

# 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

**Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Year A**

**05 April 2026**

**VOCATION VIEW:** You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

*Bishop Michael and all  
 Clergy in Geraldton pray special Easter  
 Blessings upon parishioners and visitors  
 as we celebrate the gift of New Life given  
 to us in the Risen Christ!*

**HAPPY  
 EASTER  
 TO ALL**



## Little White Book for Easter

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

## Restricted Access to the Parish Office

Due to the maintenance works of the Catholic Centre, access to the Parish Office is restricted for two weeks from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Please avoid visiting the office during this period unless necessary, as we may be able to assist you over the phone or by email for any services you require. Access will be allowed only through the back entrance of the Catholic Centre after contacting the office in advance.

## Welcome to our Christian Community

Hearty Congratulations and welcome to *Geoffrey Faulkner, Haydn Drake, Marnie Bell and Scott Russell* on receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist) as well as *Amanda Beaver and Shane Brand* on being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

*May the faith journey you have begun through the Order of Christian Initiation and brought you to the Easter sacraments, lead you to a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.*

Congratulations also to *Digby Edwards & Diane Hodder* on receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation as well as *Annie Edwards* on being Baptised with her brother Alby.

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

### Celebrant:

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery, we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to newness of life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in Baptism, when we rejected Satan and his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

**All: I do.**

### Celebrant:

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**All: I do.**

### Celebrant:

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

**All: I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**All: I do.**

### Celebrant:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All: I do.**

### Celebrant:

Do you 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?

**All: I do.**

### Celebrant:

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

### Parish Office & Holy Shop

**Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday



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## EASTER MESSAGE OF BISHOP MICHAEL - 'PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL!'

With these words, Pope Leo XIV greeted the world after his election in 2025 and went on to say... *"these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for God's flock... A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally"*.



person in need becomes absent or not important. Jesus who personally returned for Thomas in the Gospel returns for us, bringing his peace and offering the same message of hope and joy despite situations or circumstances impacting upon our lives.



How prophetic were the Pope's words in 2025! 2026 sees everyone living in a world of uncertainty with conflicts happening in many places where peace for ordinary people and their families is non-existent. There is deep concern for safety in our world with no end in sight to the many conflicts. Our own local communities have many people and families experiencing cost-of-living challenges, causing unease and immense pressure.

love. The disciples were filled with peace and spiritual joy and continued to be, despite rejection, ridicule and persecution in choosing to say yes to following the way of the Risen Lord.

In John's Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter (20:19-31), the greeting *"peace be with you"* is proclaimed three times by the Risen Lord. The first brings peace to the fear, sadness, helplessness and sense of betrayal the disciples were experiencing following the darkness of Good Friday. The second immediately precedes the disciples commissioning and receiving of the Holy Spirit, transforming their lives from darkness and fear to people of faith, hope and

The third greeting of peace leads to a personal and poignant encounter by the Risen Lord revealing the kindness and compassion of God who returns for Thomas. Thomas, the disciple of many questions during the ministry of Jesus, continues to be overcome by grief and disbelief despite his friends joyfully telling him they have seen the Risen Lord. Given what is happening in our world at this time, being so visible and real on social media platforms, we too can be overwhelmed like Thomas, allowing the situation to control our lives where spiritual joy and hope become absent! True peace seems to a goal we can never obtain and seems like an illusion for many people. Fear then controls all our decisions where love itself for our neighbour and the

Jesus said to Thomas:

*"You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe"* Easter reveals the Risen Lord is present always and we do not have to fear!

Easter reminds us that we too are commissioned and have received the Holy Spirit to be the face of the Risen Lord. It is his peace given to us that we bring to our communities through listening, being kind and generous with our time and, as Pope Leo says, be a person of humility and perseverance. May the generosity of our heart and spirit lighten the burdens of others revealing peace is possible in our local communities through our own peaceful encounters with each other.



† The Most Reverend Michael Morrissey  
Bishop of Geraldton

### Public Holiday tomorrow

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

### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

### Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting: next Saturday on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 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.hatley@kscwa.org.au](mailto:daniel.hatley@kscwa.org.au)



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

### 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.



## Project Compassion

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable



communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

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](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

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



**Please Donate Today!**



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The Stawell Gift is Australia's oldest and most prestigious footrace. The event is held at Central Park in Stawell, Victoria, over the Easter weekend and features runners in a 120-metre race with the finals held on Easter Monday.

It is not Stawell, but in the gospel, Simon Peter, and the Beloved Disciple sprint to the tomb. They are in a hurry to verify the news of Mary of Magdala who went to the tomb early in the morning to discover the stone had been removed. The younger disciple arrives first but waits for Peter's arrival before entering the tomb.

We are told that Peter saw the burial cloths, and the cloth that covered the head of Jesus rolled up in a separate place. Peter observes the body is gone. The Beloved Disciple then enters the tomb, and we hear that he 'saw and believed'. Peter observed the facts of the empty tomb, but the Beloved Disciple knew that Jesus had risen as he had promised.

The disciples will spread the good news, but it is Mary of Magdala who is the first evangelist of

the Resurrection. It is therefore fitting that she is called the Apostle of the Apostles. This is the title accorded her by St Thomas Aquinas that was officially recognised by the Church in 2016. Hers is a unique role in that she was at the crucifixion

different appearances of Jesus to his disciples help them to accept that he is truly risen. They are frightened, but the gift of the Holy Spirit empowers them, and in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear Peter is called to the house of the Roman centurion, Cornelius, where he proclaims the story of Jesus to this gentile believer and his companions. The Jews are amazed, and the Holy Spirit descends on Cornelius, and his household are all baptised.

The resurrection experience has immediate effect on an ever-growing circle of people as the apostles led by Peter, Paul, and their companions spread the good news.

In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the liturgical celebration of Mary of Magdala to a feast day formally recognising her as the first witness to the resurrection who announced the good news to the other apostles.

The Stawell Gift offers prize money to the winner, but the Easter sprint brings surprising news. A traditional Easter greeting is "He is Risen" to which the response is "He is Risen indeed."

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and the first witness of the resurrection.

Mary lingers at the tomb after the disciples departed. She questions the angels about his disappearance, turns around and encounters Jesus whom she presumes is a gardener. Jesus reveals himself when he calls Mary by name and he commissions her to bring a further message to the disciples to let them know that he is ascending to the Father.

The experience of the empty tomb and the

### First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2026 Currently in Year 4 or above

First Eucharist/Holy Communion Mass this year will be celebrated in our parishes in June. Any child who is not attending a Catholic primary school, but wishes to receive the first Holy Communion in June, **must** attend after-school preparation classes for the Sacrament commencing next month.

If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not enrolled yet, you should do it soon. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. Please scan the QR Code or visit our web page <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-program/> for more information and enrolment form.



### 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/>



### Parish Finances

Contributions of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1976.85		749.75
Envelopes	\$ 180.00	67.00	160.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1696.25		406.50
Friday Fast	\$ 81.90		



### WA Professional Standards Office

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### 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 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Rosary will be prayed at **5pm Tue - 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, Pat Miragliotta, Derek Levett, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees, Ramon Tan Jr., Zenaida Tan, Peg Faithfull, Colleen Salter and Sr Terri Emslie pbvm.



**For the deceased:** Frank & Lina Zinetti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Jim & Nancy Ward, Don McDonald, Geoff & Thelma Long, Colleen & Ian Shanks.

**Anniversaries:** Damon Morrissey.

**Recently Deceased:** Allan Smith, Natasha Giles and Maureen Lynch.

## Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.



That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!



## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!.....** Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord. . . . **Alleluia!**

## First Reading (Acts 10:34,37-43)

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

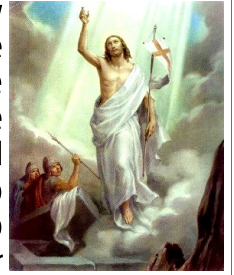
*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel (John 20:1-9)

### The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

### R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R.

## Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4)

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## 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.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 117 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

## Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.



## The Feast of The Divine Mercy | Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter Sunday.

When Pope John Paul II proclaimed the feast of Divine Mercy for the entire Church, he described Divine Mercy Sunday as the Octave Day of Easter; it brings us the fullness of Christ's Resurrection. Jesus told St. Faustina that "Mankind will not have Peace until it turns to the Fount of my Mercy". **Regular Sunday Masses in all Churches.**



## Mass in Utakarra Chapel next Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra next Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 am. Welcome all to pray for the deceased.

