

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

9th August 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

POPE LEO XIV'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION IS 'FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY'



[Pope Leo XIV](#) is inviting Catholics to pray "for evangelization in the city" as his August prayer intention, asking the Lord to accompany millions searching for meaning amid the noise and haste of urban life. In his monthly "Pray with the Pope" [video](#), Pope Leo expressed his hope that urban environments may provide "fertile ground" for proclaiming the Gospel. The Chicago-born pope acknowledged that

while cities are meant to be places of "freedom and opportunity," they can also become "spaces of anonymity and isolation."

"Make us a Church that goes forth, able to reach out to the peripheries, to console those who are lonely, and to sow fraternity and connection instead of giving in to indifference," the pope prayed.

Cities are largest mission territories today

Today, almost 45% of the world's population lives in urban areas, making cities one of the largest mission territories of our time, according to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

"Lord, may our urban communities be open and welcoming homes, places where hope

is shared, where no one feels invisible, and where the joy of your Gospel shines in the hidden lives of so many brothers and sisters," Pope Leo said in his prayer for the month of August.

"Make us your witnesses in the city, bold and creative missionaries, who proclaim your Love with their lives—a Love capable of overcoming haste, noise, and anonymity."

VATICAN CITY (OSV News)

Source: <https://www.osvnews.com/pope-leo-xivs-august-prayer-intention-is-for-evangelization-in-the-city/>

Special event – Canon of Ancona tomorrow

A presentation by Emeritus Professor John Kinder focusing on his recently published book detailing the story of Italian priest and professor Fr Raffaele Martelli: missionary in Western Australia will be held at Geraldton Regional Library on Monday 10th August, at 3:30 pm. After a chance encounter with Rosendo Salvado, founder of the New Norcia Mission, Fr Martelli sailed to Fremantle in 1853, at the age of 42. In 1870 he visited the Champion Bay area, as well as Greenough, Northampton and Port Gregory. For details contact Jacita: jacita.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



Have Your Say – Maitland Park Schools Precinct

The City of Greater Geraldton invites the community to provide feedback on the proposed Maitland Park Schools Precinct Concept Masterplan and streetscape designs. Paper feedback forms are available at the Civic Centre and the Geraldton Regional Library. To complete the survey, please visit website www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenConnect and submit your response by 9:00am on Monday, 10 August 2026.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th August at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the eldest child to be baptised. For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608



"Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel." (St Maximilian Mary Kolbe)

Parish Office & Holy Shop

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Opening Hours: 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Tuesday-Friday

[@gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)
www.geraldtoncatholic.org

Parish Office: 08 9964 1608

Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

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



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-order-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>



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

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.

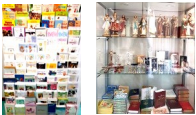


Looking for Religious Gifts or Cards?

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!*



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.



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

Safeguarding Officers **0470 207 707**

Amy Zinetti Leonie Golding Melinda Jupp

Simon Place Ron Pace Rosemary Taylor

Diocesan Director of Safeguarding **Jacqui Correy**

Phone: **9921 3221**, Email: safeguarding@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

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.

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 02 August 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1930.00	234.15	725.00
Planned Giving \$	80.00	112.00	195.00
Parish Collection \$	1656.75	234.20	393.55
Friday Fast \$	84.05		



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In June 2018, twelve boys and their coach found themselves trapped in a cave in northern Thailand. The flood waters were rising, and the water-filled tunnels of the cave were narrow and pitch dark. Adding to the complexity of their rescue, the children and their coach could not swim. Australian anaesthetist and cave diver Richard Harris and his colleague Craig Challen were willing to take a leap of faith. They would anaesthetise them all to prevent panicking or drowning. This innovative strategy was crucial in the eventual success of the international rescue operation. Likewise, the disciples' panic at the rising storm buffeting their boat must have been compounded by Jesus's sudden appearance as he walked across the water. Jesus's loving reassurance that he was not a ghost - "It is I, do not be afraid" - would have quelled their fears. Peter's response may resonate with many of us: "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water." We trust in the Lord; yet need reassurance. Jesus's response fills Peter with peace and courage. He says simply to Peter, "Come." Peter gets out of

the boat and, quite miraculously, finds himself walking on the water towards Jesus. But, looking at the wind and the waves around him though, starts to sink. He cries out to the Lord and immediately Jesus reaches out and rescues him. In that moment, Peter's relief at Jesus' timely rescue must surely have been accompanied by the overwhelming realisation that Jesus' loving, tender presence would never have let him drown. Peter realises that he is deeply and tenderly loved, in spite of all his inadequacies. Some years after the cave rescue, Richard Harris said in an interview that while growing up, he had a sense of struggling to find where he felt he belonged. Leaning into his sense of vulnerability, he discovered the camaraderie of companions



who shared his passion for the outdoors. Their adventures in cave-diving helped them discover a newfound courage as they went beyond the limits imposed by their anxieties. As Bishop Robert Prevost in Peru, Pope Leo exemplified a deep spirit of accompaniment with those in need. When covid-19 hit Peru, oxygen shortages and economic collapse led to widespread deaths. He organised for oxygen supplies to be distributed. Despite the exhausting logistics of this operation, he persisted in working in solidarity with everyone involved. Sometime after the covid pandemic, during the floods in the region, he was present with those struggling as he stood knee-deep in flood waters, assisting in relief operations. Even at our most vulnerable moments, Jesus invites us to be courageous and audacious in trusting his steadfastness and his unfailing embrace of our frailties. Let us lean into the accompaniment of those who walk with us. Jesus looks steadfastly at us across the wind and water, and says, "Come".

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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 Rosemary Taylor's house at 18 B Queen Street from 3rd August to 14th August.



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 + mediation**.

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, Gerry Miles

Anniversary: Frank Sciuto, Fr Peter Downes, Gladys Moore and Colleen Shanks.

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

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 84)

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

R.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

R.

Second Reading (Romans 9:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the

crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

10	Aug	Mon	Saint Lawrence
11	Aug	Tue	Saint Clare
14	Aug	Fri	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
15	Aug	Sat	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Is 56:1,6-7 | Psalm 66 | Romans 11:13-15,29-32 | Mt15:21-28