

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

13th September 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2026



The 2026 theme "Love Protects" recognises that safeguarding is a practical expression of Christian love. When communities prioritise the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults, they embody the love and care that is at the heart of the Gospel.

"'Love Protects' reminds us that genuine love is demonstrated through action," said chair of the Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Bishop Greg Bennet.

"Safeguarding is an essential part of our mission and ministry. It calls each of us to be attentive, accountable and committed to ensuring that every person can participate in the life of the Church safely and with

confidence." Safeguarding Sunday also provides an opportunity to acknowledge the work of clergy, staff, volunteers and safeguarding leaders who work to foster cultures of safety and trust throughout church communities. Their dedication strengthens the Church's commitment to preventing harm, responding appropriately to concerns and promoting the dignity of every person.

The Church is showing national leadership in safeguarding through:

- Professional development that strengthens the capacity of Catholic organisations
- Reviews, audits and assessments of Catholic organisations
- Management of the Australian Catholic Ministry Register

Safeguarding awareness, education and communications initiatives As faith communities gather to mark Safeguarding Sunday, they are encouraged to reflect on the example of Jesus, who welcomed and protected the vulnerable and marginalised. His ministry inspires the Church's commitment to care, respect, and justice.

"Love protects when we listen. Love protects when we act. Love protects when we place the wellbeing of others at the centre of our decisions and our ministry," Bishop Bennet said.

"Together, we can build communities where every person is valued, respected and safe."

Source: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2026-Love-Protects>

Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea Today

All parishioners from St John's, St Lawrence's and St Francis Xavier Cathedral are invited to attend the Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea today 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 215147.

Bible Study Class

Everyone is warmly invited to join our Bible Study Class, held on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at St John's Church, Rangeway. Our class will be led by Rev. Fr. Bernard Balaraj. Come and join us as we deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Bible, grow in faith, and reflect together on God's Word. The first session will start on 23rd September 2026.

Nepal Floods Appeal

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance. Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call **1800 024 413**.



Eucharist28 - Walking with Christ

The journey to Eucharist28 has begun! This journey of walking with Christ is interior, but it can also be expressed physically. We can become pilgrims by walking and prayerfully moving with Him, including through processions, worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. Scan the QR code to access Walking With Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal, a resource designed to accompany you in your spiritual preparation for the continuing journey with Christ.



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



Safeguarding Commitment Prayer - "Love Protects"

God of compassion, you know each of us by name and hold every child close to your heart. Your love is patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not rude or self-seeking; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and it always protects.

Today we renew our commitment to safeguarding in our parish: to listen when someone finds the courage to speak, to act without delay when there is a concern, to tell the truth even when it costs us, to never to confuse mercy with silence, and to reach out in practical care to those most easily overlooked - the children, the newcomer, the housebound, the elderly, the person living alone, the person with a disability, and anyone made vulnerable by their circumstances.

Give us Sirach's wisdom to set aside the pride that hides wrongdoing, Christ's compassion that goes out to the wounded first, Paul's vision of a love that always protects, and the Psalmist's confidence that you, O Lord, redeem what is broken and crown the humble with kindness.

May this parish be a true sanctuary, safe for the smallest among us, attentive to the most vulnerable, honest with the truth, and faithful to the God whose love always protects.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Catholic Youth Geraldton

Are you 14 or over and looking for a fun, friendly and welcoming youth group? Come and meet us!

Friday 25 September 2026

5pm-7pm St John's Church Hall, Rangeway
347 Banksia Street, Rangeway

Come along, bring a friend and discover C.Y.G!

Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact Lea OBADIA :0437612006 or email Lea-obadia@outlook.com.



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)



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/



KSC Education Foundation Scholarship Programme 2026

Teachers working or employed 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.

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/

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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.



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 6 September 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1580.00	185.00	555.00
Planned Giving \$	45.00	90.00	185.00
Parish Collection \$	1435.00	134.50	367.90
Friday Fast \$	78.75		



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In his letters, St Paul often provides a pithy saying for his readers to digest and integrate into themselves. In other words, he writes aphorisms. Stoic and Cynic sages of ancient philosophy did this too. One of my favourite modern philosophers, Blaise Pascal, in a book he wrote called *Thoughts (Pensées)*, included one about our constant need for distraction: 'Humans can't be happy because of their inability to sit quietly in a room alone.' (Two years before he died, Pope Francis wrote an extraordinary but little-known letter on Pascal, 'The Grandeur and Misery of Man'.) Philosophers often distilled their teachings into sharp little punches of wisdom that left a mark long after the philosophers were gone. The marketing industry attempts much the same, though they aim to tie their product to an emotionally potent song or image or phrase. Songwriting might be a closer example to St Paul's writing. The song's 'hook' or the chorus repeats a memorable line that can stick in your memory for decades. Recently, as I was thumbing through shirts in my closet, the refrain from a hymn we sang in the church I attended as a child jumped into my mind: "Trust and Obey! For there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but trust and obey." Aphorisms are meant to be memorised and meditated on. They are meant to encapsulate a whole way of seeing, of acting, of existing in the world. Here are couple of my favourite Pauline aphorisms: I have been crucified with Christ. to memorise it, recalling it often, asking God to allow it to shape your outlook, your actions, your relationships, what might happen? One thing is that you might start to see the world in a way that reorients you amidst the chaos of our western culture's failed individualistic, self-interested, and materialist patterns that are so deeply engrained in us. The aphorism teaches you to see the meaning of yourself through another (the Lord) and through a community (we') that extends beyond the horizon of physical life. St Paul continues: 'This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord of both the dead and of the living.'

Sayings like this tell the truth. They articulate the essential. In a world of relentless shallow speech, glossy fakes, and curated illusions, it is more important than ever to apprentice ourselves to the school of St Paul, the philosopher, learning how to chew on his aphorisms until we become what they say.

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Exposition in the Cathedral

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

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.

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 + mediation**.

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.



Feasts of the Week2

14	Sep	Mon	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15	Sep	Tue	Our Lady of Sorrows
16	Sep	Wed	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Is 56:6-9 | Psalm 144 | Phi 1:20-24,27 | Mt 20:1-6

The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in Sr Flora's house at 2/141 Cathedral Avenue from 14th September to 25th September. Rosary will be prayed at **5pm Mon - Fri**. All are welcome to pray with the mother of God!



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.



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, Maureen Crabb and Lucy McFadden



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

Anniversary: Lena Belotti, Bren Prunster

Recently Decease: Nicoletta Di Loreto, Patricia Miragliotta

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

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading (Sirach 27:30 - 28:7)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 102)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

Second Reading (Romans 14:7-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus

answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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.