

# 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

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year A

28 December 2025

**VOCATION VIEW:** The Old Law said that every first born male shall be dedicated to the Lord.  
 Is there a priest, deacon, brother, or sister from your family? Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation.

### What was family life in Nazareth like?

"This most blessed family serves as a model for all families for all time. Although the hidden life of Christ is not fully revealed to us in the Scriptures, these years of Jesus with Mary and Joseph do show us the importance of His daily life in the ordinary time of family life. It is in Nazareth where the school of the Gospel begins. It is here that three important lessons are provided – the lesson of silence, the lesson of family life, and the lesson of work."

– St Pope John Paul II



### Farewell Morning Tea for our Priests today

You are invited to join in the farewell morning tea for our Priests Fr Gerard and Fr Savio today Sunday, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December in the Catholic Centre at 10:45am.

Welcome all parishioners to express your love and prayers as well as to wish them well for their new assignment.

Fr Gerard will be back in Geraldton in the week commencing on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and will celebrate Holy Mass in the Cathedral at 9:30am for the Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood.



### Mass on New Year Day

Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God and the New Year, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> January will be at 9:00 am in the Cathedral.

*Wish you all an Ecstatic, Energetic and Exuberant Emerging Year!*

### Thanksgiving Adoration and Mass at New Year's Eve

Let us join together for a solemn adoration and benediction on the last day of the year at 10pm followed by thanksgiving Mass at 11pm in the Cathedral on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December. It is a great opportunity to reflect and thank God for the abundant blessings we have received this year, despite having turbulent times! We will also begin our new year with the Lord of all. All Welcome!



### Bishop's Christmas Communio Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Christmas Communio Appeal. Tax Receipts will be forwarded in the new year to those who have requested.

The Appeal remains open until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.

"Together we can make a difference".

Scan the QR Code or click on the link

<https://geraldtoncathedral.org/communio/>

for more details and mode of payments.



### Feasts of the Week

1 Jan Thu Mary the Holy Mother of God  
 2 Jan Fri Saints Basil and Gregory



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, with Litany of St Joseph and Benediction.

Next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Cathedral.



### Parish Website Maintenance

The Parish Website may be down and inaccessible this week due to the maintenance. Inconvenience caused to you is highly regretted.

### Christmas New Year Holidays

Our offices will be closed during the Christmas and New year period as scheduled below:

OFFICES	CLOSED	RE-OPENING
Parish Office	12:30pm Wed 24 Dec 2025	9:00am Wed 7 Jan 2026
Diocesan and CDF Offices	4:00pm Fri 19 Dec 2025	8:30am Mon 5 Jan 2026

### 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, Peg Faithfull, Maureen Lynch and Colleen Salter.



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

**Anniversaries:** Fr Robert Pocock, Henri Thuijs, Philomena Wendt, Bill Rowe, John Millward, Monica Clune, Terry Dolan, Laura Drew and Jim Bianchini.

**Recently Deceased:** Rhonda (McDonnell) Hickey.

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

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### Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### First Reading (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14)

#### A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy; with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 127)

#### R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **R.**

### Second Reading (Colossians 3:12-21)

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

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!.....**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you..... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)

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

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.'

So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*



### Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

### 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 60:1-6 | Psalm 71 | Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12