

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh
Assistant Priest Fr Larry Rodillas
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Parish Secretary: Sr Han
Pastoral Associate: Sr Ngan

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

23rd August 2026

VOCATION VIEW: "There is no poverty worse than that which takes away work and the dignity of work" (Pope Francis)

Pope Leo XIV says about AI and Human Dignity in Magnifica Humanitas

Human Dignity, the Foundation for Building

- * "We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace."
- * Instead of being architects of a new Tower of Babel, an image conveying fallen humanity's tendency to seek its own glory apart from God, we should strive to be "builders of communion" with one another.

We should be like Nehemiah and the remnant of Israel who returned to the decimated City of Jerusalem and there rebuilt relationships (with one another and with God) as well as their city.

A Fully Human Approach to AI

- * People, including those who engineer various versions of AI, possess only a limited understanding of their actual functioning.
- * This reality demands our renewing "a twofold commitment: on the one hand, a

deepening of scientific research; on the other, the exercise of moral and spiritual discernment."

- * AI is a valuable tool that warrants user discretion.
- * Important and sensitive decisions deserve to be authentic human decisions instead of actions delegated to an impersonal automaton.

"For AI to respect human dignity and truly serve the common good, responsibility must be clearly defined at every stage: from those who design and develop these systems to those who use them and rely on them for concrete decisions."

Risks to Consider When Using AI

- * Among the risks that AI runs are its potential to "weaken personal creativity and judgment" in its users and to "place heavy demands on natural resources" via its operating systems.
- * AI can be used by those with malicious intent, but "a subtler danger" exists within the realm of misinformation/disinformation. This is because "when AI

systems present themselves as neutral and objective, they end up reflecting and reinforcing the stereotypes or ideological bias of their designers and developers."

Because of such bias, "we cannot consider AI to be morally neutral."

How Not to Use AI

- * AI should not be used to amplify those in power, nor should it undermine social justice and solidarity. Instead, it should be used equitably.
- * AI-powered weapons, autonomous by their nature, are less subject to human control.

"This violates the principle that armed force should be used only as a last resort in cases of legitimate self-defense. For this reason, the development and use of AI in warfare must be subject to the most rigorous ethical constraints, to guarantee respect for human dignity and the sanctity of life and to avoid a race to develop such arms."

For more info, please visit [What Pope Leo XIV Says about AI and Human Dignity in Magnifica Humanitas | Midwest](#)

Kojarena Annual Mass and Bring and Share Lunch

Annual Mass at St James' Chapel, Kojarena will be celebrated by bishop Michael Morrissey on Sunday 30th August, at 11am. This year we are celebrating 20 years since the Annual Masses commenced. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass as well as to enjoy driving through the beautiful greenish country roads. It's only 30 mins drive from Geraldton.



Mass in Utakarra Chapel

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra on **Saturday, 5th September at 9:00am**. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

48 Hour Rosary Bouquet For Our Lady's Birthday

To participate in this gift to Mary, our Mother, please pledge to say the Rosary for one hour between 6pm Saturday 5th Sep to 6pm Monday 7th Sep 2026. Your Rosary can be prayed wherever is convenient. The Rosary Scroll will be presented on 8th September during the Mass at 12:10pm in St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.

Place your committed time slots on the roster available at the church door this weekend.



"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times"
(Saint Padre Pio)

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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Parish Office: 08 9964 1608

Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

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



Fathers’ Day Mass Bouquet

Fathers’ Day this year falls on Sunday, 6th of September. It is a day to remember, honour and appreciate your father, grandfather or father figures! *If you wish to have a Mass offered for them whether they are living or deceased, please use a “Father’s Day Mass Bouquet” envelopes available at the church doors today.* Money received through these offerings will be used to support the GodStart program through which the newly Baptised children will receive birthday cards and prayer tips until they reach 4 years of age. A register listed with the Mass Bouquet beneficiaries will be placed before the Altar during the Month of September.



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.

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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/>



Interested in becoming Catholic ?
or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Please come join in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Anyone wanting to explore the Catholic Faith is invited to attend the following three enquiry evenings to begin their preparation: **19th August, Wednesday at 5pm; 26th August, Wednesday at 5pm; 2nd September, Wednesday at 5pm**
Venue: Seminar Room, Catholic Centre, 9 Maitland St, Geraldton. The OCIA will take you through the phases of the process to learn everything you need to know about the Catholic Faith and its traditions during your formation as you prepare to enter the Catholic Church on your faith seeking journey at Easter 2027. You will be supported throughout by the OCIA Team during the four Phases of Evangelisation and Pre-catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment and Mystagogy. For registration, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608. For more information and enrolment form, please visit our Website by scanning the QR code or accessing the URL <https://geraldtoncathedral.org/ocia/>



MHHC Museum & Tours

The Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre (MHHC) is open every day 10am to 4pm (except Tuesdays and Thursdays). If you would like to learn more about John Hawes and SFX Cathedral, tours are available on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday 2:30 pm, and Friday 4 pm. Special Night Tours are held each 2nd Friday of the month. Tickets available at MHHC or at TryBooking (please scan QR code)



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/>

"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)

Parish Finances			
Contributions of 16 August 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests’ Collection \$	1520.00	249.25	715.00
Planned Giving \$	80.00	87.00	240.00
Parish Collection \$	1227.50	249.30	556.55
Friday Fast \$	60.00		



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Throughout history the question of who shall rule tribe, people or nation has been highly contested. It remains an issue today even in so-called democratic countries where people vote for their leaders and representatives. Winning elections – whether or not they are judged to be free and fair – is one thing; holding onto power in the face of opposition and possible violence another. Often we see military coups enforcing the abdication of elected leaders; we also hear of rigged elections in various countries. Commentators point to a worrying trend in today's global politics that favours authoritarian regimes that deny freedom and human rights. If we are tempted to look back in nostalgia to past regimes, a word of caution is in order. Even the great Davidic kingdom of Israel, which reached its heights under King Solomon, fell into a constant change of rulers. In this week's first reading, Isaiah speaks on behalf of the Lord to dismiss Shebna from high office to replace him with Eliakim. Isaiah has high hopes for Eliakim's rule – "he will be like a father to his people".

Yet, Eliakim soon lost popularity and was replaced in turn by his two brothers, Jehoiakim and Jehoahaz.

Then we come to the gospel where Jesus questions the disciples about his identity. The disciples cite rumours that Jesus is a reincarnated prophet namely John the Baptist, Elijah or Jeremiah. It is Simon Peter who recognises His true identity: "You are

commissioned Peter to be the leader of the church, and Peter effectively took on this role for some thirty years prior to being martyred in Rome in 64 CE under Nero.

Some people like playing around with Jesus' use of the word 'rock' to nominate Peter's role in the infant church. Does it mean Jesus thought Peter was a bit thick in line with Marullus in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar:

"You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things"? Clearly this is not Jesus' reasoning, as he will have been quite aware the Psalms praise God as my 'rock', 'fortress', 'shield' and 'my place of safety' (Ps. 18:2).

Despite Peter's weaknesses – denial of Christ three times and running away from Jesus' crucifixion – God gave him the grace to be dependable, committed and a support for others with their different gifts. Peter's rule was not one of craving or hanging onto power, but the rule of one who eventually learnt from his master that to rule is to serve.

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the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus responds by appointing Peter 'the rock' on which the church is to be built. As Eliakim was given keys of the house of David, so Peter is given keys to the kingdom of heaven! By the time the gospels are being written – some thirty to seventy years after Jesus' death and resurrection – it is clear to Christians that Jesus had officially

Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Thursday after 7am Mass until 8am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00 am followed by Mass.

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.



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 Moira McLean's house at 124 Fitzgerald Street from 17th August to 28th August 2026. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm Mon - Fri**. All are welcome to pray with the mother of God!



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**.

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, Bronwyn Marsh, and Vivienne Ross

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

Anniversary: Van Gould, Les Rowe, Maria Ricupero, Clara Beccari

Recently Deceased: Betty Thompson

Please keep in your daily prayer the sick & deceased, including those grieving.



Did you know?

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

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 137)

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple.

R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

R.

Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who

do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

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 Week2

24	Aug	Mon	Saint Bartholomew
27	Aug	Thurs	Saint Monica
28	Aug	Fri	St Augustine
29	Aug	Sat	The Passion of St John the Baptist

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jer 20:1,7-9 | Psalm 62 | Romans 12:1-2 | Mt16:21-27

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