

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON



St Francis Xavier Cathedral

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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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28 September 2025

VOCATION VIEW: *Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead – Live, in order to testify to resurrection and life.*

Migrant & Refugee Sunday



Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue. Each time the Church

gives in to the temptation of “*sedentarization*” and ceases to be a *civitas peregrina*, God’s people journeying towards the heavenly homeland (cf. Augustine, *De Civitate Dei*, Books XIV-XVI), she ceases to be “in the world” and becomes “of the world” (cf. Jn 15:19). This temptation was already present in the early Christian communities, so much so that the Apostle Paul had to remind the Church of Philippi that “our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are

“Missionaries of Hope”



expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself” (Phil 3:20-21).

In a special way, Catholic migrants and refugees can become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived, or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values. With their spiritual enthusiasm and vitality, they can help revitalize ecclesial communities that have become rigid and weighed down, where spiritual desertification is advancing at an alarming rate. Their presence, then, should be recognized and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Heb 13:2) - *Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 111th World Refugees and Migration Sunday*

IT'S ON TODAY !!! 9.30 am — 5.00 pm

Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage

Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers as they take part in this spiritual journey taking in pilgrimage sites of our Diocese—St Francis Xavier Cathedral (Geraldton), Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church (Mullewa), Mass Rock (Mullewa), including Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery.



Nazareth House Geraldton is celebrating its 84th Foundation Anniversary today, Sunday, the 28th. Congratulations to the Nazareth Sisters and staff for keeping the legacy of Victoire Larmenier (Mother Saint Basil) truly alive in all that they do. Love, compassion, patience, respect, justice and hospitality are very much embedded in their mission and vision as an aged care community. Please phone 99235000 to see the Photo & Memorabilia Exhibit, “Through The Years. . .”

St John's Church Raffle Draw

Today, the 28th of September, 11 am. We ask those attending to gather around the Labyrinth. A million thanks to our sponsors - The Rigter's Family and Mitchell & Brown Retravision. Please join us for a special morning tea at 10.30 am at the Divine Mercy Garden, prior to the Raffle Draw. Who will be the lucky winners?

Mass in Utakarra Chapel next Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra next Saturday, **4th October at 9.00 am**. Welcome all to remember and pray for deceased loved ones, friends, and parishioners.



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

Public Rosary

The public Rosary of the Geraldton Catholic Community this year will commence soon after the 9.00 am Mass in the Cathedral with a procession to the Divine Mercy Garden on Saturday, 11th October. Please mark this great event in your diary. All welcome to join and pray with other volunteers across Australia on the day.



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Sincerest thanks to the following parish members who supported the 48 Hour Perpetual Rosary Bouquet in celebration of Our Lady's Birthday on 8th September, amongst the thousands who prayed the Rosary nationwide:

Cathy Clarke, Carmel Bowen, Peter Dann, Bincey George, Tricia Glynn, Tru Hoang, Anna Holly, Angie Italiano, Sisi Koorusappan, Mary Marsh, Sis McDonald, Mary McFadden, Moira McLean, Ben Price, Joy Reid, Sholly Saji, Priya Stephen, Resmy Thomas, & Teresa Tomlinson

Movie Fund-raiser for Akot Village

Sunday 26th 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 043714872. — Jan Bowen

St Lawrence's Church One-Off Special Collection

This weekend only. Please put your donation in an envelope marked SLC Special Collection and you may wish to include your name, address and phone number. Money collected will go towards upgrading equipment and for repairs. We are most grateful for your support. Your contribution will make a great difference.

Baptism Preparation Meeting Tuesday, 14th October 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Seminar Room, Catholic Centre. This is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptised. *For booking, contact the Parish Office 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.ksca.org.au/KSC-Education-Foundation.html> For further information, please contact office@kscwa.org.au, or phone 9368 2503.



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!



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

Monsignor Hawes memorabilia, sacramental and other religious gifts are available at the **Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre Museum Gift Shop.**

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.*

Coming Up For A Blessing During Communion

Non-Catholics and non-Baptised are welcome to join the line of communicants *holding arms across your chest*, to receive a blessing from a Priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.



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

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.

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.



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EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



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Jesus often spoke in parables, and he knew how to tell a story, but parables were often stories that upended people's expectations. The wealthy often seem blessed in this life, so we might expect they will be blessed in the next life. This is not the message of this parable. The poor man is called Lazarus, a variant of Eleazar, which means "God helps." The rich man is unidentified in scripture, but tradition has given him the name "Dives" which is Latin for rich, so readers of the Latin bible began to treat this as his proper name. It is not surprising that people love this story of reversal, especially in first century Palestine when the rich had scooped up much of the land and money, leaving tenant farmers with little of their own, except to be hired out as labourers on very basic wages. However, there is also contemporary relevance when we learn of the often-extraordinary payments to chief executives of corporations. The gospel never condemns wealth, but it challenges those who are so blessed to consider those less fortunate. There are many wealthy people who contribute to the larger community from their bounty, but the parable challenges those who are concerned only with their own

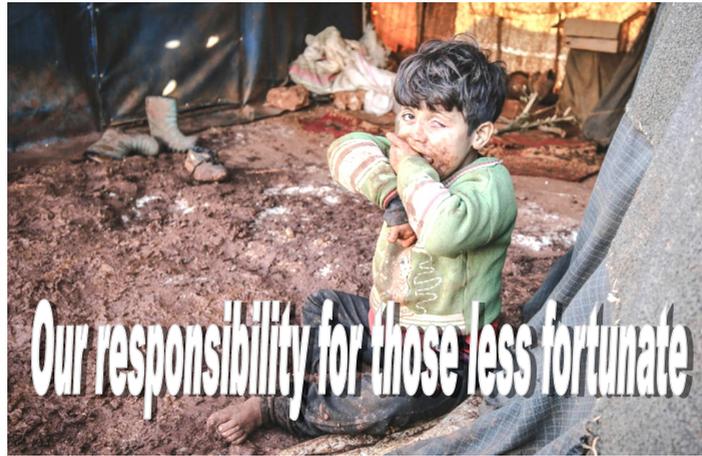
lifestyle and have little concern for those less fortunate.

Catholic Social Teaching has moved over the centuries from almsgiving to a commitment to the preferential option for the poor. This

the good of the entire community, especially by defending the vulnerable, the marginalised and the poor." "Sound politics," he said, promotes "the equitable distribution of resources," which "can offer an effective service to harmony and peace both domestically and internationally."

The pope continued and said we have a "responsibility to promote and protect, independent of any special interest, the good of the community, the common good, particularly by defending the vulnerable and the marginalised. This would mean, for example, working to overcome the unacceptable disproportion between the immense wealth concentrated in the hands of a few and the world's poor. Those who live in extreme conditions cry out to make their voices heard and often find no ears willing to hear their plea." While we need to individually assess our values, we can also be a voice on behalf of the needy and urge those in governance to grow our foreign aid. It is not acceptable to pursue self-interest without concern for the needy..

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commitment is a reminder that we all have responsibility for the care of our global sisters and brothers, most of whom live in conditions less favourable than we enjoy in Australia.

On 21 June, Pope Leo XIV told those attending a Rome conference on democracy and interfaith dialogue: "The huge economic divide between rich and poor today is unacceptable, with so much wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. Political leaders have a responsibility to promote

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

29 Sep Mon Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
 30 Sep Tue Saint Jerome
 01 Oct Wed Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
 02 Oct Thu The Holy Guardian Angels
 04 Oct Sat Saint Francis of Assisi



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Rosary statue will be in the Cathedral Crypt beginning on Monday, 29th September and will remain there for the whole month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary. 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.



St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

No Divine Mercy Hour today, Sunday 28th September.

Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel on the following days in the main Chapel: *Monday, Friday and Sunday from 4 pm – 5 pm.* All welcome to join the Sisters and residents in prayerful adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

In the Cathedral, Thursdays after 7 am Mass until 8 am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00 am followed by Mass, and First Fridays 7:30-9:30 pm

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., Zenaida Tan, and Peg Faithfull



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

Anniversaries: Santha Lena Xavier, Bro Len Newman, David Whiteaker, Patricia Hovell, Pas Miragliotta, Margaret Gillmore and Paul Gorman.

Recently Deceased: Margaret John, Carolina Thuijs, Joe Gaudio and Peter Hill (Laverton).

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Parish Finances

Contributions of 21st September 2025

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1507.30		600.25
Envelopes	\$ 179.00	87.00	215.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1174.05		447.05
Friday Fast	\$ 89.05		



Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading (Amos 6:1,4-7)

A reading from the prophet Amos.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

R.

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

R.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

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

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's

table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent."

Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 | Psalm 94 | 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 | Luke 17:5-9