

# 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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Year A

10 May 2026

**VOCATION VIEW:** *That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.*

## Happy Mother's Day

Today we celebrate Mother's day in Australia. It is a day dedicated to express our love and gratitude to all mothers, grandmothers & mother figures, 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.



The names from the Mass Offerings will be recorded in a book and displayed before the Altar every day this month. Money received from these envelopes will be used for funding the **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.

## Mother's Day Morning Tea Today

For celebrating Mother's Day, a *bring and share* morning tea will be held in the Divine Mercy Garden today after the 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to celebrate. Bring along your mothers, grand mothers and mother figures!



*More helpers wanted to run this ministry smoothly. Please talk to the coordinator, Amy Zinetti, if you are able to give a hand.*

*"There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one."*  
 – Jill Churchill

## Mass Count in all Churches

Catholic Mass attendance figures for the whole of Australia are collected once every five years in a project known as the National Count of Attendance including Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest. It includes attendances from Masses celebrated in all parishes, migrant Mass centres, hospitals and nursing homes, prisons, religious houses, university and other chaplaincies, boarding schools, and so on.

The National Count is usually conducted over four Sundays during the month of May, ensuring that attendances at monthly Masses, quite common in rural areas and in non-parish settings, are included. The Count provides information such as average weekly attendance figures, attendance rates, trends over time, and attendances at Masses celebrated in languages other than English. The Mass count commenced last weekend in our parishes and will continue this weekend and in the coming two weekends.

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

## Message from Nazareth Sisters

Thank you so much for your kind words, condolences and prayerful support. Your thoughtfulness and prayers helped us tremendously during the difficult days as we prepared to farewell dear Sr Anne.



We truly appreciated your words of comfort, phone calls, messages and the Mass Offerings for the happy repose of our dear Sister Anne Therese Rodgers. The Rodgers family wish to extend their thanks and gratitude, love and prayers. –Sr Hanh, Sr Epifania & Sr Elisapeta

## Presentation of Candidates and Commitment for the First Holy Communion in the Cathedral

**Celebrant** Children and parents preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist, please come forward *with a copy of the bulletin* to the sanctuary to make your commitment. *(wait for the candidates and parents to come forward).*

### Celebrant Please Make your commitment

**Children** We will prepare for our first Holy Communion, by participating well in our class activities, and in the celebrations of our parish, as best as we can. We will use the gifts and talents God has given us, so that we can grow closer to Jesus and live as he taught.

**Celebrant** Parents and carers of children preparing for their first Holy Communion please make your commitment.

**Parents and Carers** We promise to help our children, to prepare for their first Holy Communion, by encouraging them in what they are learning, and striving to set a good example in our own faith life.

**Celebrant** All members of the community, please stand and make your commitment.

**Parish Community** We the parish community of St Francis Xavier Cathedral through our encouragement and prayers, support these families and children in their preparations for their first Holy Communion.

**Candidates** *Present the completed Commitment Forms to the Priest*

**Parish Office & Holy Shop** Opening Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday  
 11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530  
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 08 9964 1608 / 08 9964 2716



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## MONTH OF MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death"; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion:

Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross.

There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his



disciple, with these words:

*Woman, behold your son.*

After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers." In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation." . . . also in her Assumption.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church #964-965*

### Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be this Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)

### Home Visitation Ministry

The **Parishes of Geraldton Home Visitation Team** works to support Parishioners and the wider community who are housebound or isolated for any reason, by providing social and emotional support, and where suitable, connection to Parish and Community Services.



If you know of anyone who may appreciate a regular visit from our Volunteers, please let us know. A Nomination Form can be found on the website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/visitation-ministry/> or at the Parish Office in Maitland St.



For more information please phone:

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

### 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/>



### Looking for First Holy Communion Gifts or Cards?

There are many piety gift items available for First Holy Communion or other celebrations in our holy shop.

Beautiful statues, Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads, necklaces as well as a great selection of greeting cards for various occasions such as Birthdays, Christening, Feast days, Wedding, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Jubilees, Anniversaries and many more. . . . EFTPOS available. . .



### Friday Fast

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.



### First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2026

#### Commitment Masses

The candidates for the First Holy Communion this year are attending one of the Masses this weekend for making their commitments in the Cathedral except Sunday 7:30am.



#### 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.



### Pentecost Pilgrimage . . . . Save the Date ! Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May

A mini pilgrimage of prayer and song to celebrate Pentecost and Our Lady Help of Christians (Our Lady of the Southern Cross) - Patroness of Australia. And especially celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Northampton's Our Lady in Ara Coeli on this day (24 May 1936).

Starts at St Francis Xavier Cathedral 9:30am Mass; boarding bus to Northampton at 11am; then returning to Geraldton by 5pm.

*Watch this space for more details soon !!*

### Looking for New Members

*Our Young Choristers choir is looking for new members !!*

If you are aged between 6-18 and would like to be part of this dynamic group contributing to the life of the Church here in Geraldton, please contact Jacinta Jakovcevic (Diocesan Director of Music) on 0419 942 099 or email: [Jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)



*No singing experience necessary!  
All training provided free of charge !!*

### 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.



### World Mission Rosary

This May join Catholic Mission daily online from 11am-12noon AWST to honour Mother Mary through praying the Rosary together.

Via Microsoft Teams link via this QR Code or the url <https://tinyurl.com/RosaryPrayer26>



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This week's readings prepare us for Ascension Sunday next week, as they instruct Christians on how to live in the world while we wait for Christ's return. Although Jesus' defeat of death has forever transformed what it means to be human, we live in this waiting period where salvation has already been won for us but is not yet fulfilled.

Jesus comforts all Christians by promising us that, although we cannot see him face to face, we will know that "I am in my Father, and you are in me and I in you." And in today's readings, we see that Jesus will fulfil this promise by sending the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit inaugurates a

new way of living for Christians that Paul elsewhere describes as the 'new life in the Spirit'.

The first reading reveals the joy that this new way of living can bring. Reading from Acts, we see the power of the Holy Spirit setting the people of Samaria free from suffering and disease and coming to dwell with them permanently.

And as Peter tells us in the second reading, the new life in the Spirit continues even through trials when we need to persevere in our faith. When proclaiming Christ is received with rejection rather than joy, the Holy Spirit is still

be ready for whenever they are called to make a defence for themselves, Jesus promises a defender who will always be with them.

The Holy Spirit is an advocate and witness for our faith. The Holy Spirit also testifies to Christ's saving work in our lives, including times of doubts, trials and shortcomings. In a world that sometimes seems devoid of God's presence and action, the Holy Spirit dwells within us to help us "sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." The Holy Spirit also provides the grace to help us trust and persevere when it is difficult to keep his commandments. And, when we listen, we are reminded that our new life with God is better than



just as present as ever. Indeed, the Holy Spirit will help us respond to the world with "gentleness and reverence."

The coming of the Holy Spirit is Jesus' promise to all of us who have faith in him. The word that Jesus uses here for the Holy Spirit, *paraclete* (in Greek), means advocate, defender or consoler and is often used to describe a helper or witness in a court of law. Just as Peter tells his readers to

anything the world can offer us. When the world rejects Christ and his good news, we have the Holy Spirit to help us follow Christ, loving as he loved, suffering as he suffered, and living in unity with the Father as he has made possible. And when we do this, God himself, in the fully divine person of the Holy Spirit, advocates for us, defends us and comforts us.

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Saxon Gee (Perth) 1800 072 390 /08 9221 7762

Email [director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au)



### Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation Group meets every Wednesday in the Cathedral Crypt, after the 7.00am Mass. For further information, please phone Iris Bolton (Coordinator) on 0498 162 774.

### THE PILGRIM ROSARY STATUE OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the Cathedral Crypt in the month of May.

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 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:** Ann Ridge, Matt Norman and John Galway.

**Recently Deceased:** Robert Connelly, Terri Glynn, Joe Ricupero, Rivalde Noval.



CENTACARE COMMUNITY LONG TABLE

## Gather & Grow

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### Parish Finances

Contributions of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1680.05		782.75
Envelopes	\$ 130.00	102.00	290.00
Parish Collection	\$ 1433.25		503.00
Friday Fast	\$ 91.20		



### Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### First Reading (Acts 8:5-8,14-17)

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

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 65)

#### R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

**R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

**R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

**R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

**R.**

### Second Reading (1 Peter 3:15-18)

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

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

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

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.... **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (John 14:15-21)

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another

Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit

**I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS**

of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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;

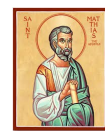
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

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 1:1-11 | Psalm 46 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Matthew 28:16-20



### Feasts of the Week

14 May Thu Saint Mathias

17 May Sun The Ascension of the Lord



### 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.



### Couples for Christ - Meet and Greet

Couples for Christ invites you to a meet & greet next Saturday at 6:00pm in the Catholic Centre Youth Room.

