

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

4th Sunday of Lent

Year A

15 March 2026

VOCATION VIEW: *If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.*

Project Compassion

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and



creating new income opportunities to support her children's education. You can support Project Compassion this year through the donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church today or online by scanning the QR code, or via: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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 this Lent

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

Please Donate Today!



PROJECT COMPASSION

The Annual Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrim Mass) and renewal of Commitment to Christian Service this 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.

Exuberant Congratulations Fr Gerard

Fr Gerard will be presiding a thanksgiving Mass today at 9:30am in the Cathedral for celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination followed by morning tea in the Catholic Centre. All are invited to participate in these celebrations as well as to offer him your good wishes and prayers. He has been ministering for Geraldton community all these years before moving to Karratha recently.



Bishop's Pastoral Day

Priests, pastoral leaders and catholic school principals around the diocese are gathering in Geraldton for various pastoral meetings this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Office Closure this Tuesday

The Parish and Diocesan Offices will be closed this Tuesday for the staff to attend Professional Development Programs. Inconveniences this may cause to you are highly regretted.

No Mass at Bluff Point this Wednesday

Due to Bishop's pastoral day, there will be no Mass at St Lawrence's Church this Wednesday, on 18th March. Thank you.

Student Musical Recital

Next Sunday 22nd March 3:30 – 4:15pm

Be enthralled by the young music students of Jacinta Jakovcevic, the Diocesan Director of Music. An entertaining variety show of organ, vocal and piano music – and more !! *Entry by donation – all welcome !!*



"If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I salute the angel. The latter is the friend of God; but the priest holds His place" – St John Vianney

Memorial Mass and Rosary for Sr Goretti Keane pbvm

You are invited to come and join to pray the Rosary this Wednesday on 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.



Busy Bee at St John's Church, Rangeway

Next Saturday 21 March 2026

Finally, the church interior repairs have been completed and a cleaning busy bee is planned for next Saturday. If you feel fit and able to help in some way, there are many tasks to do with moving items (with safety practices) or with light dusting, polishing or cleaning up to help replace all the items back into the church, we would welcome your help. Please come along if you have a spare hour or two to help out.

Contact Amy 0419 216 621 or speak to Clem Keeffe for more details.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!



Solemnity of St Joseph - this Thursday 19th March

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Guardian of our Lord and Patron of the Universal Church.

St Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.



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.*



Invitation to Parish Visitation Ministry Launch

We are in the process of setting up a team of volunteers to reach out to members of our Parishes who are housebound or isolated for any reason. They hope to offer companionship and social and emotional support, and where suitable, connection to Parish and Community Services.

To launch this Ministry, we will be holding an Afternoon Tea where plans for the Programme and the Role of Volunteers will be outlined. If you would like to support this very valuable initiative and find out more about what is planned, You're invited to attend on Saturday 18th April at 2:00pm in the Youth Room of the Catholic Centre. *For Further enquiries/RSVP, please contact:*

Alison Dawson (0438 215 112) | Gerry Eastman (0417 912 997)



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.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th April 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

Looking for Easter Cards?

Beautiful Easter Cards and other occasions' greeting cards are available in the parish office holy shop. There are beautiful statues, bibles, plaques and other gift items also available to purchase. Please visit 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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3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday 5th April

9:00am Resurrection of the Lord



St. Peter's Church, Greenough

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8:00am Resurrection of the Lord

The Prayer of St Patrick | Feast on 17th March

I arise today through
God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.



Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone
Who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.



Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me,
Christ before me,



**I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.**

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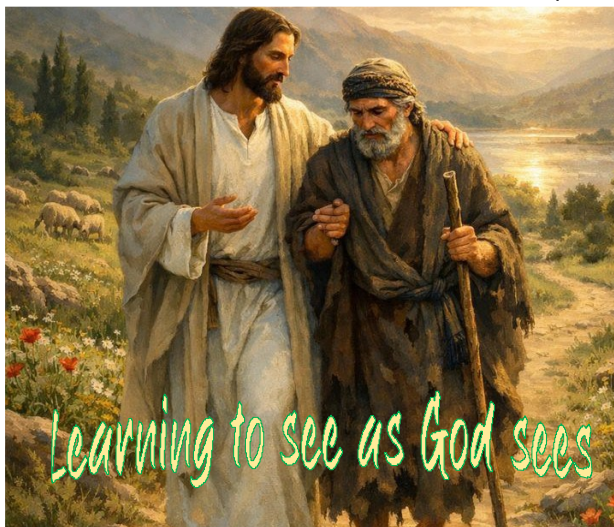


When Jesus says he is the light of the world what do we make of it? Have we ever experienced this light?

Or do we live somewhere between the darkness and the promise of it, perhaps too caught up in the light of our phones to see the people around us? In the gospel Jesus sees a man born blind, and the disciples ask whether it was his sin or his parents that caused it? Neither he replies. Beyond the social shaming Jesus sees the man himself, one in whom we'll behold the glory of God.

Our coming to sight doesn't always happen instantly, as the man reveals, but step by step. It begins when Jesus sees him and the man goes and bathes in the pool as Jesus had said; trusting in him he receives his sight. However, now he's doubted by his friends, abandoned by his parents, and three times he's questioned by the Pharisees, who determine Jesus is a sinner, until finally they drive the man out of the synagogue — and through it all he holds his nerve and simply tells them what he knows, what Jesus has done: he bears extraordinary witness to

him. Hearing what's happened Jesus comes looking for him and invites him to take a further step



into the light. When he says yes, and worships him, he affirms that it's Jesus alone who gives real meaning to our lives, that he is our life. In doing so the man reveals what we long for but are often uncertain about. Are we able to see him in those we are close to, or in the dark moments of our lives, let alone in the outcast and the stranger?

As one young man did when he began leaving food with homeless people in a nearby street,

until one evening one of them said to him, 'talk to us, don't just feed us like dogs'. He then realised they were human too; that they had something to give him, and it changed his life: in their company he came to know Jesus.

Finally, Jesus speaks with the Pharisees of his coming into the world to enable us to choose. Do we begin to open our lives to his light — to the glory of God - or hold fast to what we've known, blinded by our reluctance to see? Jesus doesn't condemn the Pharisees but reveals to them their blindness, as he does with us.

The first two readings speak of a God who 'looks at the heart' not simply our self-presentation. This is what informs God's way in directing Samuel's choice of a king. And like the prophet, we have to learn to see as God sees. While Paul speaks of discovering 'what the Lord wants of you' by facing into the darkneses of our lives and letting them be illuminated by the light of Christ. As those about to be baptised at Easter reveal to us, this transformation is at the heart of Lent.

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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

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 129 | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

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

Parish Finances

Contributions of 8th March 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1598.45		907.00
Envelopes	\$ 130.00	152.00	1160.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1306.25		525.50
Friday Fast	\$ 103.10		



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**. All are welcome to pray with the Queen of Heaven!



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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 and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Elia Italiano, Domenica Italiano and Phil Miragliotta

Recently Deceased: Thelma Long.

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading (1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13)

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading (Ephesians 5:8-14)

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glorify you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glorify you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



Gospel (John 9:1-41)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of

the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.'

Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes:

I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.