

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18th October 2026

VOCATION VIEW: We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

Message of the Holy Father Leo XIV on the occasion of the 100th World Mission Sunday



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we mark World Mission Sunday, we give thanks to God for the abundant fruits he has bestowed upon the Church since my predecessor, **Pope Pius XI**, established this annual celebration 100 years ago. He desired that it would foster, in every Diocese and parish, a deeper understanding of the greatness of the missionary task, fervent prayer for the work of evangelization, encouragement for the missionary vocation, and support for the work of the **Pontifical Mission Societies**. Indeed, the realization of **Pius XI's** aim has borne fruit in my own life. Looking back on my youth, I can see how the prayers offered to the Lord of the harvest mysteriously helped prepare my heart to hear Jesus' call to follow him as an Augustinian missionary. Moreover, the prayers and contributions of

the faithful encouraged and sustained my missionary work in Peru, as well as that of countless others throughout the world. For this reason, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported World Mission Sunday over the years. In this centenary year, the present theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," invites us to reflect on the fundamental task of nurturing the Church's unity in following Christ, particularly in our commitment and responsibility to spread the Gospel message of salvation to all people. Indeed, through Baptism, each one of us becomes a member of the Body of Christ and has a unique role in contributing to Jesus' saving work. Our Lord calls us to cooperate as one family, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to bring everyone everywhere into a communion of faith in Christ. I reiterate, therefore, the special appeal I made in the Message for World Mission

Sunday: "Let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love — according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support... will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need." (**Message for the 100 World Mission Day**, 25 January 2026). Finally, as we celebrate this centenary, I thank you for all that you will do to carry on the legacy of World Mission Sunday and to support generously the evangelizing mission of the Church throughout the world. May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit comedown on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Source: [Video message of the Holy Father Leo XIV on the occasion of the 100th World Mission Sunday \(7 October 2026\)](#)

Blessing of the Fleet

The Blessing of the Fleet is a major event in our Cathedral calendar and has a 50 plus year tradition in the life of the Geraldton Parishes. The Cathedral Young Choristers will be singing at the event and our Diocesan Director of Music and Cathedral Organist (Jacinta) will be playing and conducting at the event. The Blessing of the Fleet commences at 10:30am with a procession with the statue of Our Lady of the Water (Madonna dell'Acqua). This is the large statue of Our Lady kept in the Cathedral crypt.



Thanks to your kindness!!!

We would like to thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you choose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers. If you wish to give a donation, please donate your gift by using any of the following methods; provided appeal envelope, online at catholicmission.org.au/united, scanning the QR code or calling 1800 257 296.



*"The Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God."
(Saint Louis de Montfort)*

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St Joseph's Prayer Group Celebrating 35th Anniversary

SCHEDULE:

9AM - Recollection (Spiritual Talk)
10:30AM - Morning Tea
10:45AM - Live Rosary Recital & Presentation
11:20 AM - Benediction & Confessions
12 Noon - Solemn Eucharistic Celebration
12:40PM - Procession
1 PM - Lunch

Venue: St John's Church, Rangeway

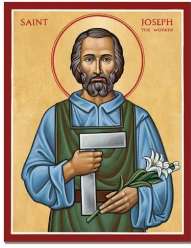
Date: Saturday 31st October 2026

RSVP: Mrs Annie Dempster

Mobile: 0400 345 913

All are invited to join with us!

Please Bring a Plate to Share



NOVEMBER | The Month of the Holy Souls

This is a time when we remember and pray for our family members and friends who are deceased. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special **November Mass offering envelopes** available at the Church entrance today and put it into the Second Collection basket. Envelopes will be given to priests and names entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed near the Altar at each Mass in November.



*"Offerings, sacrifices, and prayers bring consolation and purify the dead."
(St. John Chrysostom)*

Utakarra Mass and Blessing of Graves

November, being the month of the Holy Souls, Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 7th November in the San Spirito Chapel at Utakarra at 9:00 am followed by the blessing of graves. There will be no Mass in the chapel in December and January.



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

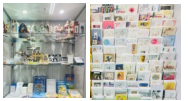
MHHC Museum & Tours

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)



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!

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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/>

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/>



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Thank You!

Parish Finances			
Contributions of 11 October 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1990.00	210.00	560.00
Planned Giving \$	65.00	92.00	90.00
Parish Collection \$	1749.40	165.10	423.20
Friday Fast \$	98.40		

The Jewish people experienced two major periods of exile. The first was the Assyrian Exile beginning in the eighth century BCE when the ten northern tribes were forced into exile in Assyria. The second, the Babylonian Exile, involved the southern kingdom of Judah, primarily consisting of the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin. It occurred in the sixth century BCE when Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, twice attacked Jerusalem and, on the second occasion, destroyed the city. In the Assyrian Exile, tens of thousands of Israelites were scattered across the Assyrian empire and, rather than returning, the deportees were gradually assimilated into the local populations, disappearing from history, and leading to the historical concept of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. The Babylonian Exile lasted almost seventy years until Cyrus, the King of Persia, defeated the Babylonians and issued an edict that the Jewish people could return to their homeland. Gradually, over time a large group of exiles returned to Jerusalem and began to rebuild their shattered city. In this week's first reading, the prophet

Isaiah refers to Cyrus as the "anointed" of the Lord, a title usually ascribed to the Davidic king. Furthermore, this Persian king's hand is grasped by God, which signifies the conferral of royal authority. Though Cyrus is a non-believer, God's plan unfolds through him.



The experience of exile must have been devastating because, after being led out of Egypt to the "promised land," the Israelites were once again captive, in foreign lands, and subject to non-believers. It meant the loss of freedom, the loss of a beloved city, leaving home, being deported, and forced displacement. It meant grief and physical, emotional and spiritual suffering. We too, for a wide range of reasons, can experience what feel like periods of exile in our lives. It might happen when we suffer

separation from family and friends, a severed relationship, the loss of employment, a serious health issue or trauma, or mental illness. In those times, our faith and trust in God can be sorely tested. We can really struggle in our search for ways to endure the grief, suffering and displacement, physically, psychologically and spiritually. Spiritually, at core those experiences challenge us to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to trust that God does not desert us. Painful though they are, in fact they prompt us to grow. Indeed, as we look back on our lives, we can see that the pain points in our lives are in fact growth points in our development. The challenge is to let those pain points - those times of displacement, grief and suffering - become growth points. It is to let them soften whatever hardness of heart has set in and to let those pain points open us up to new life, new understanding, and new compassion for those around us and the world and its needs.

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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**.

RIP- Gerry Thompson

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Gerry Thompson, who served faithfully as a sacristan and acolyte at St Lawrence's Church for many years. Gerry passed away on Thursday 15 October 2026. We are deeply grateful for his many years of dedicated and faithful service to our parish community. May the Lord reward him for this loving service and grant eternal rest. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Gerry's family and loved ones. May his soul rest in peace. Amen



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, Jinny Filgate and Teresita E Bulos.



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

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

Recently Deceased: Gerry Thompson

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Ex 22:20-26 | Psalm 17 | 1 Thess 1:5-10 | Mt 22,34-40

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading (Isaiah 45:1,4-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95)

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.
Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.
Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you
grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all,
and constantly remember before God our Father how you have
shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been
chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came

to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and
as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are
offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap
Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him,
together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you
are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way,
and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank
means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible
to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice
and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let
me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a
denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?'
'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back
to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to
God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope
in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them
alive in famine.

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.