

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

08 February 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people, so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

Welcome back Fr Tai Trinh

Our new Administrator Fr Tai Trinh will be back this week following a very rejuvenating time with his family. He will be available in the Parish from next weekend as he commences the ministry for Geraldton community. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts.



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 preparation lessons for candidates from non-Catholic schools have commenced last week and it will continue every Wednesday until the celebration.

Parent/Child Meeting this week

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

Commitment Masses next weekend

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

Saturday 14th Feb at 6pm in the Cathedral or Bluff Point

Sunday 15th Feb at 7.30am, 9:30am or 6pm in the Cathedral

Sunday 15th Feb at 9.00am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Saturday 21st 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.

Commitment Forms to be completed

Candidates attending the Commitment Mass on the above dates must fill out a Reconciliation Commitment form and present it to the Priest. The form is available in schools as well as on our parish website to download. Scan the QR code, or access the page via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/reconciliation/>.



Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this 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

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/>

Children's Liturgy commences today "Let the children come to me!"

The Children's liturgy will commence from today onwards in our parishes. Parents of primary school children are kindly 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.



Lent 2026

A period of repentance, reparation and renewal

Ash Wednesday - 18th February

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics between 14 and 65 years of age, except those who may be excused due to infirmity or ill health.

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses for Ash Wednesday, including the distribution of ashes, will be as follows:

St Francis Xavier Cathedral : 7am, 12:05pm and 6pm

St Lawrence's Bluff Point : 9:05am (School Under Cover Area)

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Cathedral commencing on Friday 20th February.



Lenten Reflections

Compassio Lenten program from the Diocese of Wollongong will be used for the Lenten Reflections on Sunday Gospels this year. Date of commencement and time will be available by next Sunday. Please watch this space or the webpage.



Little Black Book for Lent

The little black book for daily meditations during Lent - on the *Passion according to Mark* - is available in the Church today to be used from next Sunday onwards. This beautifully prepared book costs only \$4. Please put the money in the bowl and get your copy.

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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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)

2026 SACRAMENTAL TIMELINE

SACRAMENTS	PROGRAMS	SFX GERALDTON	ST. JOHN'S RANGEWAY	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	SLC BLUFFPOINT
Mass of the Holy Oils		17 th March, Tuesday at 5pm in the Cathedral. Delegates of the Confirmation Candidates to attend.			
RECONCILIATION (Term I) Year 3 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 4 th Feb 3:20pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	11 th Feb, Wed at 5pm in the Catholic Centre	11 th Feb, Wed at 5pm in the Catholic Centre	11 th Feb, Wed at 5pm in the Catholic Centre	TBA by Priest
	Commitment Mass	14 th , 15 th or 21 st Feb in the Cathedral	14 th , 15 th or 21 st Feb Cathedral or Bluff Point	14 th , 15 th or 21 st Feb in the Cathedral	14 th Feb or 15 th Feb in St Lawrence's Church
	Retreat	Wednesday 25 th March	Tuesday 24 th March	Wednesday 25 th March	Thursday 19 th February
	Celebration	Wednesday 25 th March	Monday 30 th March	Wednesday 25 th March	Saturday 28 th March
FIRST EUCHARIST (Term II) Year 4 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	Wed 29 th April 3:20-4:30pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	6 th May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	6 th May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	6 th May, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	30 th Apr at 5:30pm in St Lawrence's Church
	Commitment Mass	9 th , 10 th or 16 th May in the Cathedral	10 th May in St John's Church	9 th , 10 th or 16 th May in the Cathedral	2 nd or 3 rd May in St Lawrence's Church
	<i>Attend Mass in the Cathedral or Rangeway as directed by the School</i>				
	Retreat	Friday 19 th June	Monday 8 th June	Friday 19 th June	Thursday 7 th May
	Celebration	Sat 27 th June 4:00pm in the Cathedral	Sat 13 th May 3:00pm in St John's Church	Sat 27 th June 4:00pm in the Cathedral	Sun 7 th June 11am in St Lawrence's Church
<i>Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the celebration</i>					
CONFIRMATION (Term III) Year 6 and above	Lessons	As per school schedule	As per school schedule	29 th July, Wed 3:20pm	As per school schedule
	Parent/child meeting	22 nd July, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	22 nd Jul, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	22 nd July, Wed 5pm in the Catholic Centre	TBA by Priest
	Commitment Mass	1 st , 2 nd or 8 th August in the Cathedral	2 nd August in St John's Church	1 st , 2 nd or 8 th August in the Cathedral	25 th or 26 th July in St Lawrence's Church
	<i>Attend Mass in the Cathedral or Rangeway as directed by the School</i>				
	Retreat	Friday 21 st August	Monday 17 th August	Friday 21 st August	Thursday 30 th July
	Celebration	Group 1: Wed 2 nd Sep 6pm Group 2: Fri 4 th Sep 6pm	Tue 1 st September 6pm in St John's Church	Fri 4 th September 6pm in the Cathedral	Thu 3 rd September 6pm in St Lawrence's Church
<i>Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the celebration</i>					

Sacramental Timeline can be downloaded from the parish website www.geraldtoncathedral.org

Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting: on Saturday February 21, 9am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in Crypt with Brunch at Tart & Co afterwards.

All men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Daniel by email: danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com.



"In this place, let all things be done for the glory of God" – St Scholastica (the twin sister of St. Benedict)

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/>



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.

God's Word 2026 still available!

God's Word for daily readings and reflections for this year is still available in the Parish Office for a discounted price of only \$20. *Be hurry to buy the last copy left!*



Diocesan Office

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According to a book called *The Life of Francis of Assisi*, Francis invited a young monk to join him on a trip to town to preach. Honoured to be given the invitation, the monk readily accepted. All day long he and Francis walked through the streets, byways, and alleys, and even into the suburbs.

They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people. At day's end, the two headed back home. Not even once had Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the gospel. Greatly disappointed, his young companion said, "I thought we were going into town to preach."

Francis responded, "My son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many, and our behaviour was closely watched. It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk!"

Most of us will never stand in a pulpit to preach a homily, but we do preach by the witness of our lives. This is not explicit preaching, but rather the example of lives of integrity which are often

more eloquent than lengthy biblical reflections. The prophet Isaiah tells us of the need to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to clothe the naked, and never to turn our backs

In a world of inequality, we are often separated from those who are on the margins who struggle to pay rent, to cope with the rising cost of living, and to manage on the minimum wage. We do not necessarily inhabit their world. But we need to be mindful that the blessings we have received in terms of employment, family stability, education, economic security and lifestyle, should not isolate us from, or blind us, to the needy in our world.

Salt was traditionally a food preservative and a condiment to enrich food, so we are called to enrich the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. In Australia, first among these must be our indigenous brothers and sisters, as well as migrants and citizens who have fallen through the cracks in our society. There are also the victims of domestic violence whose lives are in turmoil. We must pray and stand in solidarity with all those in need. There is much to do in being daily witnesses to the gospel and preaching with our lives.

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on our own. This is what makes our light shine before others. The psalm spells out how our lives can make a difference when they are characterised by generosity, mercy, trust, and a steadfast heart committed to reaching out to the poor. This is the challenge given us by Pope Leo XIV in his recent Apostolic Letter, *Dilexi te* (I have Loved You), where he insists that we must be concerned about the lives of the most marginalised in our society.

Volunteer with IMPACT

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering online at <https://palms.org.au/event/feb-info/> in this special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments at <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/> suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026 **Time:** 4 pm – 5:30 pm AWST

Contacts: 02 9560 5333 | palms@palms.org.au

Want to visit a community first?

Join our 13-day **Encounter Tour to Timor Leste!**

Book by 28 February for the May tour!

See palms.org.au/encounters



Feasts of the Week

10 Feb Tue Saint Scholastica

14 Feb Sat Saints Cyril and Methodius



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with Rosaria Lanza at 1 Batavia Place, Mahomet Flats until 20th February. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm** Mon-Fri
All are welcome to pray with the mother of God!



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

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4:00–5:00 pm
Sundays 3-4pm in the Nazareth House main Chapel.



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: Aldo Masiello, Matthew Donovan, Ena Anzac Morrissey and Hannah Elizabeth Wright.

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

Parish Finances

Contributions of 1st February 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1708.75		751.95
Envelopes	\$ 140.00	107.00	190.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1328.30		419.75
Friday Fast	\$ 79.35		

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading (Isaiah 58:7-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 111)

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!.. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life..... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that,



seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

Sirach 15:15-20 | Ps 118 | 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 | Matthew 5:17-37

MHHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open daily from 10am-4pm. If you would like to learn more about John Hawes and the SFX Cathedral, tours are available on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 and Friday at 4:00. Tickets (\$5) are available at the museum.



Columban Calendar

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

