

# 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

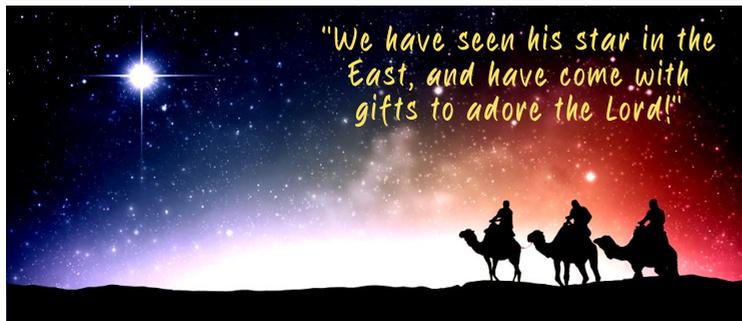
**St Peter's Greenough** Sunday Mass 8:00am

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Year A

04 January 2026

**VOCATION VIEW:** More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.



"We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord!"

## Welcome Fr Tai Trinh

Our new Administrator Fr Tai Trinh is here in Geraldton this weekend for a short visit before going to clergy retreat in Perth from tomorrow for a week followed by a month of holidays to visit his family in Vietnam. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts as he commences his new ministry in Geraldton.



## Restricted Access to the Parish Office

Due to the maintenance works of the Catholic Centre, the access to the Parish Office is restricted until 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please avoid visiting the office during this period as we may be able to assist you over the phone or by email for any services you require.

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting this year 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)

## Table of Blessings

Table of Blessings at Fitzgerald Hall has now concluded for the year. It will resume on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## 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.

## Clergy Retreat this week

Bishop Michael and our Priests will be attending their annual retreat at St John of God Retreat Centre, Safety Bay this week commencing from Monday until Friday. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts. Fr Brenton Taylor will be available in Geraldton for any emergency pastoral services. Please phone the Parish Office on 08 9964 1608, which will be diverted to him after hours.

## Bishop's Christmas Communio Appeal

Please support the Bishop's Communio Appeal. All donations are tax deductible.

"Together we can make a difference".

Scan the QR Code or click on the link

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

for more details and mode of payments.



## God's Word 2026 still available in the Parish Office

God's Word for daily readings and reflections for 2026 is available now in the Parish Office for \$22. *Only a few copies left!*



## Christmas New Year Holidays

Our offices are now closed for Christmas-New year holidays and it will reopen this week 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

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 | Psalm 28 | Acts 10:34-38 | Matthew 3:13-17

## 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 and Don McDonald.

**Anniversaries:** Reg Price, Joe Greenland, Evelyn Hovell and Frank Maguire.

**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)

### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6)

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 71)

#### R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

### Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6)

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

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

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

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord..... **Alleluia!**



### Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

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

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you,

Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way *The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore 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.**