

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year A

3 May 2026

VOCATION VIEW: The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People.

Mother's Day Next Weekend

Mother's Day this year is next Sunday, the 10th of May. It is a day dedicated to express our love and gratitude to all mothers, Grand mothers & 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 Next Sunday

For celebrating Mother's Day, a *bring and share* morning tea will be held in the Divine Mercy Garden next Sunday 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.

Anointing Mass next Saturday

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



First Holy Communion/Eucharist 2026

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 this Wednesday

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 this **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 Info please visit <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/eucharist/>

MONTH OF MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the

human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more



exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love".

Catechism of the Catholic Church #491-492

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Presentation of Candidates and Commitment for the First Holy Communion at Bluff Point

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 Children **Please Make your commitment** 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 Lawrence's Bluff Point, 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*

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

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



No singing experience necessary !

All training provided free of charge !!

54th 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*



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...*



Knights of the Southern Cross

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



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



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>



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.



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What's all this about living stones and stumbling stones and cornerstones in the second reading (from the First Letter of St Peter)? Let's take a deep dive.

The entire passage takes up some deep themes in the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah. There's hardly a word of St Peter in these few verses that is not echoing him. (Even Psalm 118, which he quotes in the business about the cornerstone, is spliced with a line from Isaiah 8.) So, we need to ponder Isaiah, especially chapters 24 and 8, where the key quotations come from.

The prophet's writing in the 700's BC, a time of great stress for God's people. Isaiah's message is about the impending destruction of much of Israel through the empire of Assyria. The "flood" of destruction will rise "to the neck," leaving Jerusalem standing among the ruins. In the midst of it, God, he says, is laying a stone in Zion—he's going to rebuild out of this diminished remnant that's left; he's going to reboot the covenant, restart the plan to make Israel the epicenter of his conquest of evil, reunification of humanity, defeat of death, and

renewal of all things, thereby accomplishing his original, deep purpose for creation.

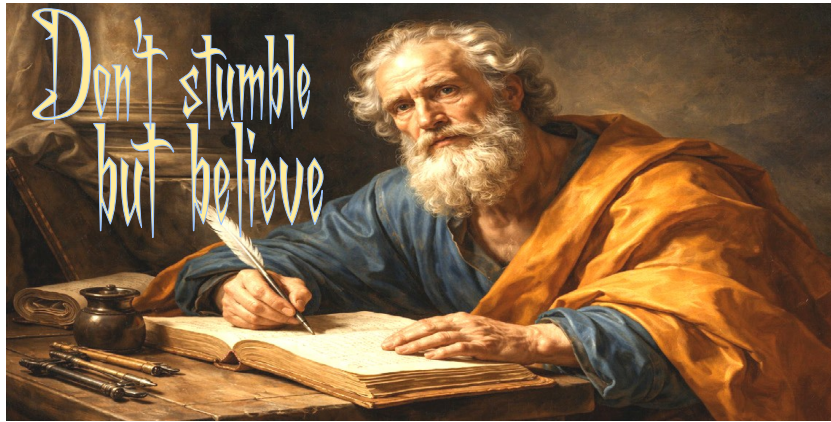
St Peter sees Isaiah's word as a pattern for his own writing to the churches in Asia Minor. He says that this reboot is finally being

Exodus, and so on shaped their imaginations, hopes, fears, and intentions so deeply that the divine word became inseparable from their outlook, words, and actions. In this way they forged their creases in the world in concert with God's deep purposes.

The task St Peter gives us in this letter is to keep faith, to run along these apostolic creases, making them the track down which our lives run. In this way we are built up together into that spiritual house as the living stones he's talking about. Meditating on his words (and digging down into their Old Testament roots) will give us a much deeper awareness of what is at stake in our faith, what it is we are hoping for, and how to understand the trials and temptations always threatening to derail our path.

Fidelity to that hope despite its apparent failure—perceiving it, through God's faithfulness, as strangely and wonderfully the first moment of victory—is what he means in this passage by faith.

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accomplished by Jesus (the cornerstone) through the Church (the spiritual house, holy priesthood, chosen race...). But the real shock is how Isaiah and St. Peter say it is realised: by suffering, trial, temptation, defeat, by fidelity through the worst of it. The rejected stone becomes the cornerstone. That's the Jesus way that Isaiah anticipated. Don't stumble over it, he warns, but believe.

Like Jesus, the apostles ate, drank, and breathed the Old Testament. Isaiah, the Psalms, Genesis,

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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.**

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: Gavan Prunster, Matt Norman, Niki Ace Heaton, Isabel Perestrelo, Gwen Cornelius and Sr Lourdes Mansfield pbvm.

Recently Deceased: Joe Ricupero and Sr Anne Rodgers.



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/>

Parish Finances

Contributions of 26th April 2026

| | Cathedral | Rangeway | Bluff Point |
|---------------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Priests' Collection | \$ 1676.00 | | 836.10 |
| Envelopes | \$ 140.00 | 92.00 | 170.00 |
| Parish Collection | \$ 1477.75 | | 477.70 |
| Friday Fast | \$ 75.55 | | |



Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading (Acts 6:1-7)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32)

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:4-9)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!....

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me... . **Alleluia!**

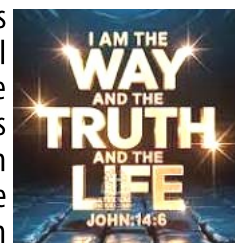
Gospel (John 14:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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 8:5-8,14-17 | Psalm 65 | 1 Peter 3:15-18 | John 14:15-21