

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

## St Francis Xavier Cathedral

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

**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

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**VOCATION VIEW:** Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

## 6 Ways to pray the Holy Rosary with Devotion



Inspired by St. Josemaria's personal example, following are six ways to pray the Holy Rosary with devotion to honor the Queen of the Most

Holy Rosary during this special month dedicated to her:

### 1. Pray the Rosary daily privately or with friends and family.

"Develop a lively devotion for Our Mother. She knows how to respond in a most sensitive way to the presents we give her. What is more, if you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path".

### 2. Pray the Rosary during the day - try not to postpone it until the end of the day or bedtime.

"You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you

are sleepy. - If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God".

### 3. If possible, use a book like "Holy Rosary" or an audio recording of the Rosary to help you enter more deeply into each mystery.

"Have you... ever contemplated these mysteries? Come with me and - this is the essence of what I have to confide - we will live the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Each day we will render them a new service. We will hear their family conversations. We will see the Messiah grow up. We will admire His thirty years of hidden life... We will be present at His Passion and Death... We will be awed by the Glory of His Resurrection... In a word: we will contemplate, carried away with Love (the only real love is Love), each and every instant of Christ Jesus".

### 4. When praying the family Rosary, especially with young children, use a booklet or app that shows an image for each mystery of the Rosary.

### 5. When you see an image of Our Lady at home, on the street or in Church, direct a glance at it and send her an affectionate interior prayer or greeting.

This was a practice St. Josemaria started from a young age and that he recommended to others throughout his life.

### 6. Make a pilgrimage to a nearby church or shrine dedicated to Mary.

St. Josemaria believed that a "local pilgrimage" with a small group of friends or family is a good way to honor the Blessed Virgin and to help us to be more devoted to her. Traditionally, a "local pilgrimage" includes, if possible, walking to and from the shrine or walking part of the way to and from the shrine; reciting five mysteries of the Rosary on the way; praying another five mysteries of the Rosary at the shrine; and praying another five mysteries of the Rosary on the way back.

Source: <https://stjosemaria.org/october-month-of-the-holy-Rosary/>

## 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/>

*"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary."  
(Saint Francis de Sales)*

## Baptism Preparation Meeting this week

The Baptism preparation meeting will be on this Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm in the Parish Seminar Room. This meeting is mandatory for the parents of the eldest child to be baptised. For booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608 or Email: [gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au](mailto:gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au)



## Did you know?

All necessary information including Sacraments and bulletins are available on our website.

Please visit [www.geraldtoncathedral.org](http://www.geraldtoncathedral.org)

### Parish Office & Holy Shop

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530

PO Box 46, Geraldton, WA 6531

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

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

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### Parish Office: 08 9964 1608

Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

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





This year marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and donations. Thankfully, each year in October, the Geraldton Diocese generously supports World Mission Sunday and again you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission to support countries like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods. Families are striving to create a future for their children but as schools are few and food is scarce, this is very challenging and even more so for families with children with disabilities. Your prayers for the families in Malawi are greatly appreciated and if you are able to give a donation, please donate your gift by using any of the following methods; appeal envelope when available in your church, online at [catholicmission.org.au/united](http://catholicmission.org.au/united), scanning the QR code or calling 1800 257 296. Thank you from Catholic Mission and the families in Malawi for carrying Christ's Love to the children of Malawi.



**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](mailto:director.wapso@perthcatholic.org.au)

**Catholic Parishes of Geraldton**

Safeguarding Officers **0470 207 707**  
Amy Zinetti Leonie Golding Melinda Jupp  
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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.

**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.



**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 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](mailto:office@kscwa.org.au), phone 9368 2503.

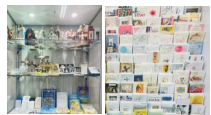
**MHHC Museum & Tours**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Tickets available at MHHC or at TryBooking (please scan QR code)



**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!*

| Parish Finances                 |           |          |             |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Contributions of 4 October 2026 |           |          |             |
|                                 | Cathedral | Rangeway | Bluff Point |
| Priests' Collection \$          | 1610.00   | 385.00   | 560.00      |
| Planned Giving \$               | 115.00    | 115.00   | 145.00      |
| Parish Collection \$            | 1394.90   | 272.95   | 390.70      |
| Friday Fast \$                  | 120.25    |          |             |



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The image of the abundant, fulfilling feast is used throughout the scriptures to explain God's promise of eternal life. On the mountain of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading, God will "provide for all peoples a feast of juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.". This metaphor of the abundant feast is used to describe the promise of God that he will "destroy the veil" between himself and humanity, "wipe away the tears from every face" and "destroy death forever". In this week's gospel, Jesus uses this imagery of Isaiah and ties the prophet's promises into his own mission. Jesus' parable reveals how the great reunion between God and humanity, where God will provide for his people and defeat death forever as foretold by the prophets, is exactly what is being through Jesus' death and resurrection at Calvary. Hearing about Christ's coming, death and resurrection is like receiving an invitation to a great wedding banquet, where the banquet represents eternal life with God. And as Isaiah says, this provision is for "all peoples." However, as Jesus goes on to say, "many are invited" to this heavenly

banquet "but few are chosen." There are people who reject the invitation to the eternal life that God has planned for us. As Jesus' parable explains, people often dismiss God's messengers without hearing what they have to say. Some have other business



they consider more important. Others react aggressively to the message. Some receive the message and come to the party, see everything that God has provided, but reject the way that has been prepared. This invitation to eternal life that is being offered is more than just being assured of going to a nice place after we die. It is not about our souls receiving psychological enlightenment or a prize for good behaviour. Eternal life, as Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, is to know God, to

know his goodness in the depths of our being, and to know Jesus Christ, and his message of salvation. In the life to come, we will be restored to communion with God and participation in his very nature. Eternal life, therefore, involves stepping into a new way of living. Not just accepting the invitation but living in the new life of love and holiness that we were created for. What God wants more than anything else is that his children freely choose the life that he has on offer. And so, while we walk on this earth, the invitations are constantly issued to those of us willing to hear. Unlike the man who rejects to wear the wedding garment in this parable, which symbolises living the love and justice that God has created us for, we can respond differently to the king's gentle question: "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" The gospel reminds us to keep accepting Jesus' invitations. The eternal life he is calling us to be part of is the one we have been created for.

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**The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral**

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the Cathedral Crypt in the month of October 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.

**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 + meditation**.

**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.



**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, Lucy McFadden and Jinny Filgate.



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

**Anniversary:** Constance Willis, Johanna McDonald, Peter Rowe, May Criddle, Howard R. Clarke

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Thurkle, Peter Mouncey

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

*Feasts of the Week2*

|    |     |       |                        |
|----|-----|-------|------------------------|
| 15 | Oct | Thurs | St Teresa of Jesus     |
| 17 | Oct | Sat   | St Ignatius of Antioch |

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 | Psalm 95 | 1 Thess 1:1-5 | Mt 22,15-21

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

R.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name, If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

R.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14,19-20)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:1-10)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast

for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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.