

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh
Assistant Priest Fr Larry Rodillas
Nagle Chaplain Fr Bernard Balara
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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

30th August 2026

VOCATION VIEW: *Directs individuals to treat others with the same respect and care they desire for themselves. (Matthew 7:12)*

"Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division" - Social Justice Sunday



I am pleased to commend this Social Justice Statement, "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division." We are living through an era of heightened community tension and a growing normalisation of abusive behaviour, incendiary language and violence. In such moments of tension, the temptation is to retreat into trenches of suspicion or to treat those who differ in their views as opponents rather than as people. The Gospel offers a different path. It calls us back to Jesus Christ, who meets division not with hostility but with mercy; not with the logic of 'us and them' but with the costly love that heals and transforms. Living the Gospel in these times is not a private devotion. It is a public witness that human dignity is not negotiable, that truth matters and that peace is more than the absence of conflict - it is the fruit of justice, reconciliation and communion. In Australia, the strain on social cohesion has been made painfully visible by a disturbing rise in antisemitism. Jewish communities have

reported unprecedented levels of abuse, intimidation, vandalism and, in the case of the Bondi Beach attack, shocking deadly violence. It has left many to feel unsafe in places that should be secure, such as schools, synagogues, streets and public events. Such hatred is an affront to God. Catholics stand in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters. We must unequivocally denounce antisemitism and work to rebuild trust, safety and mutual respect in our communities. Indeed, both tolerance and respect for people of all religions, cultures and ethnicities are the essential foundations for such a rebuilding. How are we to live the Gospel in these times? First, by remaining close to Christ in prayer and the sacraments, allowing the Lord to convert our hearts before we seek to change the world. Second, by practising a "culture of encounter": listening before reacting, seeking to understand the fears and hopes of others and choosing relationship over caricature. Third, by exercising restraint in what we say - especially online - rejecting gossip, slander,

dehumanising labels and the sharing of unverified claims. Christians must be known as people who speak truthfully, argue respectfully and never delight in humiliation. Fourth, by concrete acts of compassion and justice: standing with those targeted because of their faith or background, supporting families under economic pressure, welcoming migrants and refugees and working for the common good through parish, school and community initiatives. In these practical ways we become "salt" and "light" (Matthew 5:13-16). This statement invites us to see our current social climate as an opportunity to witness to the Gospel. We offer Jesus and the hope born of his death and resurrection. When we choose forgiveness over enmity, hospitality over isolation and solidarity over vilification, we help to create the conditions in which a more peaceful society can prosper.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

Source: www.catholic.au/s/article/Social-Justice-Statements

Fathers' Day next week

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.



Annual Mass and Picnic at Kojarena Today

Annual Mass at St James' Chapel, Kojarena will be celebrated by bishop Michael Morrissey today 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 Utkarra Chapel this Saturday

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the San Spirito Chapel at Utkarra on **Saturday, 5th September at 9:00am** and also to celebrate 90th anniversary of the Chapel. Welcome all to remember the deceased loved ones and pray for them.

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)



Morning Tea next week to celebrate Father's Day

Please join in the morning tea next Sunday 6th September 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.



Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea

All parishioners from St John's, St Lawrence's and St Francis Xavier Cathedral are invited to attend the Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea held on 13 September 2026 at 10.30am in the Catholic Centre. Please come along to celebrate this special day, a reminder of our continued commitment to protect and care for those who are most vulnerable. If you can help by bringing a plate it would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to catchup with old friends while making new ones along the way over a good cuppa. Looking forward to seeing you there. For more information, please contact Rosemary Taylor on 0428 215 147

**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/>



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 uacpallottines.au. **Closing Date 31 August 2026**

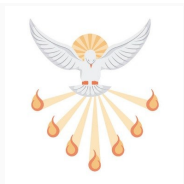
Make your contributions online

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/>



Sacrament of Confirmation this week

Congratulations to the candidates from our parish schools and After School Program, who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week as follows:



6pm Tuesday 1st Sep St John's Church
6pm Thursday 3rd Sep St Lawrence's Church
6pm Friday 4th Sep St Francis Xavier Cathedral
Please keep these children in your prayers.

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

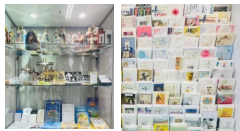
Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997 Alison Dawson 0438 215 112
<https://geraldtoncathedral.org/visitation-ministry/>

KSC Education Foundation Scholarship Programme 2026

Teachers working in Catholic Schools are invited to apply to the KSC Education Foundation Scholarship Program for 2026 to study Religious Education and Theology Units at the University of Notre Dame in 207.
Successful applicants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and contribute meaningfully to their school communities, nurturing faith and academic excellence. This scholarship supports professional development and fosters a vibrant learning environment shaped by the values of Catholic education.
Applications open on 31 August and close on 26 October 2026 and online application forms will be available from <https://wa.ksca.org.au/Latest-News.html> For further information please contact office@kscwa.org.au, phone 9368 2503.

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!



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 23 August 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1895.00	250.00	507.90
Planned Giving \$	45.00	122.00	120.00
Parish Collection \$	1501.65	235.00	540.00
Friday Fast \$	127.30		



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A woman once shared her experiences as a youth leader when she had to deal with a child who, having been twice warned about his misbehaviour, was told to leave the group. However, the boy kept turning up. "Why do you keep coming back?" she asked. The boy said, "Because no one else remembers my name." This simple story is a reminder that sometimes people will hang around, will keep coming back, not through anger or rage, but because that someone needs to hear their name spoken with love. It is a quiet fire burning within them. Jeremiah knows that fire. He says to the Lord, "You have seduced and overpowered me, Lord." However, he also realises the Word of the Lord has become a reproach for him. "There is in my heart a fire, a burning fire imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it." Jeremiah tries to stay silent, because speaking God's Word brings ridicule and threat. But he can not. The fire in his heart keeps him going. Peter, after Jesus shares with the apostles that he will go to Jerusalem to suffer, says, "God forbid it, Lord! This must not happen to you!" Peter

wants a messiah without suffering, a path without a cross. Jesus turns to him and says, "Get behind me, Satan ... If anyone wants to be my follower, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me." Jesus' journey to the cross is not about seeking pain. It is about not walking away when God's fire says, "Stay!" or "Go!" It is about



choosing love over comfort, truth over popularity, sacrifice over safety. It is the fire in his heart. From the second reading, Saint Paul teaches us about how to live: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. Present your body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." That is not a call to

one dramatic act of sacrifice. It is rather a call to small acts of sacrifice and offering to the Lord every day, such as when we are patient with difficult people, or generous when we would rather save and hold back, or speaking the truth when silence would be easier. This week we are invited to examine the fire in our hearts. Where is God pressing on us to act, even though it is inconvenient? Maybe it is forgiving, or serving, or simply remembering and speaking someone's name. Following Jesus can be costly and painful, but the One who carried the cross has walked the path from death to life. And he walks with us now, turning our small sacrifices into something that will last.

May we never run from the fire. Let it light our way and lead us home. Let it encourage us to be active in social justice, supporting positive movements to create a better world. Amen

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, this Friday, 4th September in the Cathedral.

Morning: 11am-12pm followed by Holy Mass at 12:05pm

Evening: 7:30 - 9:30pm with Litany of St Joseph



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 names will be presented on Tuesday 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.



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.

Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

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



Christan 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**.

The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in Mary Marsh's house at 102 Fitzgerald Street from 31st August to 11th September. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm Mon - Fri**. All are welcome to pray with the mother of God!



Mother's Prayer Group

Every Thursday in the Cathedral at 9:00am. All are warmly welcome to join and pray for our family and children. Together, we can place our loved ones in God's loving hands through prayers. For more information, please contact Angie on 0408 215 043.

Exposition in the Cathedral

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

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., Zenaïda Tan, Colleen Salter, Sr Terri Emslie pbvm, David Muir, Bronwyn Marsh, Maureen Crabb and Lucy McFadden



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

Anniversary: Giuseppe Gaudio, Vicente Noval

Recently Deceased: Brian Billi

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

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily
laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I
have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has
meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will
not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then
there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my
bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 62)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in
a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living
bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your
behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only
way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our
heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are
called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third
day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.
'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But
he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle
in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then
Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for
my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole
world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his
life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with
his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according
to his behaviour.'
The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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

03 Sep Thurs Saint Gregory the Great



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Ezek 33:7-9 | Psalm 94 | Romans 13:8-10 | Mt18:15-20