

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

6th September 2026

VOCATION VIEW: *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ep 6:4)*

Pope Leo XIV's advice to dads on Father's Day

"Don't be afraid of this adventure"

God always stays faithful to his plan of love and life... To generate, then, means to trust in the God of life and to promote humanity in all its expressions: first and foremost, in the wonderful adventure of motherhood and fatherhood... For those of you living the vocation of married life, this means discovering the gift and adventure of motherhood and fatherhood, in which you are called to participate in bringing new lives into this world and preparing them for the life that is eternal. Do not be afraid of this adventure, but prayerfully open yourselves to the gift of life, trusting in the God who we know loves us. In any epic adventure, there are moments of great hardship and inconvenience, as well as of glory and great joy. Parenting is more joyful when it's seen as an adventure, taken with a flexible spirit and a quick sense of humor. As G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered" — a sentiment that captures so much of parenting. Pope Leo reminds men to trust God as they embrace the wild ride of fatherhood with an adventurous heart and spirit of prayer.

It takes courage to choose life

In the same audience, Pope Leo put out an "urgent call" to young people to have "the courage ... to generate life" in a fatalistic world, saying:
Dear friends, there is a widespread sickness in the world: the lack of confidence in life. It is as if we have resigned ourselves to a negative fatalism, to renunciation. Life risks no longer representing a gift, but an unknown, almost a threat from which to protect ourselves so as not to end up disappointed. For this reason, the courage to live and to generate life, to bear witness that God is the quintessential "lover of life," as the Book of Wisdom (11:26) affirms, is today a more urgent call than ever. His words are a powerful reminder of Christ's call to men, [especially to fathers](#): "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her" (Ephesians 5:25). In the face of negativity and pessimism, having a child is a vote of confidence in hope for the future.

Your kids aren't yours to keep: You're raising saints for the Kingdom

Pope Leo honored the 10th anniversary of the canonization of Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, parents of St. Therese of the Child

Jesus, with a special [message](#) for families, saying in part:

Above all, put Jesus at the center of your families, your activities, and your choices. Help your children discover His boundless love and tenderness, and strive to make them love Him in return as He deserves: this is the great lesson that Louis and Zélie teach us today, and which the Church and the world so urgently need. How could Thérèse have loved Jesus and Mary so much — and then passed on such a beautiful doctrine to us — if she had not learned it from her saintly parents from an early age?

His words remind parents to be the examples of goodness we want our children to be — to become saints, as Louis Martin found a way to do in his busy life as a husband, worker, and father.

Holding up the example of this saintly married couple, he reminds fathers and mothers that our children are not ours forever, but on loan to us from God. We are raising them not to remain our children but to become saints for God's kingdom, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Source: <https://aleteia.org/2026/06/19/pope-leo-xivs-advice-to-dads-this-fathers-day/>

150th Birthday of Servant of God John Hawes

We will celebrate our Beloved John Hawes on his 150th Birthday at 7:00am Thanksgiving Mass on Monday 7th September. This special occasion invites us to remember his life, faith, and service to God and to pray for his continued intercession.

Morning Tea Today

Please join in the morning tea today at 10:30am either in the Divine Mercy Garden or in the Catholic Centre subject to the weather to celebrate and honour all Fathers! Those who are able to help in anyway would be greatly appreciated.



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Welcome all to participate in 7:00 Mass to celebrate Our Lady Mother Mary's Birthday on Tuesday 8th September. A special music will be playing during the Mass to honour our Mother.



Happy Birthday Bishop Michael

Bishop Michael is celebrating his 74th Birthday on Wednesday, 9th of September. *Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts as he leads us in faith.*



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



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.



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**.



Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God (Hebrews 13,16)

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.

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/>



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Knights of the Southern Cross

Midwest Branch Meeting: **Saturday September 12, 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.



Safeguarding Sunday Morning Tea Next Sunday

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 215147

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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Saxon Gee (Perth) 1800 072 390 /08 9221 7762

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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 30 August 2026

	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1490.00	265.00	670.00
Planned Giving \$	55.00	106.00	120.00
Parish Collection \$	1354.50	225.80	455.30
Friday Fast \$	50.00		



Living and working in a community – be it large or small – is not always easy. We all know that. It is “par for the course” that tensions, disagreements, and challenges arise and need to be handled for the sake of community well-being. But it is not easy. The early church communities were no exception. In this week’s gospel we glimpse one of the challenges that arose in the community for whom Matthew writes his gospel. The challenging issue at hand is what to do with members of the community who are at fault or in error, perhaps living or behaving in ways that are contrary to Jesus’ teaching, perhaps causing divisions or confusion in the community, perhaps leading other members astray in their faith and practice, perhaps even causing harm to “little ones.” Sin is a reality in our human condition and in our communities. What to do? How to deal with it? In the gospel reading, Jesus instructs his disciples on how to deal with sinful behaviour in the community. On the one hand, followers of Jesus are to be compassionate, merciful and forgiving. But Jesus is clear: that does not

mean that anything goes or that we are to turn a blind eye when members of the community behave in ways that are sinful. Not at all! Jesus describes a disciplinary procedure for responsible fraternal correction of an erring member of the community. At first, the matter is to be treated with discretion and sensitivity, and the one at fault addressed in a one-to-one meeting and their wrong doing addressed with them with a view to its correction. If that approach does not lead the member to correct their misbehaviour, then assistance is to be sought from two or three other members of the community and the matter addressed again with the one in error. Should these attempts prove futile, the recalcitrant person is to be brought before the community, and, if even this

correction is rebuffed, the person is to be excluded – in other words, excommunicated – from the community. Jesus says that they should then be treated “as a Gentile and a tax-collector,” in other words as an outsider, not a member of the community. But remember, Jesus had particular concern and compassion for the outsider. He reached out to outsiders; he befriended Gentiles and tax-collectors. It seems that Jesus means for the community to keep reaching out to the person in the hope that they will eventually see and correct their error, make amends, and re-enter the community.

Jesus doesn’t promise it will be easy. It takes courage. But he assures his disciples, and us too, that he is always with us: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.” It is a message he reiterates in his very last words in Matthew’s gospel: “Behold I am with you always” (Mt 28:20).

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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

Chistian 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**.

Prayer for John Hawes’ beatification:

God our Father,

*You gave your priest, Servant of God John Cyril Hawes many gifts,
As a priest to build up the faith of God’s people.*

As an architect to design and build exceptional places of worship.

As a hermit to devote himself to a life of simplicity, solitude, prayer and penance.

Merciful Father, if it is your holy will, grant us the grace to see him acknowledged as a saint and intercessor so that he may be an inspiration to all those who pray and seek the Kingdom of God.

Through the intercession of Servant of God John Cyril Hawes, I humbly implore you Father to grant us this special favour I now ask (here make your request)

For your greater glory and the growth of your pilgrim Church.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in Mary Marsh’s house at 102A 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.

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: Joe Gaud, Sheila Bunter, Lovell Caraos

Recently Deceased: Sr Marie O’Brien, Nicoletta Di Loreto

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

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 94)

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

08 Sep Tue The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sirach 27:30-28:7 | Psalm 102 | Romans 14:7-9 | Mt18:21-35