

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh
Assistant Priests Fr Larry Rodillas
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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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year A

8 March 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.

Project Compassion

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home.



With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income,

helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

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or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

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Special Mass for Middle East

The current situation caused by war and violence in the Middle East is a case of serious need for compassion, prayer and pastoral advantage. Therefore, a special Mass will be celebrated for Peace in the region, this Wednesday on the 11th of March at 7:00am in the Cathedral. Inviting everyone to be united in prayer and solidarity for the people facing intense suffering, uncertainty and fatality.

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.

Malayalam Mass and Lenten Retreat tomorrow

In preparation for Holy week and Easter there will be Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass and Lenten retreat in the Cathedral tomorrow 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 invited to participate.*



Anointing Mass next Saturday

The holy Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 9:00am Mass in the Cathedral next Saturday, 14th March. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are encouraged to participate.



Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Fr Gerard will be presiding a thanksgiving Mass next Sunday, on 15th March at 9:30am in the Cathedral followed by a bring and share brunch in the Catholic Centre for celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. 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 recently.



Memorial Mass and Rosary for Sr Goretti Keane pbvm

You are invited to come and join to pray the Rosary on Wednesday 18th March at 5:00pm in the Cathedral followed by a Memorial Mass at 5:30pm for Sr Goretti. We pray for her, honour her, and celebrate as a parish-diocesan community.



Join in the Worldwide Prayer Campaign for Sr Terri Emslie

One of the Presentation Sisters in Perth Sr Terri Emslie has been discovered recently with a very rare, life threatening brain disorder for which there is no medical cure as the exact aetiology is still being determined. Many Presentation Sisters, students and friends throughout Australia have begun a prayer campaign for her healing through the intercession of Venerable Nano Nagle, the foundress of the Congregation especially in this 250th year of the anniversary of its foundation. *A special prayer sheet is available at the Church doors today for you to take home for personal prayer.*

Mass at St John of God Hospital this week

Holy Mass at St John of God Hospital this Wednesday (*only*) on 11th March will be at 11:30am.

"The only way to win a war is to not fight it"

– Mahatma Gandhi

Parish Office & Holy Shop Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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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.

Heritage Centre Opening Time Changes

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre (MHHC) now opens on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm (Closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays). *The Tour times remain unchanged.*



Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this 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

Knights of the Southern Cross

Next Midwest Branch Meeting will be on Saturday 14th March with 9:00am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in the Crypt with Brunch at Tart & Co afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Daniel, danielhatleyperpetualadoration@gmail.com



pastoral care 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.

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.*



LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 29th March Regular Sunday Mass times in all churches

We recall Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem in the days leading up to his Passion and Death. Palms will be blessed at all Parish Masses and these can be taken home afterwards for safe keeping during the year ahead. St. Matthew's Passion will be read at all Masses. The congregation are invited to take part in this.

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Tuesday 17th March 5:00pm Mass of the Holy Oils

Monday 30th March 7:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 2nd April (No Morning Mass)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm.

Good Friday 3rd April

10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions

Holy Saturday 4th April (No Morning Mass)

11-12nn Confessions

7:00pm Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil includes the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Old Testament readings, Reception into our community as new Catholics, Baptism and Confirmation.



Easter Sunday 5th April

7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm Resurrection of the Lord

St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

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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.



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.

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Breaking boundaries is not always a good thing! In fact, we do well, for the most part, to stay within the boundaries set by family, community, workplace, church and state. However, if we are to grow in our calling to be missionary disciples of Jesus, we need to realise that Jesus himself was not afraid to question prejudices and break boundaries when the mission requires it. This is precisely what happens in this week's story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. First of all, as a rabbi or teacher, he was not supposed to enter into dialogue with a woman, certainly not on a one-to-one basis. Second, as a Jew, he was supposed to despise Samaritan people — in much the same ways as many Jews in the State of Israel despise Palestinian people today. However, Jesus pays scant regard to such cultural and religious taboos by asking the Samaritan woman for water. We might say her reaction shows she was totally freaked out: "What, you a Jew, ask me a Samaritan for a drink?" She then becomes almost hostile and even sarcastic when Jesus suggests he could give her "living water": "You have no bucket sir ... are you greater than our father Jacob?" Jesus again speaks of the water he is offering as

quenching people's thirst forever. Here Jesus breaks through the woman's defences. Jesus then demonstrates he is fully aware of the



woman's irregular marriage situation — having had five husbands and now living with someone else! Yet, Jesus is not fazed by this, nor dismissive of the woman and her life-experiences. To the contrary, Jesus draws the woman to pronounce him as a prophet as well as acknowledging something of her own faith in the God of Israel and the promised Messiah. Here is the only place in the ministry of Jesus where he identifies himself as the Messiah: "I who am

speaking to you, I am he!" The woman's response is immediate. She takes off to inform the other people of the village she has met Christ the Messiah. Many came to believe, not just because of the strength of her testimony, but on account of their own experience of Jesus as "Saviour of the World". What we need to learn from this gospel story is that we are not called to be missionary disciples of Jesus on account of our own gifts or talents. The Samaritan woman was no paragon of virtue, yet Jesus, who knew everything about her, loved her and commissioned her to bring good news to others. There is something else we can learn from the Samaritan woman, namely her honesty and straight-forward way of speaking. She does not pretend to be somebody other than who she is; yet, she is open to change her viewpoint and behaviour. She is also prepared to break boundaries by entering into dialogue with Jesus. Like the Samaritan woman, let us dialogue with Jesus and take his message of divine love and forgiveness to others.

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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 Ron Pace through call or text on 0408 947 716 or Email ron.pace@outlook.com

New readers' roster available

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

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Parish Finances

Contributions of 1st March 2026

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| Priests' Collection | \$ 1683.70 | | 703.70 |
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| Parish Collection | \$ 1432.90 | | 401.35 |
| Friday Fast | \$ 97.90 | | |



Lent and Holy Week Service Times are available online

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



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with Maureen Bone at U34/Harbour Pines, 20 Francis Street until 20th March. Rosary will be prayed at 5pm Mon-Fri **except Thursday** for Lenten Reflections.



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, Albert Taylor and Carol Weightman.

Anniversaries: Mons John Barndon, Fr Gerhard Christoph, Ian Shanks, Fr Dick Tolboom, Billy McCormack and John Marsh.

Recently Deceased: Elaine Forsyth, Bronwyn McCarthy, Thelma Long.

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb.



You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 94)

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-2,5-8)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel (John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42) [Short Version]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired

by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him, a spring welling up to eternal life.

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

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 | Ps 22 | Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41