

# 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

## Divine Mercy Sunday

## Year A

12 April 2026

**VOCATION VIEW:** It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.



"Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. ... Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask."

- From the diary of St Faustina Kowalska -



## Welcome to Sister Ngan and Sister Han to Geraldton

Many of us know two Sisters from the Dominican Sisters in Vietnam have been invited to the Diocese of Geraldton for ministry. Bishop Michael & Fr Tai welcome Sisters Ngan and Han during the 9:30am Mass this weekend in the Cathedral. Sisters Ngan and Han will begin to immerse themselves into the life of the local community and parish. It is wonderful news the Dominican Sisters in Vietnam have agreed to come to Geraldton becoming involved in various ministries over the next year. Please pray for their ministry and welcome them to our community. The Sisters are delighted to be here after a long process which began over a year ago.



## Restricted Access to the Parish Office

Due to the maintenance works of the Catholic Centre, access to the Parish Office is currently restricted for two weeks approximately 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 is possible through the next door of Parish Life and Mission (PLM).

## 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 commencing on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not enrolled yet, you should do it soon, unless already enrolled for the Reconciliation. 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. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office.



## Visit of Archbishop Charles Balvo

Next weekend, 19<sup>th</sup> April, we welcome to Geraldton, Archbishop Charles Balvo, Papal Nuncio to Australia. The Nuncio has been the Pope's Ambassador in Australia for the past four years. Archbishop Charles will be the main Celebrant at the 9:30 am Mass in the Cathedral to which everyone is welcome. This will be followed by a morning tea in the courtyard of the Bishop's House, where everyone will have the opportunity to meet the Archbishop. (*The Catholic Centre is not available due to remedial works on the pillars of the veranda*). Everyone is very welcome to attend the Mass and especially the morning tea. It will be a "bring and share" with Jane Whiteaker coordinating the morning tea in the Bishop's House.

## Launch of Parish Visitation Ministry

To launch the Parish Visitation 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 the launch next Saturday on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm in the Youth Room of the Catholic Centre at 9 Maitland Street, Geraldton.

**Please let us know if you are attending.**

RSVP/Further enquiries:

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

## Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held this 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)



## Did you know?

All necessary information including Sacraments and bulletins are available on our website. Please visit [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)

## 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)

## Project Compassion

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.



If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no

matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.

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.



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

### EASTER MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV - "RESURRECTION OF THE LORD"

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today all of creation is resplendent with new light, a song of praise rises from the earth, and our hearts rejoice: Christ is risen from the dead, and with him, we too rise to new life!

This Easter proclamation embraces the mystery of our lives and the destiny of history, reaching us even in the depths of death, where we feel threatened and sometimes overwhelmed. It opens us up to a hope that never fails, to a light that never fades, to a fullness of joy that nothing can take away: death has been conquered forever; death no longer has power over us!

This is a message that is not always easy to accept, a promise that we struggle to embrace, because the power of death constantly threatens us, both from within and without.

From within, this power threatens us when the weight of our sins prevents us from "spreading our wings" and taking flight, or when the disappointments or loneliness we experience drain our hope. It likewise looms over us when our worries or our resentments suffocate the joy of living, when we are sad or tired, or when we feel betrayed or rejected. When we have to come to terms with our weakness, with the sufferings and the daily grind of life, we can feel as if we have ended up in a tunnel with no end in sight.

From without, death is always lurking. We see it present in injustices, in partisan selfishness, in the oppression of the poor, in the lack of attention given to the most



vulnerable. We see it in violence, in the wounds of the world, in the cry of pain that rises from every corner because of the abuses that crush the weakest among us, because of the idolatry of profit that plunders the earth's resources, because of the violence of war that kills and destroys.

In this reality, the Passover of the Lord invites us to lift our gaze and open our hearts. It continues to nourish the seed of the promised victory within our spirit and throughout the course of history. It sets us in motion, like Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, so that we may discover that Jesus' tomb is empty, and therefore in every death we experience there is also room for new life to arise. The Lord is alive and remains with us. Through the crack: of resurrection that open up in the darkness, he entrusts our hearts to the hope that sustains us: the power of death is not the final destiny of our lives. We are all directed, once and for all, on the path to fulfilment, because in Christ we also have risen.

With heartfelt words, Pope Francis reminded us of this in his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, affirming that the resurrection of Christ "is not an event of the

past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit" (n. 276).

Brothers and sisters, Easter gives us this hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day. This is what today's Gospel tells us, as it clearly describes the event of the resurrection as taking place on "the first day of the week" (Jn 20:1). The day of Christ's resurrection thus takes us back to that first day when God created the world, and at the same time proclaims that a new life, stronger than death, is now dawning for humanity.

Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God's victory over the ancient enemy.

We need this song of hope today. It is ourselves, risen with Christ, who must bring him into the streets of the world. Let us then run like Mary Madgalene, announcing him to everyone, living out the joy of the resurrection, so that wherever the specter of death still lingers, the light of life may shine.

May Christ, our Passover, bless us and give his peace to the whole world!



### Please Register your details

We request both new and existing Parishioners to register your details with the parish, if you haven't already done. You can register your details online by visiting our parish registration page, either by scanning this QR code or via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/registration/>

**REGISTER NOW**



### 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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### Diocesan Office

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**Everything** depends on the Resurrection, which is why there is no other Feast in the Church's calendar which is celebrated with such solemnity. Each day of the Octave is treated as another Easter Day.

In the early Church, the Octave Day provided the new converts from the previous weekend with the occasion to join the community for the celebration of the Eucharist, still in their white baptismal robes. Hence, the old title 'Sunday in White' (Dominica in Albis). You can picture the kind of community they were joining when you hear it described in the Acts of the Apostles: how they shared everything in common and met in one another's homes for the Breaking of Bread, the Eucharist.

Down through the centuries there have been many attempts to reignite the fervour and commitment of those early Christian communities. The different religious congregations of men and women, as well as some remarkable lay movements provide plentiful examples. It is fascinating to note how often they in turn needed renewing and calling back to the original vision of their founders and their 'primitive' rules.

As we reflect on the difficulties we face to live simply in our more complicated and ever-increasingly technological world, it might be consoling to realise that for all the first fervour of the early communities, the apostles themselves

was not with the others when Christ appeared on Easter night and refused to accept their testimony. Hence, he is always labelled the 'Doubting Thomas' and the significance of what happened a week later when the Lord appeared again and invited him to see for himself the scars on his body.

If we were to return to the Last Supper and that moment when Thomas questioned Jesus, we would see he was not the only one with questions. Philip asked Jesus to show them his Father and "then they would be satisfied." How often do we think to ourselves: why doesn't the Lord make it clearer for us?

Faith is God's gift and we need to be humble enough to receive it. When we do, then despite all the doubts and anxieties that beset us, we begin to see the power of Christ's love shining through, recognising that it does overcome all the evil and death itself.

We trust that he has gone to prepare a place for us and we begin to recognise those moments when he is quietly reminding us of his promise to be with us always.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR

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took time to adjust and understand what Christ was asking of them. At the Last Supper He had tried to prepare them for his own passion and death, as well as for the sufferings they would have to endure.

It is not unreasonable to conclude that when Thomas questioned the Lord about where he was going and how to get there, he was speaking for the rest of the apostles and, indeed, for all of us.

As we see in this week's gospel passage Thomas

### Dominican Pilgrimage to Spain, France and Italy

*Journey in the footsteps of St Dominic, St Catherine of Siena, and other Dominican Saints across the heartlands of Europe. From St Dominic's birthplace in Caleruega, to the beginnings of the Order in Prouilhe and Toulouse, and continuing on to Bologna, Siena and Rome, centres of faith, study, prayer and preaching.*

**Departs Saturday 26 September 2026. 14 Days / 11 Nights**

For more details and itinerary: [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)  
[harvestjourneys.com/pv2656](http://harvestjourneys.com/pv2656)



### MHHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open every day except Tuesdays and Thursdays 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.



*"Liturgy is an "action" of the whole Christ (Christus totus). Those who even now celebrate it without signs are already in the heavenly liturgy, where celebration is wholly communion and feast ."*  
- 1136 CCC

### Parish Finances

Contributions of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 3491.25		819.70
Envelopes	\$ 105.00	120.00	100.00
Parish Collection	\$ 2979.85		447.35
Friday Fast	\$ 72.45		



### 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 17<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.

All welcome!



### 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 and Rosina Mascaro.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Glynn, Lena Belotti and Maree Lynch.

**Recently Deceased:** Allan Smith.



### Entrance Antiphon

I Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading (Acts 2:42-47)

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

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)

#### R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

R.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

R.

### Second Reading (1 Peter 1:3-9)

#### A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!.....**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!.... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (John 20:19-31)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the

Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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.

### 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

Acts 2:14,22-33 | Psalm 15 | 1 Peter 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35