

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year A

26 April 2026

VOCATION VIEW: This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest."

63rd Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Pray for Vocations!

Please pray and encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, or other young people - to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call if He calls them to the priesthood or religious life. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.



Pope Leo reminds us *that the Church has such a great need for them!*

It is important that young men and women on their vocational journey find acceptance, listening and encouragement in their communities, and that they can look up to credible models of generous dedication to God and to their brothers and sisters.

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.

Teach Your Children to Use GPS!

After Mass today, have a conversation with

your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision-which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry- should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS- God's Positioning System.

Do you wish to help in the formation of clergy in our diocese?

Good Shepherd Sunday (Seminary fund) envelopes are available today in the church for anyone wishing to donate towards the formation of clergy in our diocese.

Public Holiday tomorrow

Being a public holiday, holy Mass tomorrow on Monday 27th April will be at 9:00am in the Cathedral.

Home Visitation Ministry

Volunteers are now being sought for the newly-launched Ministry of Home Visitation as well as Nominations of Participants who may benefit from this Ministry.

For more information and forms, please visit the Parish website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/visitation-ministry/> or please contact:

Gerry Eastman 0417 912997 Alison Dawson 0438 215 112
 Ron Pace 0408 947 716 Parish Office 08 9964 1608



Mothers' Day

Mother's Day this year falls on Sunday the 10th of May. It is a day dedicated to express love and gratitude to all mothers, acknowledging the sacrifices women make for their children. If you wish to have a Mass offered for your mother, grandmother or mother figures, please use a **Mother's Day Mass Bouquet Envelope** available at the church door today. Money received from these envelopes will go towards funding our **GodStart** program. **GodStart** is an evangelisation program run by volunteers who send birthday cards and prayers with faith tips for parents, to the children who have been Baptised in our Parishes, up until they are 4 years of age.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, next Friday, 1st May in the Cathedral.

Morning: 11am-12pm followed by Holy Mass at 12:05pm

Evening: 7:30 - 9:30pm with Litany of St Joseph

Welcome everyone to adore the Lord!



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.

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)



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2026

After School Program

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 this Wednesday 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/>

Commitment Masses

The candidates for the First Holy Communion this year should attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitments.

Saturday 2nd May at 6:00 pm Vigil at St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Sunday 3rd May 9:00 am at St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Saturday 9th May 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral

Sunday 10th May 9:30 am and 6:00 pm in the Cathedral

Commitment Forms to be completed

When the candidates attend the Commitment Mass on the above dates, please fill out the mandatory Sacramental Commitment form for Eucharist and take it with you to present it to the Priest. The forms are available from local Catholic Schools as well as on our parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/eucharist/> or scan this QR code to access it. Please make sure that you download the right form and complete it correctly.

Parent/Child Meeting

Candidates of *St Lawrence's School* along with their parents are to attend the Parent/Child meeting **this Thursday, 30th April at 5:30pm** in St Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point.

The candidates from *St Francis Xavier Primary School, St John's School and After School Program*, along with their parents have to attend the parent/child meeting on **Wednesday 6th May at 5pm** in the Catholic Centre.

Celebration

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated this year as follows:

St John's School Saturday 13th June at 3:00 pm

SFX Primary School Saturday 27th June at 4pm in the Cathedral.

After School Program Saturday 27th June at 4pm in the Cathedral.

St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Sunday 7th June at 11am at St Lawrence's Church Bluff Point

For more information and forms, please visit our parish website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/eucharist/>



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.



Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting: Saturday 9th May, 9:00 am Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina lead by Fr Cross in Crypt with Brunch at Tart & Co afterwards. All men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to daniel.hatley@kscwa.org.au.



Friday Fast

Thank you to all our parishioners who continue to support Friday Fast by placing a donation in one of the small yellow envelopes at the Church doors. Please put your contribution envelopes in the collection bowl. The idea is to donate the price of a cup of coffee, or a Friday treat, to help an underprivileged mission or village somewhere in the world.

Over many years, Friday Fast has generously provided funds for food and basic medical supplies for many families throughout the developing world. At the moment, we are assisting the Flamme D'amour Orphanage in Democratic Republic of Congo through the Pallotines and the Athiolget Women's and Children's Health Clinic in South Sudan through its founder Guor Michar. This means that the desperately needed funds all go straight to the orphanage and the village, with no administration costs.

Please continue your generous giving. If you need more envelopes or have any questions about Friday Fast, please scan this QR code to access our Parish Website or via <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/friday-fast/> or contact Jan Bowen on 0438 804 191.



CENTACARE COMMUNITY LONG TABLE

Gather & Grow

Saturday 13th June at Nukara Farm from 5:00pm

Ticket Price Includes

Welcome drink & canapés | Three-course dinner Door prize raffle

What to Expect

Community storytelling | Live auction & raffles | Photography exhibition Games & fundraising activities | Live music & DJ set | Cash bar Relaxed, seated long-table dinner in Nukara's Stone Barn

A night to gather among nature & community.

TICKETS AT \$210 OR BUY A GROUP OF 8 AND GET ONE TICKET FREE AT \$1470

For Tickets pls visit <https://events.humanitix.com/GATHERANDGROW>

For more details please visit <https://centacaregeraldton.org.au/gather-and-grow/>

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

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.



Renewal has begun!

Eucharist28 - The 54th International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music - a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org



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One of the most memorable moments in the Australian film Babe comes when the sheep explain that all border collies and kelpies are wolves. The dogs chase, nip, and intimidate. They move sheep by pressure and fear. Babe, however, learns another way. He listens. He speaks gently. And, astonishingly, the sheep follow him because they recognise that he means them no harm.

In this week's gospel, Jesus insists that "the sheep hear his voice" and follow him because they know it (John 10:3-4). This image does not sit comfortably with Australian experience. On a real property, sheep do not respond to the grazier's voice at all. The spoken commands are for the dog. "Come by!" "Away!" "Lie down!" The sheep move as the dogs circle them, cutting off any avenues of escape, applying constant force, until the mob are moved through the gate. It works; but it is leadership by proxy.

In John 10 there is no border collie, no intermediary barking commands or nipping heels on the shepherd's behalf. The relationship is direct. The sheep follow not because they are herded, but because they recognise who is

calling them; and just as importantly, who is not. Strangers, thieves, and brigands do not get a hearing. The sheep run from those voices.



This distinction helps make sense of the other readings. In Acts, Peter's Pentecost sermon does not press its audience. Those listening are "cut to the heart" and ask, freely, "What must we do?" (Acts 2:37). Their response — repentance, baptism, and entry into the community — flows from recognition rather than force. Likewise, the letter of 1 Peter describes people who had "gone astray like sheep" but have now returned to "the shepherd and guardian" of their souls (1 Pet 2:25). They are not driven back into line. They come back because they have learned where safety and life are found.

There is something quietly confronting here for contemporary Australians. We are rightly suspicious of authority exercised through fear, pressure, or manipulation. The gospel affirms that instinct. Jesus does not ask for blind obedience. Jesus calls for discernment and reason. Not every voice deserves our trust. Some voices do steal, kill, and destroy. Others promise freedom but operate like wolves in disguise.

Jesus, the good shepherd, does not "dog" our heels. He goes ahead of the flock rather than pushing from behind. He opens the gate rather than cornering the sheep. He leads the flock toward open pastures, not enclosed pens. And he promises not just survival, but life "to the full." Perhaps the humour lies in recognising ourselves in Babe's sheep. We are not stupid, but we are vulnerable. We know pressure when we feel it, and we know when fear is being used to move us along. Easter's good news is that the risen Christ does not manage us like livestock. He calls us by name, invites trust, and teaches us to recognise His voice among all the others clamouring for attention.

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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.



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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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Feasts of the Week

- 28 Apr Tue Saint Peter Chanel
- 29 Apr Wed Saint Catherine of Siena
- 1 May Saint Joseph
- 2 May Saint Athanasius



THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with Sr Flora Ricupero at Unit 2/141 Cathedral Ave., Geraldton until 1st May. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm Mon - Fri.**



Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Thursday after 7am Mass until 8am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00am followed by Mass and First Fridays 11 am-12 pm and 7:30-9:30pm concluded 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: Edith Grima, Ron Siemiginowski, Laurence Reynolds Kitty Rowe, Phil Bunter and Marion Harrington.

Recently Deceased: Sr Anne Rodgers (Nazareth Sisters).

Parish Finances

Contributions of 19th April 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1894.30		755.50
Envelopes	\$ 70.00	122.00	70.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1582.90		443.85
Friday Fast	\$ 80.50		



Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 2:14,36-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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 (1 Peter 2:20-25)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took.

He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!....

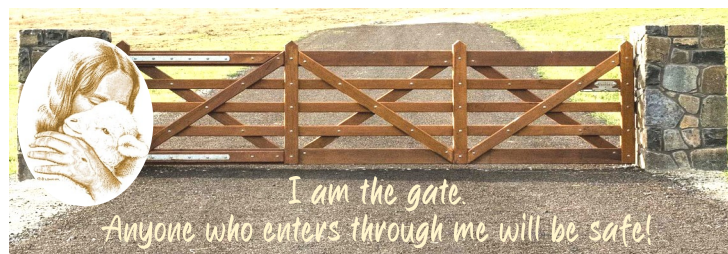
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me... **Alleluia!**

Gospel (John 10:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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 6:1-7 | Psalm 32 | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12