

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

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

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

20th September 2026

VOCATION VIEW: It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026



I boiled the water for my morning coffee and jumped into a warm shower. I don't remember being grateful. Like most people, I guess, I take these early morning rituals for granted. I turn on the tap and cool, clean water flows. And yet, this is not the experience of many women, men, and children across the globe. For many, water is a scarce and precious commodity. In fact, [UNICEF](#) tells us that about four billion people, almost two thirds of the world's population, experience severe water scarcity for at least one month each year. They estimate that by 2040, roughly 1 in 4 children worldwide will be living in areas of extremely high water stress. The transforming, life-giving nature of water –

Living Water – is the theme chosen for this year's [Season of Creation](#). Using his vision of water flowing from the Temple, the prophet Ezekiel reminds us of the interconnectedness of all life: Without water we have no food, ecosystems die and all forms of life are diminished. Water is the unifying force linking human health, food security, ecosystems, and climate resilience. As WWF shares, "Every drop we drink, cook with, or bathe in, starts in rivers, lakes, wetlands, or underground aquifers. When freshwater ecosystems are overused, polluted or degraded, we put at risk the water we use at home; it can become less reliable, more expensive, or unsafe to use." The [2026 Season of Creation](#) (1 September – 4 October) reminds us that this precious

resource is not infinite and that we should stop taking it for granted. Rapid global population growth, increased urbanisation, technological and economic development, and the climate crisis are all impacting Earth's reserves of potable water. If the world does not act urgently, the point of no return will be reached. What is preventing us from becoming better caretakers of this precious resource and to stop taking God's gift for granted.

Let's learn more about the products we buy, ways we can help prevent flooding disasters and pollution of our waterways for the sake of our common home – Earth.

Mary Ellen O'Donoghue rsj

Source: <https://www.sosj.org.au/season-of-creation-2026/>

Bible Study Class this week

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 **Wednesday 23rd September 2026**.

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 Leaobadia@outlook.com.



RIP - Sr Sesilia Ioane CSN

Sr Sesilia Ioane CSN, worked in Geraldton for 6 years as Superior of the community, and very involved in the wider Community, died in Christchurch on the 15 September, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Many of you have been praying for Sr Sesilia as she battled with cancer. Thank you for your prayers and support as we farewell our beloved Sister. We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of messages from Bishop Michael, the Priests, our staff at Nazareth House and many friends.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Sr Elisapeta and Community.



New Parish Office Hours

Please be advised of our new Parish Office hours,
 Parish Office Open: **Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00pm**
 Parish Office Closed: Saturday – Monday and Public Holidays
 Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Parish Office & Holy Shop

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Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

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



St John’s Church, Rangeway - Clean up. Thank you! Nagle College Year 9 Students!

St John’s Church in Rangeway grounds was treated to a facelift through the handywork of the Christian Services ministry students of Year 9 from Nagle Catholic College under the guidance and supervision of Mr Murray Gardiner and Staff! The entire surrounds of the church and presbytery was descended upon by approx. 200 energetic students who got to work (even in the heat of those two days!) to paint the church front doors and our Lady’s grotto gates, raked up leaves, swept up verandas, brushed down flyscreens, cobwebbed windows, removed debris and rubbish from the gardens and left the entire place looking spick and span!



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.



"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)

KSC Education Foundation Scholarship Programe 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 2027. 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.

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/>



Visit of Ballarat Cathedral Choir to Geraldton

We are delighted to welcome the Ballarat Cathedral Choir (Cantate Domino choir) to Geraldton !! This vibrant Choir will be our guests in Geraldton from Thursday 24 September until Tuesday 29 September. They will be working with our own Cathedral choristers during that time, and we will be singing at the Solemn Sung Mass on : **Sunday 27 September 9:30am** Please come to the Cathedral for that particular Mass and welcome our guest who have travelled a very long distance to visit and work with us. They will also be singing for Vespers in the Cathedral Crypt on **Saturday 26 September at 5:15pm** For up-to-date information on their visit and where/when they will be singing, visit our Diocesan Director of Music Facebook page.

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**.



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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 13 September 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1705.00	185.00	645.00
Planned Giving \$	140.00	45.00	150.00
Parish Collection \$	1463.95	126.90	440.70
Friday Fast \$	115.20		



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In the gospel parable we might wonder is this the way God acts? It doesn't seem fair to pay everyone the same wage, whether they have worked the entire day or for an hour, even if it was agreed to by the workers at the beginning. Then, at the parable's end, the landowner says to these upset workers, 'Why be envious when I am generous?' But we could say it's unjust; what about a fair go for all, not simply those who waited all day for work. Justice is central to the parable, but justice as a form of compassion, ensuring everyone gets paid a living wage, from the first to the last. However, if the wage is a metaphor of salvation, whether we've worked for a long time or not isn't really the issue; we can't earn salvation, it's a gift, and wanting more of it doesn't make sense. We begin to see how generosity and envy too are at the heart of this gospel, and how envy is a response to a perceived lack of generosity on God's part. It distracts us from what we have been given, and we fixate on what others have – such as money, house, car, status – and that's what we want. The media thrives on this, whether social or otherwise, as the cartoon character called Envy reminds us: she has 'a big appetite for everything she doesn't have.'



An ever-generous God

This is why gratitude is important, because it enables us to give thanks for what we have been given. So too trust: trust in what Jesus has promised us. As we come to trust in God we begin to realise that God provides for us and we're able to give thanks for the gift of Jesus' life. In doing so, we come to see that God gives us all we need and gradually we begin to recognise that we have been living in a self-enclosed world where scarcity and ambition rule. It's then that we come to understand our need to be free of envy if our lives are to be open to the generosity of God; and it's not just St Francis, giving up his lavish lifestyle, who reveals this to us, but it's to be seen in our own lives. Or are we too locked into a way of life that prevents us from seeing it, and so denies us the freedom to live in God's love?

In the second reading Paul, in prison, sees clearly the meaning of his life: 'Life to me, of course, is Christ.' Jesus is our life too and the gift of himself is more than enough. He gives himself to us so we might give away to others what we have received. While the first reading from Isaiah speaks of

God's love for his people. God's thoughts and ways are beyond our understanding, and yet God is close to us and rich in forgiveness. This is the ever-generous God who gives us everything we'll ever need.

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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!



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.

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.



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, 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: Brendan McCagh

Recently Deceased: Nicoletta Di Loreto, Patricia Miragliotta, Sr Sesilia Ioane

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

Feasts of the Week 2

21	Sep	Mon	St Mathew
23	Sep	Wed	St Pius of Pietrelcina

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 144)

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. R.

Second Reading (Philippians 1:20-24,27)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day,

and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Ezek 18,25-28 | Psalm 24 | Phi 2:1-11 | Mt 21,28-32