

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh
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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

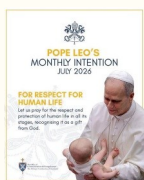
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19th July 2026

VOCATION VIEW: There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

Pope's July prayer intention: For respect for human life



Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of July, and invites Catholics to pray 'for respect for human life,' so all may 'recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being.'

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this July in praying for respect for human life. He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video on Thursday, which is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. In his prayer, the Pope recognized that the Lord has created each of us in love and called us to live in fullness. "Each person is a sacred gift that

reflects your face," he said, "from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth." "Today," he continued, "we ask for the grace to recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being."

Welcoming life unconditionally

He expressed his wish that we learn to "welcome life unconditionally," to "tenderly care for fragility," to "accompany each stage with respect," and "to bravely defend those who have no voice." Pope Leo asked the Lord to forgive us when we fall into indifference or the culture of discard, and when we fail to see in others a being worthy of love. "Give us a new heart, always ready to choose life," he

said, "and generous hands that protect it through concrete actions."

The Pope prayed that the Lord help His Church become a living witness of the Gospel of life, "an open home where every life is celebrated, where no one feels unwanted, and where dignity is always honored and protected."

Finally, Pope Leo concluded by imploring the Lord Jesus to help us love life as He does, "with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving." "May we proclaim, in words and actions," he said, "that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves."

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-07/pope-july-prayer-intention-2026-for-respect-for-human-life-leo.html>

Malayalam Mass Tomorrow

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

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



Thank you

On behalf of Guor Michar and the people of Akot Village in South Sudan, a very big "Thank you" to the people of Geraldton and the Midwest. Thank you for supporting our Moana movie fund-raiser on Sunday 12th July and our Big Garage Sale/Bake Sale/Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 18th July.

Thank you for your donations of goods, gift vouchers, money and "hands on" support. If you would like to donate directly to our Registered Charity, these are the bank details:

Athiolget Women's and Children's Health Association

Clinic Account - BSB 633 000 Account # 195270988

School Account - BSB 633 000 Account # 195271036

Our Containers for Change Account is C10971849.

Special thanks to Leticia and the staff at Orana Cinemas.

Thank you and God bless you.

Did you know?

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

Do not forget to do good and to help one another,
because these are the sacrifices that please God
(Hebrews 13,16)

Parish Office & Holy Shop

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530

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@ gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

www.geraldtoncathedral.org

Parish Office: 08 9964 1608

Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

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



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parishes in September this year.



After School Program

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 commencing on Wednesday, 22nd July at 5pm. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, please enrol them at the earliest. No admissions will be accepted once the lessons have started.

Parent/Child Meeting

All Candidates for Confirmation from the St Francis Xavier Primary School and After School Program, St John's Rangeway, along with their parents have to attend a parent/child meeting in the Catholic Centre on Wednesday, 22nd July at 5pm.

Commitment Masses

Confirmation Candidates this year should attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitment.

Saturday 25th July 6:00 pm Vigil in St Lawrence's Church

Sunday 26th July 9:00 am in St Lawrence's Church

Saturday 1st Aug 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral

Sunday 2nd Aug 7:30 am, 9:30am or 6:00 pm in the Cathedral

Sunday 2nd August 8:00 in St John's Church

Saturday 8th August 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral

Commitment Forms to be completed

Please present the completed *Sacramental Commitment* form along with a copy of your baptism certificate when attending the Commitment Mass. Commitment form is available either from the School or can be downloaded from the parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or scan the QR code.



Celebration

St John's Rangeway : Tuesday 1st September at 6pm

St Francis Xavier Cathedral : Wednesday 2nd September at 6pm

: Friday 4th September at 6pm

After School Candidates : Friday 4th September at 6pm

St Lawrence's, Bluff Point : Thursday 3rd September at 6pm

For more information, please visit the parish website at <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/confirmation/> or contact the Parish Office on 99641608, Email: gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

MHHC 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.

Diocesan Office

Address 7 Maitland Street
Geraldton, WA 6530

(Opening Hours: 8:30am - 4pm Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri | 8:30am - 1pm Wed)

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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/>



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.

WA Professional Standards Office

for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Professional Standards Office WA

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

Email director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au

Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

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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.*

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!*



Jesus is a strange and disconcerting figure. His words are biting and odd. They are elusive and obscure. At the same time, they command attention and demand a response. His actions are similar. He's not what is expected. He's dangerous. He's impossible to ignore. The religious and political leaders of his day understood this. That's why they crucified him.

If you are familiar with the portrait of God built up in the Old Testament, maybe you are not so surprised about Jesus. If that God, the God of Israel becomes human, you are going to get an irrepressible wildfire, an elusive, odd, dangerous

One, beyond our control and manipulation, and yet close, too close, too committed for comfort.

You are going to get a God who, as man, fully, even 'wildly,' devotes himself to the end he has for his good creation, despite our best attempts to wrest our own little piece of it from him for our ridiculous and narrow designs. You are going to get a God who, as

man, irreparably binds, weds himself to humanity in unimaginable impassioned love.

You are going to get a God who, as man, provokes his own inevitable suffering and death at the hand of his beloved. He's ineffable, inscrutable, uncontainable,



unstoppable. He's definitely not safe. No! He's too good to be safe. There's only ever more mystery to him.

Alas we have our own two-thousand-years-after-the-event strategies for handling Jesus. We can't kill him. We are the ones who love him and want to be faithful to him above all else. Nevertheless, we tend to domesticate him, rounding off the hard edges, softening the sharp and pointed words, managing his frightening actions that, for fear, we refuse to ponder too long.

We cage him up, privatising, declawing our religion, wheeling him out for a quick show when it's convenient, keeping him hidden away when it's not. We are expert at making him beneficial, conventional, docile, safe.

But the Church—and the Holy Spirit who guides her—won't let us do this for long. Look at this week's readings. With Jesus' parables, we've got the Living God speaking to us and teaching us. With his actions, we've got the Living God at work in the world. Today's Old Testament reading anticipates this. The New Testament reading helps us ponder it. And as we pass through these readings, brace yourself for the encounter? That's the shape of the Mass.

The lion paces. He's going to break out of his cage. He's going to find you. He always does. No one can keep him at a safe distance. He's already stalking among us. He's going to rule this world, destroying death and sin and evil once and for all. Don't let go of his mane! Hold on; hold firm. He will leap and the never-ending day will dawn.

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"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Lc 6,38)

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.



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/>



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 12 July 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1580.00	345.00	580.00
Planned Giving \$	70.00	90.00	50.00
Parish Collection \$	1276.80	200.20	429.25
Friday Fast \$	88.00		



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. Fore 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, Darren Salter, Rosemarie Loomans, M.S Thomas

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

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading (Wis 12:13,16-19)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 85)

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. R.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. R.

Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24 - 43)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." He put another parable before them, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest

shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches." He told them another parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through. In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us." He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angles. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angles and they will gather out of this kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!" The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear 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. 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.



Feasts of the Week

22 July Wed Saint Mary Magdalene
25 July Sat Saint James, Apostle



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1Kgs 3:5,7-12 | Psalm 118 | Romans 8:28-30 | Mt13:44-52