

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh **Parishes Secretary:** Sr Han
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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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th July 2026

VOCATION VIEW: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

NATIONAL APPEAL FOR STELLA MARIS, THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



STELLA MARIS

Each year on the second Sunday of July, Christian Churches around the world mark Sea Sunday—a day dedicated to praying for maritime workers and their families. In 2026, the day falls on July 12 and the theme is "Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers". Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, wrote a message for Sea Sunday with the title, "Beyond Cargo and Commerce: The Human Face of the Sea". In his message, the Prefect highlighted how the world continues to rely on seas, lakes, rivers, and waterways. Moreover, he made sure to place the emphasis on the faces behind the maritime businesses: the more than 1.8 million people whose work is tied to

waterways. So many livelihoods, communities, and families rely on these men and women. "The crisis of the Strait of Hormuz has reminded the world of how deeply humanity depends on the sea and those who work upon it," Cardinal Czerny explained. That is why on Sea Sunday, the Catholic Church "remembers these men and women not merely for the work they perform or the goods they transport, but as human persons created in the image and likeness of God and endowed with inviolable dignity." Cardinal Czerny highlighted how the sea can teach humanity that "we belong to one another. Oceans do not divide people; they connect them." The Catholic Church is working to remind every maritime worker that they are never alone or forgotten. The

Cardinal Prefect stressed, "when the oceans suffer, humanity suffers with them." It is the responsibility of all to protect marine life, promote ethical and sustainable practices, defend dignity and safety of maritime workers, and develop spirit of global responsibility to care for our seas. The Church cannot be distant from this responsibility either. Rather, the Church must be close to maritime workers and seafarers. "She is called to enter the boat: to accompany, to listen, to console, to defend human dignity, and to become a visible sign of hope and home amid the storms of human life."

By Kielce Gussie

To read full message, please visit <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-06/cardinal-czerny-sea->

Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The 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. For more information and enrolment form, please visit our website <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/after-school-sacrament-program/>



Only one 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.

Malayalam Mass

Bishop John Panamthottathil CMI of Syro Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne along with Fr Ajith and Fr Bibin are visiting Geraldton for celebrating Malayalam Mass and meeting the community on Monday, 20th July at 5:30pm. All Keralites are kindly requested to mark this date in your diary and make you available to attend the Mass and meet the Bishop on his first visit to Geraldton.

Moana Movie Today

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.

Did you know?

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

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

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



Faith Formation on Eucharist Online Course

University of Notre Dame Australia is pleased to promote a series of online short courses for parishioners to learn and grow together in faith. To encourage community participation, parish groups may register for an in-person gathering with an **unlimited number of attendees**.

For more information and registration details, please see scan the QR code or register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko



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.



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.



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/>

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/>



MHC Museum & Tours

The Museum is open daily 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.



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.

Prayer for Seafarers

Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach the haven of peace
and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.
As we set forth upon the oceans of the world
and cross the deserts of our time,
show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb,
for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
that in heart and mind, work and deed,
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,
"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!
Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!
Our Lady, Star of the Sea,
pray for seafarers, pray for us.



Poster Design for Carols 2026 by Candlelight

All Secondary school students are invited to enter the 2026 Carols by Candlelight Poster Competition for a chance to win \$200 for the selected design. Please contacting to teacher/chaplain to get the Expression of Interest form and send an email via geraldtoncarols@gmail.com by 28 August 2026. You will be sent a confirmation email to get the logos to be used on the poster. Entries close will be on 25 September 2026 (no late entries accepted). *Designs become the property of Geraldton Christian Churches Carols by Candlelight Inc. to be use for all promotion of the event for 2026.*

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Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

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Looking for Religious Gifts or Cards?

Piety gift items for many occasions are available in our parish office!

There are beautiful statues, plaques and other items

Bibles, Missals, Crucifix, religious books, medals, rosary beads as well as a great selection of greeting cards for various occasions such as Birthdays, Christening, Feast days, Jubilee, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, Jubilee, Anniversaries, etc. *Welcome to visit during Office time!*



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It is often said that Australians have elevated the art of waiting into something approaching a national discipline. We queue with philosophical calm for our morning flat whites. We endure the seemingly endless roller-coaster ride of the season's footy matches with the resigned optimism of people who have been disappointed before and fully expect to be disappointed again.

We are a patient mob, albeit in a rather flat-footed, arms-folded, "she'll-be-right" kind of way. This is precisely why Paul's extraordinary vision of a cosmos in waiting in this week's second reading (Romans 8:18-23) should catch us off-guard. Paul does not describe patient waiting. He describes something far more electric. The Greek word he uses, *apokaradokia*, is one of the great untranslatable treasures of the New Testament. It means something like straining forward on tiptoe with breathless, neck-craning expectation. Think less "she'll be right" and more a border collie at the back door when it hears the word "Walk!" whispered in a distant part of the house. Who is doing this extraordinary craning-forward? Paul would argue that it is neither

the faithful in the pews, nor the Church alone, but the whole of creation. Every gum tree, every reef, every dusty red plain from Longreach to Launceston, from Melbourne to Marble Bar: all of it, Paul insists, is caught up in an urgent, aching longing. This is a remarkable claim which we need to reflect upon. Paul is not offering a romantic nature poem about rainbows and sunsets. He is



making a serious theological argument: that the created order has been subjected to a kind of frustration, not because it is evil or abandoned, but because it is caught in a tension between what is and what is not yet. Creation, he says, "groans in labour pains" (v.22), straining toward a future liberation that has been promised but not yet fully delivered. What is it waiting for? Here Paul is startlingly specific: the revelation of the children of God (v.19). Not

a cosmic reset. Not the annihilation of the material world. But the moment when human beings finally become fully what God always intended us to be: people who live by the spirit, freed from the limitations of disease, decay and death. We often speak of caring for the environment as though creation is a passive recipient of our stewardship. Paul suggests something rather more humbling: that the fate of the natural world is, in some sense, bound up with our own destiny. Its healing and ours are intertwined. We too, Paul says, groan inwardly, carrying within us "the first fruits of the Spirit;" awaiting the full harvest when all will be freed of the limitations of mortality.

Today, as we celebrate our eucharist together, we should allow this vision of cosmic redemption and transformation to inspire us to adopt the attitude of the border collie at the back door, "straining forward on tiptoe with breathless, neck-craning expectation."

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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.



Feasts of the Week

15 July Wed Saint Bonaventura

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Psalm 85 | Romans 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

Parish Finances

Contributions of 05 July 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1611.65	383.50	580.55
Planned Giving \$	80.00	112.00	90.00
Parish Collection \$	1050.75	600.00	428.65
Friday Fast \$	136.00		



The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in Rosaria Lanza's house at 1 Batavia Place Mahomets from 13th July to 24th July.



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

Eucharist Adoration in Saint Lawrence's Church

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at St Lawrence's Eucharistic chapel. For more information, please contact Father Tai on 0407 650 229

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



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

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Lanza

Recently Deceased: Peg Faithfull, Francesca Guagliardo, Phil Regan, Rick McAuliffe

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading (Is 55:10-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 64)

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

R.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

R.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

R.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

R.

Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but

they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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.