

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 Baptism of the Lord

Year A

11 January 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Baptism is the starting point; union with God is our goal. How we serve others in between is our Vocation.



"You are my Son, the beloved;
 My favour rests on you."

The Necessity of Baptism

The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptise them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptised are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments. *-(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1257)*

Do you have any spare iPad to donate?

The Cathedral is looking for a few iPads in good working condition. If you have any used spare iPads and happy to donate, please contact the Parish or Diocesan Office.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, 10th 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



Columban Calendar

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for this year is still available in the Parish Office holy shop for \$11.



Novena Masses of Santo Niño and "Sinulog" Festival

In preparation to the Feast of the Santo Nino and Sinulog festival of the Filipino Community, Novena Masses have begun last Friday at 6:00pm in St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point, which will continue until next Friday. The Feast and festival will be celebrated next Saturday, 17th January with a concluding Mass at 4:00pm in the Cathedral with Bishop Michael as main celebrant, preceded by novena at 3:30pm. The Mass will be followed by a procession to SFX Primary School where a dinner plus fun and entertainments will take place. All Welcome!



Is your child in a Non-Catholic School and in Year 3?

ENROL NOW FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS YEAR

Any child in year 3 (or higher) this year and not attending a catholic school, who wishes to make their First Confession in the first term, please enroll now for the **After School Program**. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started in February. Enrolments invited for other sacraments as well.

For enquiries or enrolments please visit our website using the QR Code or the link <https://geraldtoncatholic.org/after-school-program/>



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.



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: John Pace, Ray Criddle, Roly Bond, Les Rowe, Vince Ricupero, Laura Drew and Beryl Faulkner.

Recently Deceased: Derek Dulford.

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

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading (Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 28)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

Second Reading (Acts 10:34-38)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.....

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said

'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



*This is my Son
the beloved.
My Favour
rests on him.*

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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 49:3,5-6 | Psalm 39 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 | John 1:29-34

Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

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



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