

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

22 March 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

Project Compassion

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving



support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict. 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

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
 this Lent

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

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Celebration of First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the candidates who are celebrating their First Reconciliation this Wednesday, on 25th March at St Francis Xavier Primary School along with the After School Program and next Saturday, on 28th March at St Lawrence's Bluff Point. Candidates from St John's School will be celebrating the Sacrament on Monday, 30th March. Please keep these children in your prayers as they are on the journey of faith life.

Little White Book for Easter

A beautiful resource of six minutes daily reflections for Easter Season from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, the *Little White Book* is available in the Church today for \$4 each. Please put the money in the bowl and take your copy.

Solemnity of the Annunciation - This Wednesday, 25th March

The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's fiat - her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.



Holy Mass in the Cathedral at 7am

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Monday, 30th March at 7pm in the Cathedral. Please attend.



Seeking Your Support For

palm
Sunday

Next
 Weekend

We need a few volunteers to prepare the palm leaves. Could anyone please come to the Cathedral and help us next Saturday, 28th March at 9:30am to prepare palm leaves?. Please bring your Secateurs, if you have one. Thank you.

Student Musical Recital Today

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!!*



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)

Coming up for a blessing during Communion

Those who do not receive holy Communion including non-Catholics and non-Baptised are welcome to join the line of communicants holding arms across your chest, to receive a blessing from a Priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.



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.



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)

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

The Easter Triduum

Chronologically, the **Triduum** means 'three days'.

In essence, it is *one great festival that lasts three days* and marks the end of the Lenten season. As with many great feasts of our Church, the celebrations begin with the evening (or vigil) before. So, the Triduum begins on Holy Thursday and consists of:

Easter Triduum



Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

The primary symbols of Holy Thursday are

- ♦ the Washing of the feet and
- ♦ the sharing of the Eucharist

These symbols point to the themes of service, priesthood and unity. We celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist. At Jesus' last meal with his Apostles, he broke the bread and drank the wine, gave it to them he said "Do this in memory of Me".

In the washing of his Apostles' feet, Jesus gave us a most profound model of service. This simple action of Jesus washing the apostles' dirty, smelly feet, shows us that the Master is not greater than the servant! The only Mass on Holy Thursday is the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

There is no final blessing or dismissal at this Mass. The altar is stripped. The blessed sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose and the tabernacle left open. This visible act is a reminder that it is 'unfinished'. We leave in silence and we prepare for the next day to continue the 'story'.

Good Friday is the second step of the 'Triduum' journey.

The remembrance of this day reminds us that the death of Christ is not to be isolated from the fullness of the Paschal mystery. Just as the Holy Thursday celebration ended in silence, so too the Good Friday Liturgy commences in silence.

The Celebration has three distinct parts

- 1. The Liturgy of the Word**, where we hear once more the Passion of Jesus as we are reminded of his self-loving gift to us;
- 2. The Veneration of the Cross**, is a sign of victory and salvation, where all present are given an opportunity to reverence the Cross; and
- 3. Communion**, this simple Communion Rite, bereft of any other ceremony, allows us to enter into this moment of faith. This is our nourishment for mission! We once more leave in silence as we ponder the death and burial of Jesus.

If you require a priest in an emergency please phone 9964 1608 (24/7)

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/>



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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

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

Good Friday 3rd April

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday 5th April

9:00am Resurrection of the Lord

St. Peter's Church, Greenough

Good Friday 3rd April

10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions



Easter Sunday 5th April

8:00am Resurrection of the Lord



"Has anyone ever come away from Mary, troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly Mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because a request has been granted by the Mother of God?"

— St Amadeus of Lausanne (1110–1159)

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



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.

What an extraordinary Lenten journey it's been! Five weeks ago, we began with the temptation of Jesus. We heard that Jesus was subjected to tests and trials, just as we are, yet without sinning. The following week, the gospel called for a decision. After his transfiguration, and with the assurance of being God's beloved Son, Jesus faced a difficult choice to journey to Jerusalem. Over the next two weeks, we encountered two unique faith stories. For the Samaritan woman, faith called her to be an apostle to her village, and for the man blind from birth, faith resulted in him being driven out of his community. Today, we contemplate the reality of death, and Jesus' promise that "whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

they demand Jesus' physical presence, which gives rise to a sense of hopelessness when Jesus doesn't arrive in time to prevent Lazarus' death:

became hope for the world. Fear loses its control over those who believe in the resurrection. Just as Jesus took away the stone from Lazarus' tomb, he takes away the stones of despair in our lives. Our disappointments, failures, frustrations and losses become the seedbeds of hope and new life.



To Martha, and to us, Jesus poignantly asks: "Do you believe this?" We must never underestimate the power of this question. It's asked of us every time we bury a loved one, and it's central in preparing for our own death. Martha's response to Jesus' question, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ the Son of God," is an extraordinary act of faith in Jesus before his resurrection.

The dramatic story of Lazarus' resurrection is Jesus' last sign and miracle before his own passion and death. In a way, Lazarus' death and resurrection, points to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Both events show that Jesus is the true Messiah. However, while Lazarus was raised to a renewed earthly life, Jesus was raised forever.

"If you had been here my brother would not have died." But the promise given is that God's gift of eternal life breaks opens the constraints of mortal life. Jesus says to Lazarus, "Unbind him. Let him go free." Death is never the end of the road.

Jesus shows that there is a life beyond the grave, even as our mortal bodies await resurrection at the end of time. While physical life will cease, the God-life (eternal life) that has been given to us through Jesus will never cease. Jesus made eternal life possible for all of us through the gift of his life, and it's already at work in our lives.

Martha and Mary show the vulnerability of faith in the midst of heartache. They have faith, but

'Hopelessness' doesn't exist in the vocabulary of those who believe in the resurrection that Jesus promised. Jesus embraced hopelessness and

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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.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour at Nazareth House

Next Sunday 29th March 3- 4pm in the Nazareth House main Chapel. All welcome to pray the chaplet and adore Jesus, our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament followed by benediction.

Stations of the Cross

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



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.



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the St John of God Hospital Chapel until 27th March.

Rosary will be prayed at **5pm Mon - Fri**.

All are welcome to pray with the Queen of Heaven!



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: Gabriel Bondoc, Carole Kingdon, TT Joseph, Mary Joseph, Pennamma Stephen, Esmeralda G Saturos, Jose Alo and Glicerica Rebano.

Recently Deceased: Kaye Marsh.

Parish Finances

Contributions of 15th March 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1973.45		639.95
Envelopes	\$ 80.00	102.00	80.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1784.55		389.20
Friday Fast	\$ 81.35		



Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 129)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord). **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11)

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

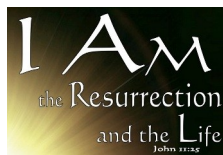
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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



Gospel (John 11:1-45)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?'

Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

AND WHOEVER
LIVES AND
BELIEVES IN ME SHALL
NEVER DIE.
DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 21 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 27:11-54