

# 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

## The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

17 May 2026

**VOCATION VIEW:** Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life.

Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys.

The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and

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eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for

"those who draw near to God through him". As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the centre and the principal actor of the liturgy that honours the Father in heaven.

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church* # 659 & 662



## Pentecost Pilgrimage . . . . Next Sunday 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. **Cost: \$35.**

Scan this QR code for tickets or contact Jacinta at [jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au) (phone 0419 942 099).



## Did you know?

All necessary information including Sacraments, events and bulletins are available on our Parish website. Please scan this QR Code or visit [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)



## 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 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 two weeks ago in our parishes and will continue this weekend and in the coming weekend.

"Through Mary, we come to Jesus more easily." – Pope JP II

## Migrant Jubilee Cross in the Cathedral next Sunday

The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross Australia 2025 (MJC) aims to offer an opportunity for the Catholic Church in Australia to mark the celebration of the Jubilee of Migrants in October 2025 and continue to acknowledge and celebrate the faith, gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our local Church and the world.

The Migrant Jubilee Cross will be available to venerate at 9:30am Mass in the Cathedral next Sunday, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. Everyone is invited to use this special opportunity to venerate the Jubilee Cross and pray.

## Travelling Reliquary

The Migrant Jubilee Cross is a Travelling

Reliquary. Fragments from the Holy Crib of our Lord, Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Cloak of Saint Joseph are contained in the Jubilee Cross.

Relic from the 1914 original Cedar Coffin of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop also included in it.

## What is a Relic?

A relic is an object or article of special religious significance, normally related to a saint. It can be a physical remain of the saint or one of their personal effects. They are



used as a memorial to the saint. *Relics are divided into different classes.*

First Class Relics are relics which were an actual part of the saint, such as a limb, bone fragment or hair.

Second Class Relics are something that was owned by the saint or used to torture a martyr.

Third Class Relics are anything that have touched a First Class Relic.

Relics do not have "magic powers" but are often associated with miracles, as people pray for the intercession of the saint whose relics are before them. They are a unique way to directly connect with saints who inspire us through their faith and miracles.

**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)



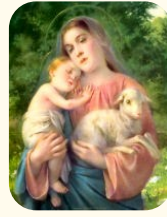
MONTH OF MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's

Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

*In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.*



... she is our Mother in the order of grace. By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a "preeminent and . . . wholly unique member of the Church"; indeed, she is the "exemplary realization" of the Church.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church #966-967*

**Baptism Preparation Meeting**

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 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)*



**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 !!*

**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>



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

**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/>

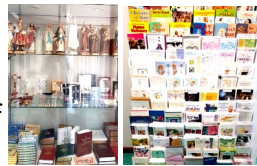


**Looking for First Holy Communion Gifts or Cards?**

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...*



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.

**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.



*"Mary means Star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession."*

*- St. Thomas Aquinas*

**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



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**Every Child, in every community needs a fair go**



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I once watched Andrew Manchini, an Australian who appeared on the TEDx Talk at Hobart High School when he discussed the significance of aligning one's corporate vision with one's personal vision.

He explains that effective vision statements will guide our decision-making, strategy, and alignment in business. He connects this concept to storytelling and encourages people to create their own vision statements to live impactful and meaningful lives.

As I reflect on this week's gospel, I was taken to that particular TEDx Talk. Jesus invited his disciples to see if they had a vision in their lives. He invited them not just to participate in Jesus' vision but to create their own vision, and to align it with his vision to make disciples of all nations.

Having a personal vision is important. A personal vision is crucial because it provides clarity, direction, and motivation to align actions with the long-term goals, meanings, and values. If we align our vision statement with Christ's vision, and together act on our vision statement effectively, everything in our communities and

institutions becomes aligned, leading to a more cohesive and purpose-driven environment that reflects our shared values and goals.



Our vision helps inform the decisions we are making every day. We all know that it is not enough for us to take Christ to heart. We are called to action. We have to be another Christ for others. This is why we are called to be clear in our vision of life, align it with Christ, and share it with others. In moments when we say the creed or express our prayers to Christ, we actually accept Christ in our lives, his love, values, hopes, dreams, and expectations.

When Jesus said to the disciples to go and baptise people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Jesus actually asked his disciples to share with people worldwide. And he wants his disciples to share with the world that he never comes alone, but as one of the Trinity. This perfect communal relationship of the Son with the Father and the Spirit is visionary and empowering for him and for his disciples to spread the good news of the kingdom of God.

As we celebrate the ascension of Jesus, we remember that he remains with us in the Spirit. It is in this spirit of Jesus that we are called to make the world a flourishing community centered in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We pray that we may always find ways to align our vision and mission in life with the vision and mission of Christ, a vision that is Trinitarian and community-oriented. In whatever we do, may we remember Jesus, and he will show us the right way. Amen.

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### 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**.



### 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, David Muir and Bronwyn Marsh.



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

**Anniversaries:** Fr Frank Fitzgerald, Carmen Pace, Agnes Criddle and Antonio Condo.

**Recently Deceased:** Dominic Duong (Fr Tam's Father), Minnie Shaw, John Landon, Robert Connelly, Terri Glynn and Rizalde 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection	\$ 1684.15		707.75
Envelopes	\$ 130.00	97.00	486.25
Parish Collection	\$ 1429.25		
Friday Fast	\$ 76.15		



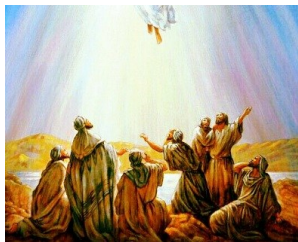
### Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### First Reading (Acts 1:1-11)

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

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'



*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 46)

#### R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, Sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23)

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

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!.....** Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. . . . **Alleluia!**

### Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20)

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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 2:1-11 | Psalm 103 | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 | John 20:19-23

### 54<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney

The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst. *For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: [eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org)*



*"No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary"*  
— Bishop Hugh Doyle.