

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh
Assistant Priest Fr Larry Rodillas
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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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

26th July 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

The Sixth World Day For Grandparents and the Elderly



The Vatican releases Pope Leo XIV's Message for the Sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on the fourth Sunday of July, on the theme "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)."

In the text, Pope Leo says that the prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole, saying that even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us.

At any age, beloved sons and daughters of God

These words that fill us with comfort and hope, he said, are the answer to an agonizing feeling that troubles the heart: "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me" (Is 49:14). The Pope

acknowledged that quite a few elderly people share the painful feeling of being forgotten, especially as they experience loneliness or sometimes being reduced to a bed number or illness. Pope Leo said that the celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all, and that at any age, "it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God." even more, He is our mother."....

Born anew in old age

"I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility!" he said, noting that in old age, one may be "fragile" but at the same time "called." He stressed that a man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age. The Holy Father noted that in this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and

social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like, and thus called on elderly people to join him in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the world. "He never forgets us".

Finally, the Holy Father thanked all elderly people for supporting him every day with their prayers, especially when they recite the Holy Rosary.

"I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart," he said, while noting he leaves them with this prayer: "May the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love - He who never forgets us!"

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

To read full message please go the website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html>
documents/20260615-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

Morning Tea next week

Please join in the morning tea next Sunday 2nd August at 10:30am either in the Divine Mercy Garden or in the Catholic Centre subject to the weather. Welcome all to have a chat with fellow community members and sip a cuppa. Those who are able to help in anyway would be greatly appreciated.



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

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<https://geraldtoncathedral.org/visitation-ministry/>

Exhibition of the Life of Blessed Carlo Acutis and His Relic this week

All parishioners are warmly invited to the special Mass on Thursday 30th July at 5:00pm and visit the Exhibition of the Life of Blessed Carlo Acutis and his Relic after Mass until 7:00 pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. This exhibition offers a wonderful opportunity to learn about the inspiring life of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a remarkable witness to the faith in the 21st century, especially for young people. May his example encourage us to deepen our relationship with Christ and live our faith more fully in our daily lives.



**All people are born as originals
but many die as photocopies.
(Saint Carlo Acutis)**

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THE RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant Families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please come forward.

Celebrant My dear candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, You received the life of Christ when you were Baptised. On that day when you were welcomed into the Christian community, your Parents and Godparents made promises for you. Now you are old enough to speak for yourself, so today you have the opportunity of reaffirming your baptismal promises.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates I do

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and who will be given to you Sacramentally in Confirmation?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,



the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Candidates I do
Celebrant and People: Thanks be to God.



COMMITMENT

Celebrant Children, please make your commitment.

Candidates We will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending Mass and participating in the celebrations of our parish. We will strive to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer. We will actively participate in the Confirmation Program. We will accept the gifts that God has given us, and use them as best we can, in the parish and in the community.

Celebrant Parents and carers of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please make your commitment.

Parents We promise to help our children to prepare for their Sacrament of Confirmation by striving to set a good example in our own faith life. We will attend Mass with our children, encourage them to pray, and support them in what they are learning.

Celebrant All members of the parish community please stand to make your commitment.

Parish We the Parish Community, through our encouragement and prayers, support these families and children in their preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please present the completed commitment form (with a copy of the Baptism certificate) to the Priest

Sacrament of Confirmation

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



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.



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 19 July 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1710.00	231.45	610.00
Planned Giving \$	70.00	99.00	105.00
Parish Collection \$	1353.60	231.45	483.80
Friday Fast \$	84.00		



"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)

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Much like today, different gods and life philosophies were plentiful in the ancient Roman world. They were like different pearls, available for people to pick and choose which they liked and wanted to keep. However, say you had come across a pearl greater in its beauty and purity than all of the others you had seen, one so valuable it required you to discard all the rest to obtain it. There's a sense of urgency in the decision too. A pearl this valuable, like treasure found in a field, will not remain available like this for long. Looking at it, you know you must decide quickly while it is still available. Would it be worth it to you? When Jesus talks about the 'kingdom of heaven' or the 'kingdom of God' being like a pearl of great price, he's referring to the value of the new way of living available through him. As St Paul explains in this week's second reading, the kingdom of heaven is not just about eternal life. It is primarily about being shaped to become like Jesus, including in



the here and now. We share Jesus' wisdom, his capacity to love others and his relationship with the Father. We live with Christ's life, we become moulded to his ways, and we take on Christ's whole way of being as our own. The imagery offered by the parables in the gospels describes the right response to finding the kingdom of heaven, which is to give up everything else that has value in order to pursue it. Whether it costs us success, security, pleasure, or the respect of others, the kingdom of heaven is worth the very highest price. St Matthew understands how the kingdom of heaven can change a

person. Not only has he given up everything, including riches and security, for the kingdom of heaven but, in attaining it, he is like the head of a household who can welcome others into the kingdom and give its treasures away. However, there is no understanding of the kingdom of heaven as Jesus describes it without a life-changing commitment to stay on its course. As our first reading explains, King Solomon, at the start of his life, found this pearl of great price and placed it at the very centre of his life. Solomon disregarded offers of health, wealth and security and instead prized knowing the heart and mind of God. However, as the books of Kings go on to document, the wealth and life of pleasure drew Solomon's focus away from the wisdom he once prized above everything. The life on offer from God gives us meaning and joy. It offers us a life where "all things work for good for those who love God." It is worth it to cast everything aside to attain it.

Joseph Doyle
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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

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

Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

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



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.



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



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 27th July to 31st July.



Christian Meditation in the Crypt

Every Wednesday after 7:00 Mass, 7:30 until 8:00am. For more information, please contact Mrs Iris Bolton on 0498 162 774 and leave a short message with **your name + meditation**.

*"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."
(James 5:14-15)*

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, Pat and Lenore Thomas, Vivienne Ross



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Francesca Sciuto, Donald Moffat, Marykuty and T.T.Ouseph, Christopher Money, Kitty Rowe and Peter Rowe, Brett Johnson

Recently Deceased: Peg Faithfull, Francesca Guagliardo, Phil Regan, Rick McAuliffe, Stephen Huu Su Nguyen (Fr Savio's brother-in-law)

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

A reading from the first book of Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. R.

Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine

pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.' Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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

29 July	Wed	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
31 July	Fri	Saint Ignatius of Loyola
01 August	Sat	Saint Alphonsus Liguori

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Is 55:1-3 | Psalm 144 | Romans 8:35,37-39 | Mt14:13-21

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)