

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh
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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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year A

1 March 2026

VOCATION VIEW: *The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.*

Project Compassion

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so



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 this Lent

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Lent

A period of repentance, reparation and renewal

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the Cathedral.



Lenten Reflections-Every Thursday

Lenten Reflections being held on every Thursday during Lent at 5:30-6:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. *Compassio* Lenten program from the Diocese of Wollongong on Sunday Gospels is used this year.

Lent and Holy Week Service Times are available online

Please visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/len/> or scan this QR Code for Lenten programs and Holy Week Service times to view or download.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

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

Malayalam Mass and Lenten Retreat

In preparation for Holy week and Easter there will be Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass and Lenten retreat in the Cathedral on Monday, 9th March. Holy Qurbana will start at 5:30pm followed by retreat and Confessions at 6:30pm. Adoration before the blessed Sacrament at 8:00pm followed by benediction which will be concluded by 8:30pm.



All Keralites are kindly requested to participate.

Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Fr Gerard is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination next Month. He will be presiding a thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 15th of March at 9:30am in the Cathedral followed by a bring and share brunch in the Catholic Centre. All are invited to participate in these celebrations as well as to convey him your good wishes and prayers. He has been ministering for Geraldton community all these years before moving to Karratha.



The Annual Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass) and renewal of Commitment to Christian Service Tuesday, 17th March at 5pm in the Cathedral



This is a Diocesan celebration.

Priests ministering in the Geraldton Diocese gather to celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael and renew their Priestly commitment. Parishioners are invited to attend and offer prayerful support for their Priests. Representatives of Confirmation Candidates and OCIA candidates for this year also will be attending this Mass.

AGM of Carols by Candlelight Committee

Annual General Meeting of the Carols by Candlelight Committee will be held on Monday 13th April, 7.30pm at Geraldton Family Church. All positions become vacant and are voted on for election at this meeting. Always keen for extra people to assist with the planning of this annual event. Carols by Candlelight is planned for this year on Sunday, 6th December.

Please contact your pastor or the Carols Committee on geraldtoncarols@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of the event preparations this year. Names of interested parties would be appreciated prior to the meeting if possible.

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about.

For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (Ex 3:7).

Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. We must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."

Fasting

If Lent is a time for listening, fasting is a



concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour.

With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfilment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: "In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity." Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because "those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly." As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since "austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic."

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour.

Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

Together

Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways.

For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (cf. 9:1-3).

Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires - both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation.

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others.

Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

- Pope Leo XIV



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In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for God's glory, 'kabod', signifies the glorious manifestation of his presence. When this happens, the normally unseen and imperfectly known God makes himself known to his people in a visible and tangible way.

For example, in Exodus, the 'kabod' of God goes before his people in visible pillars of cloud and fire. This glorious appearance of God's presence and power leads the Israelites out of Egypt and it descends on Mt Sinai to give Moses the Ten Commandments. However, when Moses asks to see God's glory up close, God responds, "No one shall see my face and live."

When God reveals himself in the Old Testament, there was always some kind of separation or distance between his supremely holy presence and his people. Although God goes before his people and dwells with them, no one is permitted to see him face-to-face. To take another Old Testament example, Elijah responds to the passing presence of God on Mt Horeb (in 2 Kings) by covering his face. This separation recognised the gulf that still existed between God and humanity because of sin.

But in this week's gospel, Moses and Elijah

appear at the top of a mountain, Mt Tabor, and commune face-to-face with the one true God. Jesus' identity is revealed; he is the 'kabod' of

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is surrounded by two of Israel's greatest heroes, representing God's communication and enduring presence with his people; on Golgotha, he is flanked by two criminals, representing the depth of sin and suffering in the human condition. Peter is awestruck and wants to stay on Mt Tabor, while he covers in fear and doesn't approach Golgotha.

But, at both, the glory of God is unveiled for the whole world, and Jesus is revealed as the one true Son of God. At the transfiguration, a voice from heaven declares that "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour," at Golgotha, the truth of Jesus' divinity is proclaimed by a

Roman centurion, one of his crucifiers.

As St Paul says in this week's Second Reading, we are reconciled to God because "he abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News."

And, just as Moses and Elijah saw in the transfiguration, through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have now seen, in him, the 'kabod' of God face-to-face.

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God, the same saving presence of God that spoke from the fiery cloud in Exodus.

However, this revelation of Jesus' divinity will only make sense after his death and resurrection. As much as the transfiguration reveals the truth about who Jesus is, Easter reveals so much more.

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is revealed in his divine glory, clothed in white and shining like the sun. On Golgotha, he is seen in tortured and shamed, stripped of his clothes.

✠ EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, next Friday, 6th March 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!



Public Holiday Tomorrow

Being a public holiday, holy Mass will be at 9:00 am in the Cathedral tomorrow on Monday, 2nd March.

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with Moira McLean at 124 Fitzgerald Street, Beachlands until 6th March. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm** Mon-Fri **except Thursday** for Lenten Reflections.

All are welcome to pray with the Queen of Heaven!



Columban Calendar

A few copies of pretty and popular Columban calendar for this year is still available in the Parish Office holy shop for **\$10**.

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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 and Sr Terri Emslie pbvm.



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

Anniversaries: Graham Williams.

Recently Deceased: Elaine Forsyth and Bronwyn McCarthy.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 22nd February 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1892.60		812.25
Envelopes	\$ 130.00	92.00	135.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1469.30		534.75
Friday Fast	\$ 89.20		



Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading (Genesis 12:1-4)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32)

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:8-10)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (**bow for the following line** *)

*born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 17:3-7 | Psalm 94 | Romans 5:1-2,5-8 | John 4:5-42

Looking for Easter Cards?

Beautiful Easter Cards are available in the Parish Office holy shop. There are also other greeting cards and items available for all occasions.

Beautiful statues, Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads, necklaces as well as a great selection of greeting cards for various occasions such as Birthdays, Christening, Feast days, Wedding, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Jubilees, Anniversaries and many more..



EFTPOS available... Visti the Parish Office during office hours.

99th World Day of Prayer - Nigeria

Next Friday 6th March at 10am at Salvation Army, Geraldton. Please bring a plate of morning tea.



New readers' roster available

New roster commencing from next weekend is now available for Cathedral readers. It was emailed last week to all readers. If you wish to have a hard copy, please collect it from the Sacristy. Thank you.

Wanted Readers and Commentators

St Lawrence's Church is looking for volunteer Readers and Commentators for Saturday evening Masses at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested, please contact Rone Pace through call or text on 0408 947 716 or Email ron.pace@outlook.com

MHC 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.

