

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

25th October 2026

Vocation view: **"There is no peace without justice, and no justice without forgiveness." (St. John Paul II)**

Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace

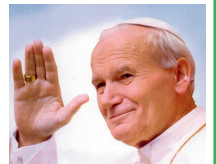
The 27th October marks the 40th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi.

In 1986, Pope John Paul II invited world religious leaders to come to Assisi to fast and pray for peace.

This was a milestone in interreligious dialogue that communicated a powerful symbolic message to the world

– the spirit of prayer and non-violence. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs,

Zoroastrians, leaders of African and American Traditional Religions and of Shinto took part in this event. His Eminence, George Jacob Cardinal Koovakad, prefect for the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue, remarked that the 27 October 1986 was a turning point in the history of inter-religious dialogue, becoming a lasting symbol of the Church's commitment to promoting social justice, moral well-being, peace and freedom for the benefit of all. His Eminence acknowledged that the anniversary will be commemorated in Assisi on 27 October 2026 in the presence of the Holy Father. He extended an invitation to each local Church community to find appropriate ways to commemorate this historic milestone.



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.



Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along and supported our annual Blessing of the Fleet event. Your presence, support, and community spirit helped make the day a wonderful success. It is always a pleasure to come together as a community to celebrate our fleet, honour our maritime traditions, and wish our local fishing and boating community safe and prosperous journeys.

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 the Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed near at each Mass in November.



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.



Morning Tea Next Week

Please join in the morning tea next Sunday 1st November at 10:30am either in the Divine Mercy Garden or in the Catholic Centre subject to the weather! Those who are able to help in anyway would be great.



Parish Office & Holy Shop Opening Hours: 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Tuesday-Friday

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Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

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



Everyone is warmly invited to join Bible Study Class, held on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Saint John's Church, Rangeway. Our next session will start on this Wednesday 28th October 2026. Come, let's deepen our knowledge of God's Word. All are welcome.

All are invited to join with us!
Please Bring a Plate to Share

For enquiries and pre-orders, contact Jacinta at Jacinta.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au

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 4pm. Special Night Tours are held on 2nd Friday of the month. Tickets available at MHHC or at TryBooking (please scan QR code)



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.





St Lawrence's Church

Fundraiser

ITALIAN DINNER

At the Catholic Center of Geraldton



20th November 2026



Starts at 6pm



11 Maitland St, 6530 Geraldton

Entrée

- Selection of meats, cheeses, olives and biscuits
- Arancini
- Bruschetta

Main

- Crumbed beef or chicken schnitzel
- Spaghetti bolognese
- Fettuccine
- Lasagna
- Pasta puttanesca
- Pizzas
- Fish
- Garden salads

Dessert

- Fresh fruit
- Tiramisu
- Italian biscuits



Soft drinks for sale



Bring your own alcohol

Kids under five

Free

5 – 12

\$25

each

13 and above

\$50

each

Pre purchase tickets for catering numbers by 15th November

Contact Jane  0427 273 729

Pretty and Popular Columban calendar for the year 2027 is available now in the Parish Office for only \$11. Get your copy soon before being sold out.



You are welcome to make EFT transfer 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>



Parish Finances Contributions of 18th October 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1720.00	305.00	665.00
Planned Giving \$	105.00	52.00	190.00
Parish Collection \$	1559.80	213.35	468.80
Friday Fast \$	65.65		

Thank you



It was said of one of my confrères he had only one sermon, which began and ended with the reassurance that “God loves you”. The people still treasure his memory because they knew he wanted the best for them, even though he became confused towards the end of his life. I have often reflected I would prefer to be remembered in this way than to be part of that tradition which had our Redemptorist Congregation labelled “the hell-fire preachers”. It is true we are all products of our own time and experience and as we listen to the Scriptures, we are reminded of how low we humans can stoop, and how violent we can be. At the same time, as in the extract we have this week from Exodus, we are reminded that God is calling his chosen people to reach out in compassion to the

the needy for God hears their cries. We, God’s chosen ones today, need no reminder there are still millions of people crying out to God: people fleeing for their lives from the ravages of war and oppression, caught up in the political crossfire that seeks to shift the blame for social disorder on migrants and the stranger rather than the appalling abuses of power that arise from new forms of selfish nationalism. When Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he is congratulating them on the good example they are setting of Christian living and this is surely a reminder to us, we can make a difference if we go to the heart of the gospel and strive to live a life of love.

We know the religious authorities in the time of Jesus were concerned he was undermining their authority and we are told how they repeatedly tried to rattle him with their questioning. We have on one such occasion in the gospel when He is asked to name the greatest of the commandments. Jesus is not flustered but reminds them there is no commandment from the Law and the Prophets that is not

not caught up in the mystery of love. In his letter to the early communities, Saint James insists it does not make sense to talk about faith unless you do good works (2:14f) and, of course, the same is true of love: it is not a concept to talk about, but a life to be lived. Jesus demonstrates this by reaching out to all those who come to him in need. Bishop Michael Curry, an Episcopalian who preached at a Royal Wedding many years ago could not have put it more clearly: firstly, he quoted Dr Martin Luther King: “We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love; and when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world – for love, love is the only way.” Then Bishop Curry added: “there is power in love; don’t underestimate it; don’t even over-sentimentalise it: FOR GOD IS LOVE.”

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Exposition in the Cathedral

Exposition in the Cathedral every Thursday after 7am Mass until 8am, and Saturdays 8:30-9:00am followed by Mass.

The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady Fatima will be in the Cathedral Crypt in the month of October at 5pm Mon - Fri. All are welcome to pray with the mother!



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 hand 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 **your name + meditation**.

Eucharist Adoration in Saint Lawrence’s Church

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration 24 hours, 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

Sundays 3-4pm in the Nazareth House main chapel.



Please pray for those who are ill:

Rose Ralph, Tim Conway, Maria Salamone, Maureen BurAken, 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 T, Colleen Salter, Sr Terri Emslie pb vm, David Muir, Bronwyn Marsh, Maureen Crabb, Lucy McFadden, Jinny Filgate, Teresita E Bulos, Coleen Etherton.



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

Anniversary: Margherita Armanasco

Recently Deceased: Gerry Thompson

Reading for next Sunday

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 | Ps 23:1-6 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5: 1-12

Feast of the Week

28 Oct Wed Sts Simon and Jude

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 17)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour;
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. R.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. R.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he

raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our 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 Apostle 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.