stories that remain alive, that continue to provoke and inspire long after the original audience has gone home.

In our own lives, we are called to be both storytellers and characters in the ongoing narrative of faith, finding God in the ordinary details and choosing the kind of wealth that truly matters.

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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.



Feasts of the Week

23 Sep Tue Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
27 Sep Sat Saint Vincent De Paul



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.

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Parish Finances

Contributions of 14th September 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1556.85		825.70
Envelopes	\$ 179.00	130.50	170.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1245.70		763.75
Friday Fast	\$ 61.80		



Holy Hour in the Cathedral An Hour to Focus on Jesus, here with us as our strong Hope. *First Friday of October Holy Hour in Our Jubilee Year on 3rd October at 11am, followed by Mass at 12.05pm.*



No Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point next Sunday, 28th September.

Devotees of the Divine Mercy will participate in the Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Mullewa and Yuna on that day.

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will remain at Maureen Bones' residence, Unit 34, Harbour Pines, 20 Francis Street from 22 to 26 September 2025. The Rosary will be prayed daily at 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. All are warmly invited to join in prayer 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.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Fr Brian Ahearn, Rose Ralph, Tim Conway, Maria Salamone, Margaret John, 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. and Zenaida Tan.



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

Anniversaries: Paul Gorman, Joanne Shoemsmith, Daniel Williamson, Constance Willis, Johanna McDonald

Recently Deceased: Carolina Thujs, Maria Robinson and Ray O'Byrne

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading (Amos 8:4-7)

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 112)

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Timothy 2:1-2,4-8)

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

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!..... Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 16:1-13)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too

ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." 'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

"You cannot be the slave both of God and of money"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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 6:1,4-7 | Psalm 145 | 1 Timothy 6:11-16 | Luke 16:19-31