

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh **Parishes Secretary:** Sr Han
Assistant Priest Fr Larry Rodillas **Pastoral Associate:** Sr Ngan
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 8:00am

St Peter's Greenough Sunday Mass 8:00am

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

5th July 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer?
 We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) Sunday

Each year, the first Sunday in July marks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. This year, on 5 July, Catholics came together to celebrate the gifts and contributions of the world's oldest continuing culture to the Australian Catholic Church and mark the start of NAIDOC week. This year also carries special meaning. We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries—they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been

travelled—to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's providence, present in every step of our journey. Our theme, **Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!**, speaks to this moment. It calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of



community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia. As St Pope John Paul II reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge -it is something we are called to live. Today's Liturgy is an invitation to listen to, reflect, and to encounter Christ in one another. Wherever you are gathered—in Parish, school, or community -may this celebration be a moment of grace. May it renew our hearts, deepen our unity, and strengthen our commitment to walk together in faith. We thank you for being part of this journey. For resources and more details, please visit www.natsic.org.au

Only one week to go

Movie Premiere of Moana - Sunday 12th July, 1pm at Orana Cinemas, Adults \$25 Concessions \$20, small popcorn and drink included in the price. Tickets available from Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre or phone Jan on 0438804191. This is not animated but a visually stunning movie which tells the story of a Pacific Island princess. Young Moana leaves her Island for the first time to embark on an epic seafaring adventure to restore prosperity to her people.

Only two weeks to go

Garage Sale, Sausage Sizzle, Bake Sale - Saturday 18th July, 8am - 2pm at the Catholic Centre. Please contact Monica on 0437814872 if you are able to assist or require donated goods to be collected. The funds raised from both events will support the Athiolget Women and Children's Health fund and the people of Akot Village in South Sudan.

Did you know?

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

St John's Church Rangeway-Reopening Mass Today

After a long two and a half years since the closure of the church building for major repairs to the roof and interior ceilings, Bishop Michael together with Fr Tai have given their blessings and wish to announce the



long awaited Sunday Mass at St John's Church Rangeway! There are many people to thank for their consistent efforts during the closure in getting to this point, especially the voluntary workers for playing a part in the up keep and assisting with the repairs and maintenance of the church and the grounds. Our thanks extends to include the financial contributions given to supplement the costs of various necessities. Grateful thanks to all the volunteers and to the school community of St John's Primary School for their support and efforts to get the church reopened. The first official Sunday Eucharist will be celebrated at Mass today, **5 July 2026 at 8:00am by Bishop Michael Morrissey**. This is an open invitation to everyone who wishes to attend the Mass. For more details please contact: Amy 0419 216 621

Parish Office & Holy Shop **Opening Hours** 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Monday-Friday

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Planned Giving and Finances of our Parishes

Thank you all who have made changes recently in their planned giving system in response to the bulletin notices. As the new financial year commences this week, we urge other parishioners also to respond this week.

How to Join to help your Parish

If you are not a planned giving donor yet and wish to become a member to support

your parish, please contact the parish office or fill out a pledge form available in the Church today or visit our [webpage](#) either by scanning this QR code or accessing via URL <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/planned/> Completed forms can be put in the collection bowl or send it to the Parish Office at the earliest either by email or by post.



Planned Giving Number

For those who have requested the Planned Giving Number for documented contribution, it will be intimated this week either by phone or email.

Please write it on your envelope if you contribute in cash or give your PG number (e.g. **PG - [number]**) in the Reference/description for EFT Transfers.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting will be next Saturday 11th July, 9:00 am 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.



Couples for Christ next week

If you would like to strengthen your family's spirit by the biblical principles, we invite you to join the Christian Life Program (CLP) on Saturday, 11 July 2026 at 2:00pm - Youth Room. We aim to help others and ourselves grow in maturity as men and women of God and to fulfil the role of our primary vocation, by raising up families under the lordship of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. For more information, please contact: Eric & Fraiza Salvador: 0411 682 189 or Ronel Capalar: 0478 147 130.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th July 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



Enroll now for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Any child in year 6 (or higher) and not attending a Catholic Primary School, who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September this year, must attend after-school preparation classes which will be commenced next month. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them as soon as possible. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started. For more information and enrolment form, please scan the QR code or visit our website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



You can also enroll for other Sacraments to be celebrated next year.

Friday Fast

Please continue your generous giving. The small yellow envelopes are located at the entrance to every Church. 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.



WA Professional Standards Office for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

Safeguarding Officers **0470 207 707**

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Diocesan Director of Safeguarding **Jacqui Correy**

Phone: **9921 3221**, Email: safeguarding@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



Cathedral Night Tour

Let's us enjoy an informative (and entertaining!!) night tour of Geraldton's stunning icon St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Friday 10th July at 7:00pm. Get to know more about our Cathedral in this unique opportunity to explore its sacred spaces and its history; and encounter the genius of its architect Servant of God John Hawes.



This event also includes a musical presentation featuring a vocal ensemble of our Cathedral singers and virtuoso Cathedral Organist, Jacinta Jakovcevic. Tickets at Trybooking (scan QR code) or at the door prior to the tour. For more details contact Jacinta:

jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

Are you or anyone you know housebound or isolated?

The Catholic Parishes of Geraldton Home Visitation Ministry can help. **We Offer:**

Social and Emotional Support

Friendly, regular visits from trained volunteers

Connection to Parish and Community Services



For More Information

Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997 Alison Dawson 0438 215 112
<https://geraldtoncathedral.org/visitation-ministry/>

Camino San Francisco 2026

Let's join us for this annual Camino walk from 24th -26th July 2026. We will go through the northern WA Wheatbelt around Northampton and the Murchison River over two full days. The Camino traverses the landscape in the near vicinity of Northampton as well as around the historic mining area of the Geraldine Mine, Warranbano Chimney and the Murchison River. Participants will be immersed not only the heritage of John Hawes but also the natural heritage in Midwest. For more details, go to <https://www.monsignorhawes.com/camino-san-francisco-2026-information-for-registration/> or contact Jacinta at jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



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A yoke is a wooden beam used to connect two oxen who pull a heavy load, in which an older well-trained ox is yoked with a younger untrained ox. The older animal takes the greater load and effectively teaches the younger how to work. In Jewish tradition, 'yoke' often referred to the Law which every righteous Jew follows. To speak of 'the yoke of the Law' acknowledged the authority (and burden) of the Torah (the five books of Moses), together with the oral interpretation of that Law by the Jewish sages, which totalled six hundred and thirteen specific commandments. Observance of these commandments was a sign of faithful commitment to God. The Law was good, but for some the yoke was a burden, due to the requirement of meticulous observance of all aspects of the Law. In contrast, Jesus invites those who feel overburdened to come to him, and he tells them, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." Does this mean that following Jesus is



the lightweight option? This would be an easy conclusion, but in fact it is about conversion of heart and mind rather than mere compliance with rules and regulations. Matthew is writing to a largely Jewish audience, so it is important to explain how Jesus regards the Law. Jesus himself tells us that he has not come to abolish the Law, but rather to fulfil it. He commends those who follow the Law and promises that they will be you." What he does is affirm the Law, but he then radicalises it. For example, he says, "You shall not kill, and whoever kills another person must answer for it before the court." He then goes on to demand something more

than refraining from homicide. What he asks is that no one harbours anger or resentment in their heart. Instead, they are to be reconciled with their brother, sister, or neighbour, and make peace with them, which is at the very heart of the Law. Why then does Jesus promise that "my yoke is easy and my burden light?" His promise to those who are weary and burdened is that he will share their burden, walk with them, and help them carry their load; like the older ox, helping the younger. We do not have to do all the heavy lifting, for Jesus promises that he will be our companion and we can rely on him. The yoke also serves to keep us on track, prevents from wandering off the path, and guides us in an enduring relationship with Jesus. Life has its challenges and these come the way of all of us, but the knowledge that we are not alone makes a difference, and we are able to move forward, mindful that we have a faithful and committed companion on the journey.

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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.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Closing Date 31 July 2026.

Parish Finances			
Contributions of 28 June 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	2154.35		649.90
Planned Giving \$	105.00	352.00	205.00
Parish Collection \$	1726.95		385.55
Friday Fast \$	117.70		



The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in Espie's house at 4 Wilton Close, Mount Tarcoola from 29th June to 10th July.



Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Saturday 8:30-9:00am followed by Mass and First Fridays 11 am-12 pm .

Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4:00-5:00 pm
Sundays 3-4pm in the Nazareth House main Chapel.



"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelations 21:4)

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, Colleen Salter, Sr Terri Emslie pbvm, David Muir, and Bronwyn Marsh.



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward,

Anniversaries: David Edser, Santos Cris Lopez, Brian Roberts, Kaylene Gilmartin, Jasmine Reynolds

Recently Deceased: Peg Faithfull, Francesca Guagliardo

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading (Zechariah 9:9-10)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 144)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

Second Reading (Romans 8:9, 11-13)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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.

R.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son;

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

R.

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,

R.

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** *)

R.

*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.



Feasts of the Week

11 July Saint Benedict

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Is 55:10-11 | Psalm 64 | Romans 8:18-23 | Mt13:1-23

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