

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

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

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

27th September 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope.
Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

Migrants and Refugees Sunday



Dear Friends in Christ,

This year we celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the 27th of September 2026. The theme focuses on children who are involved in Global movements of migration. We can often neglect this important area. We frequently find the articulations of adults who are Migrants and Refugees and their plight. We tend to forget the children involved. We see on the television and in social media the unspoken presence of young children gathering around their parents but saying nothing. Their faces often look blank and traumatised. This is what the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, is asking us to reflect on this year. Indeed, it is the Pope's message which declares, "Minors are the most vulnerable

group within the global movements of migration. They are concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience." The Pope then makes the acute observation, "Yet, amid so much darkness, the light of solidarity is not lacking. Individuals, families, civil institutions and ecclesial communities choose not to pass by on the other side." He then mentions families who open their doors and enable children in this situation to be accommodated and educated, particularly in reception centres. The Pope also lauds the efforts of volunteers and aid workers "who each day devote themselves to healing the invisible wounds of these little ones along migration routes and in our cities." We would all agree with the Pope that "sadly, migrant children are more easily ignored, because they lack adults capable of protecting and supporting them." Our responsibility in our community and in Australia in general, is to go out of our way

to be attentive to this often invisible and voiceless dimension of Migrants and Refugees.

The Pope, towards the end of his message, notes the interreligious dimension of our care for Migrant and Refugee children. He notes, "the vulnerability of the young knows no religious boundaries and unites us in a shared humanitarian and spiritual responsibility. This becomes fertile ground for a concrete interreligious dialogue." So let us read carefully this significant message from the Pope and pray, in our Mass and Prayers of the Faithful, for children caught up in the great waves of migration in today's chaotic world.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Bishop-Delegate for Migrant and Refugees
Chair, Bishops Commission for
Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

Source: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>

Australia Needs Fatima - Public Rosary Rally

People all over Australia will come out to pray in public, offering our rallies to Our Lady as a bouquet of spiritual roses. The public Rosary of the Geraldton Catholic Community this year will commence at 9:30 in the Divine Mercy Garden on Saturday 10th October 2026. All parishioners are warmly welcome to join and pray the holy Rosary with other volunteers across Australia on the day.



*"I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their family."
(Pope Francis)*

1st Death Anniversary of our Rev Fr Brian John Ahearn

Friday, 2nd October 2026, marks the first Death Anniversary of our beloved Fr. Brian John Ahearn. A special prayer in remembrance of him will be offered at Utakarra Cemetery at 9:15 am. Following this, a Solemn Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Bernard at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 10:00 am. After Mass, refreshments will be served at the Divine Mercy Garden, where we will gather to remember and honour our dear Fr. Brian. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in prayer and remembrance of Fr. Brian. Please bring a plate to share.
May his soul rest in peace.



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



Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting: **Saturday October 10, 9am**
Cathedral Mass followed by Prayers and Lectio Divina
in Crypt with Brunch at Tarts & Co afterwards. All
men over 18 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP
to daniel.hatley@kscwa.org.au.



St Lawrence's Primary School Disabled Toilets

Due to child safety reasons and the storage of specialised
equipment, the St Lawrence's Primary School disabled toilet is not
available for use to parishioners on weekdays or weekends.
Kind Regards
Principal - David Tunchon

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 Aus-
tralia 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**.



*"Each one must give as he has decided in his
heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver." (2Cr 9:7)*

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.kscwa.org.au/Latest-News.html](https://wa.kscwa.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/>



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YOU ARE INVITED

Celebrating 85 YEARS
of service to the community

Nazareth House

PHOTO EXHIBIT
September 24 to October 2
17 Crowtherston Street, Bluffpoint
Reliving the memories through photographs

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)

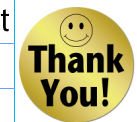


Friday Fast

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/](https://geraldtoncathedral.org/friday-fast/) or contact Jan Bowen on 0438 804 191.



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 20 September 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1625.00	268.35	735.00
Planned Giving \$	55.00	152.00	95.00
Parish Collection \$	1499.45	133.10	587.70.
Friday Fast \$	73.40		



This week's Second Reading contains a very early Christian hymn and quotes from the prophet Isaiah, which proclaims that "all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld should bend the knee" to God (Is. 45:23). But St Paul instead writes: "at the name of Jesus." Here, St Paul attributes eternal and divine kingship to Jesus. He explains that Jesus was divine from the beginning, but "did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave."

Jesus had been claiming this authority since he began his ministry. In the gospel, which follows the cleansing of the money changers from the Temple, Jesus continues to challenge the chief priests over who is best placed to represent God in the world.

The Jewish leaders claimed to be the mouthpieces of God and models of the kind of life that God wanted from his people. But, as Jesus had been demonstrating since he arrived in Jerusalem, the chief priests had become corrupt, abusing their positions. By contrast, as we hear in the Second Reading, Jesus is about to display what the self-

sacrificing love of God really looks like by "accepting death, death on a cross."

Jesus' parable - about the father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard - is significant because it evokes an Old Testament image of Israel as a vineyard lovingly created by God that produces rotten fruit (Isaiah 5). Although Israel, particularly



Rewarding the repentant heart

its religious leaders, have been chosen to be an instrument through which God blesses the whole world (see Genesis 12), they have not led lives that reflect who God is. They have signed up to God's service but haven't delivered.

But, as Jesus explains, those with clearly flawed lives are more likely to acknowledge their failings, turn away from how they were living, and be fruitful for God.

Rewarding the repentant heart was God's plan from the start. As God says through the prophet Ezekiel in the First Reading, "When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live."

In comparison to John the Baptist, whom Jesus described as "a pattern of true righteousness," none of us look particularly good. Yet it was the tax collectors and sinners who were more likely to listen and be changed by Jesus than those who seemed blameless.

Let us allow Jesus to challenge us when we, like the second son in the parable, have said "Yes" but have then gone off and done otherwise. Let us hear and respond to God's call

and go out and work in the vineyard, as a member of Christ's Body, which he gave up for love of the world.

Let us pray with the Psalm: "Lord, make me know your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God, my saviour."

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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 28th September to 2nd October. 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.

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**.

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.



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.

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: Fr Brian Ahearn, Paul Gorman

Recently Deceased: Nicoletta Di Loreto, Patricia Miragliotta, Sr Sesilia Ioane, Brian Thurkle, Peter Mouncey

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



Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24)

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given my hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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 2

29	Sep	Tue	Sts Micheal, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
30	Sep	Wed	St Jerome
1	Oct	Thurs	St Therese of the Child Jesus
2	Oct	Fri	The Holy Guardian Angels

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 79 | Phi 4:6-9 | Mt 21,33-43