

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

## St Francis Xavier Cathedral

**Administrator** Fr Tai Trinh  
**Assistant Priests** Fr Larry Rodillas  
**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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**01 February 2026**

**VOCATION VIEW:** *A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?*

## First Reconciliation / Confession this year

Sacrament of first Reconciliation/Confession will be celebrated in our parishes next Month.

## Preparation classes for After School Program

The children from non-Catholic Schools for the first Reconciliation this year will commence their preparation classes this Wednesday on 4<sup>th</sup> February 3:20-4:30pm in the parish seminar room. It will continue every Wednesday until the celebration.

Any child in year 3 (or higher) this year and not attending a catholic school, who wishes to make their First Confession in March this year, please enrol now for the After School Program. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## Parent/Child Meeting

Candidates and their parents, from St Francis Xavier Primary School, St John's School and After School Program should attend the Parent/Child meeting on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 5-6pm in the Catholic Centre.

## Commitment Masses

Candidates and parents are kindly requested to attend one of the following Masses for making their commitment.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral or Bluff Point**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.00am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral**

**St John's students are also to attend one of the above Masses or as directed by the School.**

## Celebration

The Celebration of the Sacrament will be as follows:

St Francis Xavier Primary School Wednesday 25 March

St Lawrence's Bluff Point Saturday 28 March

St John's School Monday 30 March

After School Program Wednesday 25 March

For more information or to enroll children to the After School Program, please visit the parish website by scanning this QR Code or via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-program/>



## Mass in Uta Karra Chapel next Saturday

The first Holy Mass this year in the San Spirito Chapel at Uta Karra will be celebrated next Saturday, **7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 am**. Welcome all to remember and pray for the deceased loved ones, friends, and parishioners.



## Sr Goretti Passes Away

Sister Goretti Keane pbvm, a member of the Presentation Congregation who lived and worked in Geraldton for many years in various roles passed away in Perth peacefully on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at the age of 93. She was involved in many ministries and devotional groups in our Parishes. *Her funeral will take place this Wednesday at 1:00 pm in St Mary Star of the Sea Church at Cottesloe by Fr Gerard Totanes VG. The livestreaming link will be available on our parish website at [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)*



## Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome all new parishioners to our community. If you have recently moved to Geraldton or you had moved earlier and not registered yet with the Parish, please register your details online by visiting our parish website, either by scanning this QR code or using the link



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

## Wanted volunteers for Children's Liturgy "Let the children come to me!"

We are looking for a few volunteers urgently to join our Children's Liturgy team in the Cathedral. Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays during the 9:30am Mass. All resources and training will be provided. It is a good opportunity for evangelisation by nurturing faith in our young children. If you are interested in being a part of the team or need further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or email [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au) Or visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/childrens-liturgy/> The Children's liturgy will commence next Sunday in our parishes. So the parents of primary school children are requested to bring your children to attend 9:30 am Mass in the Cathedral or 9:00 am Mass at St Lawrence's Bluff Point.



## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at **5:30pm** in the Parish Seminar Room. 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

## Parish Office & Holy Shop

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530  
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**Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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**Safeguarding Officers** 0470 207 707

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*If you require a priest in emergency, phone 9964 1608 (24/7)*

## Pope Leo XIV proclaims a special Jubilee Year of St Francis

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year marking the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, highlighting the saint's enduring message of peace, holiness, and care for creation.

In a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and announced by the Franciscan Friars states the special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV will take place from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, on the occasion of the eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The decree is also granting the faithful the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis. The life of the Poor Man of Assisi shows that God's mercy works in history also through people who have opened their hearts to His action.

Looking at his example, we see that God's grace can transform even the greatest weaknesses. Precisely indulgence makes it possible to free the heart from the burden of sin, since it is the remission by God of the temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, so that one may carry out the due reparation in full freedom.

Therefore, the Jubilee is an opportunity for the faithful to rekindle their faith, strengthen their relationship with God and with the community of the Church.

To obtain the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis, certain specific conditions indicated by the Church must be fulfilled: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, certain prayers according to the intentions of the Pope, interior detachment from sin, and the performance of certain works, such as a pious pilgrimage to Franciscan churches, participation in Jubilee celebrations, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit, as well as daily acts of charity and humility that express the spirituality of Saint Francis.

A significant element of the document is the care shown for the sick and the elderly who cannot leave their homes; they may unite themselves spiritually to the celebration of the Year of Saint Francis by offering to God their prayers, sufferings, and daily difficulties of life, and by committing themselves to fulfilling the usual conditions as soon as this becomes possible.



The Jubilee of Hope last year was a time of grace; the Church opened wide her doors. Now it is essential to ask ourselves: what has happened to me since then? Without pausing and assimilating experiences, even the holiest moments remain at the level of emotions.

In the decree, we also read these words: "This Year of Saint Francis should encourage all of us, each according to his or her own possibilities, to imitate the Poor Man of Assisi." What message does the life of Saint Francis offer to modern man?

The biography of Saint Francis shows that true imitation of Christ is not based on declarations or ideas, but on a concrete and real lifestyle rooted in the Gospel. He reminds us of the timeless value of poverty and simplicity.

By renouncing wealth and social prestige, Francis showed that freedom of heart is born of detachment from material goods. For today's person, living in a world of consumerism, this is an extremely timely invitation to moderation, responsible use of goods, and placing God and neighbour above material possessions: it is a matter of "being" more than "having."



If you or family members are admitted to hospital (or sick and at home) and wish to receive holy communion/pastoral visit, please ring the Parish Office on 9964 1608. You can also request the hospital staff to inform the Parish Office that you have been admitted in the hospital.

### When you Call After Hours

Afterhours phone calls are expected for emergency pastoral care only. Any other enquiries and bookings must be made during the office hours. If the duty Priest is involved in a ministry when you call, for example during a Mass, he won't be able to pick it up. So please try after some time or leave a clear voice message with your full name and phone number for him to call you back. Thank you.

If you require a priest in an emergency please phone 9964 1608 (24/7)

### Ministry of Pastoral Visitation

You are invited to be part of the Ministry of Pastoral Visitation team which will reach out to the bereaved and housebound. When visiting homes you will go with another team member and through this much needed ministry, you will give comfort to those who've lost loved ones and uplift the housebound and lonely, just as Jesus did when he went from home to home. There are certain Safeguarding requirements. Please leave your details with Benny at the Parish Office to register your interest and to be contacted for further information.

Phone 9964 1608 or email [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

### Did you know?

All necessary information including Sacraments and bulletins are available on our website. Please visit [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)

### Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable in our parishes.



Amy Zinetti



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Melinda Jupp



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Rosemary Taylor

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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



### Diocesan Office

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In this liturgical year, Year A, we focus on readings from Matthew's Gospel. Matthew writes towards the end of the first century AD, for a Christian community comprised of Jewish converts. In his gospel, he strives to demonstrate for them how Jesus is the fulfilment of the faith, hopes and promises of their Jewish faith, the fulfilment of all that is in "the law and the prophets" (Mt 5:17).

The reading from Matthew's Gospel is arguably the most famous and oft-quoted of all passages in the New Testament. It is known as The Sermon on the Mount or The Beatitudes (Blessed are they ...). It is Matthew's masterful summary of Jesus' teachings.

The passage follows not long after Matthew's account of Jesus' early public life and the call of the first disciples. Matthew gives a brief description of Jesus' activity: "He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people" (Mt 4:23).

In this one verse, Matthew effectively

summarises the ministry of Jesus: teaching and healing. Jesus teaches with extraordinary authority, interpreting the Torah for his Jewish followers, and he heals the sick and afflicted, lifting the burden of suffering. These two

"Blessed (i.e., happy, fortunate) are they . . ." Jesus repeats nine times, each time noting the God-given blessing that is the corresponding reward for those who act in that way. With these Beatitudes, Jesus effectively instructs his disciples on the nature of true holiness and the promise of true happiness. The Beatitudes reflect the merciful and compassionate character of God as revealed by Jesus (and as expressed in the Psalm). And they articulate the attitudes, values and spirit of the way of life we are to live and the way we are to act as Jesus' disciples in our care and concern for each other, our fellow human beings, and indeed all creation.



dimensions of his ministry — teaching and healing — are inextricably linked and intertwined. His teaching offers healing and his healing expresses his teaching.

Matthew tells us that, on this occasion, Jesus goes up the mountain, draws his disciples to him, and sits down (as Rabbis do) and teaches them. His going up the mountain reminds us of Moses who went up the mountain of Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. This teaching is as important as that!

The list of Beatitudes is not like the list of the Ten Commandments, a definitive list of commands (Thou shalt not . . .). Rather, they are commendations for a way of living, of being in the world, of caring for others, especially the sick, powerless, poor and afflicted.

Our gospel reading challenges us to reflect on our attitudes and values in the light of Jesus' teaching and his compassion for all those in need of healing.

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### Please Turn Off your phones in the Church.

Everyone is kindly requested to **turn off** your mobile phones whilst in the Church especially during Mass and Adoration as it disturbs other people. Thank you.

### Columban Calendar

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for this year is still available in the Parish Office holy shop for \$10.



### Make your contributions online

You are welcome to make EFT transfers using Parish bank details as follows: **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. For more details, visit our webpage using this QR code or via link <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/support-us/>



### ✠ EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday  
Next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February in the Cathedral

**Morning:** 11am-12pm followed by Holy Mass at 12:05pm

**Evening:** 7:30 - 9:30pm with Litany of St Joseph

Welcome everyone to adore the Lord!



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1788.70		732.55
Envelopes	\$ 95.00	95.00	129.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1566.45		415.80
Friday Fast	\$ 73.00		



### Feasts of the Week

- 2 Feb Mon The Presentation of the Lord
- 5 Feb Thu Saint Agatha
- 6 Feb Fri Saint Paul Miki and Companions



### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with Ann Dempster at 33 Eakins Crescent, Wandina until 6<sup>th</sup> February. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm** Mon-Fri



### 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.

### Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4:00–5:00 pm in the Nazareth House main Chapel. All welcome!



### 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, Colleen Salter & Allan Smith.



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

**Anniversaries:** Lira D'Cruz, Norman Bone, Sr Vianney pbvm, Giuseppe Ricupero and John Faithfull.

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Goretti Keane pbvm  
Daphne Wates *nee* Faulkner.

### Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

### First Reading (Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13)

#### A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

#### R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

### Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:1:26-31)

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!..** Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12)

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

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the

peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### 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 58:7-10 | Psalm 111 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 | Matthew 5:13-16

### Coming up for a blessing during Communion

Those who do not receive holy Communion including 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.

