

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Year A

19 April 2026

VOCATION VIEW: *We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times.*

The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have for me to do?"

Welcome Archbishop Charles Balvo

We welcome today 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. All welcome!

Restricted Access to the Parish Office

Due to the maintenance works of the Catholic Centre, access to the Parish Office is currently restricted. Please avoid visiting the Office 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 the Parish Life and Mission (PLM) Office.

Holy Land / Good Friday Collections

Thank you all for the contribution towards Good Friday collections for Holy Land this year. Our Parish collections are as follows:

Cathedral Parish \$ 2406.55 Bluff Point Parish \$ 950.30

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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. Thank you.



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2026

Currently in Year 4 or above

First Eucharist/Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated in our parishes in June this year. 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 29th 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.



ANZAC DAY | Saturday, 25th April

We remember and honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. **Lest We Forget!**

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Cathedral

Good Shepherd Sunday next Weekend

63rd Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminded us that *God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.*

On Good Shepherd Sunday we focus on one aspect of our vocation - *the call to priesthood.* We pray especially for our Clergy, who have been called to Shepherd those in their care.

A Prayer Request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Please pray for our Seminarians

On this occasion and beyond, please keep in prayer Tuan Dan, Tho Hoang and Phong Nguyen who are in Saint Charles Seminary at Guildford.

Help in the formation of Clergy in our diocese

If you wish to support financially for the formation of Clergy in our diocese, please use the Good Shepherd Sunday (Seminary Fund) envelopes available in the Church today.

Did you know?

All necessary information including Sacraments and bulletins are available on our website. Please visit www.geraldtoncathedral.org

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th May 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

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



Anointing Mass

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



Two Impactful Sessions

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see palms.org.au/events



April Session: Discover Palms Online! Scan this QR-

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 5 pm – 6:30 pm AWST



May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan here-

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 2 pm – 3:30 pm AWST



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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/>



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/>



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"His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is – all that he did and suffered for all men – participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life."

– Catechism of the Catholic Church #1085

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.

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
harvestjourneys.com/pv2656



Parish Finances

Contributions of 12th April 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1753.30		762.60
Envelopes	\$ 155.00	132.00	180.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1581.15		517.55
Friday Fast	\$ 61.25		



Safeguarding Officers of the Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

We thank them for their commitment to the children and the vulnerable in our parishes.



Amy Zinetti



Leonie Golding



Melinda Jupp



Simon Place



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Rosemary Taylor

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Every Child, in every community needs a fair go



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Let's take a few moments to imagine ourselves living in Jesus' time: knowing him, following him, loving him. There was something unimaginably wonderful about being in his presence, listening to his teaching and learning from him. No one was excluded from his company and conversation. Everyone was welcome, even those who had previously been shunned or excluded or abandoned by the community, such as the tax collectors, the sick or disabled, or the no-hopers. It was so very good to be with him.

Jesus somehow opened up a new way of seeing the world, of relating to others and, most surprisingly of all, of relating to God. Through him, his followers came to understand that God was not to be feared but to be loved. God was not one who kept a record of all our sins and failings, ready to punish us and exact retribution. Rather, God loves us with steadfast love and boundless mercy, never forsaking us, and inviting us to enter into an ever deeper relationship with him.

But it all came to a devastating end when this innocent and profoundly good man, Jesus, was

arrested, sentenced to death for no good reason, tortured and crucified. Crucifixion was such a horrible way to die, slow and painful, a horrid and humiliating spectacle.

they don't recognise him. He walks with them, and they talk about it all as they walk. It is when they stop for the night and have a meal together that, in the breaking of the bread, they recognise him at last. It is the Lord! Imagine that! Imagine their joy and how their hearts burned to be in his presence again. Wouldn't they want him to stay and never to leave them again?



That's the story of the two disciples on the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus after the crucifixion. It's one of several stories of the appearances of Jesus to various disciples after his resurrection. It is their

testimony, passed on through the centuries, which inspires and instructs us about Jesus and his teachings about God and the meaning of life that he opened up and revealed for the whole world.

Imagine then how those two disciples felt as they headed away from Jerusalem, where that ghastly death had been inflicted. They were frightened. After all, might they, as his followers, now be arrested and executed? And they were sad and confused. How could it all have come to such a terrible end? His death felt like the death of the light, the life and the love – the death of everything – that he had opened up for them.

While we didn't live then and know Jesus as those first disciples did, we are also invited to enter into as deep and loving relationship with him. Let our hearts burn too.

It is to two disciples in that very state of sadness, fear and confusion that Jesus appears, though

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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.

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.



MHC 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.

THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with Cecilia Barret at 5 River Valley Road, Woorree until 24th April. 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, Pat Miragliotta, Derek Levett, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees, Ramon Tan Jr., Zenaida Tan, Peg Faithfull, Colleen Salter, Sr Terri Emslie pbvm and David Muir.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Rosetta & Anselmo Scarpuzza, Jim & Nancy Ward and Don McDonald.

Anniversaries: Fr Johnny Carpenter, Fr Bertus Van Der Geest, Nerina Sciuto, Antonio Mascaro and Yolanda Amador.

Recently Deceased: Allan Smith.

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 2:14,22-33)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that"

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 15)

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

R.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

R.

You will show me the path of life, and the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

R.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17-21)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the

end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!....

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak. . . . **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Luke 24:13-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:14,36-41 | Psalm 22 | 1 Peter 2:20-25 | John 10:1-10