

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

4th October 2026

VOCATION VIEW: "The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." (St. Josemaria Escriva)

Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October



Pope Leo XIV asked Catholics to pray the rosary each day in October for peace.

The pope made his request at the end of his weekly general audience 24 September and the day after he said he had spoken again with the pastor of Holy Family Church in Gaza City, the only Latin-rite Catholic parish in Gaza. "Thanks be to God everyone in the parish is fine," but the Israeli strikes "are a little closer," the pope told reporters in Castel Gandolfo Sept. 23 before heading back to the Vatican after a day's rest. The parish is offering refuge and assistance to hundreds of Gaza residents. Britain, Canada and Australia formally recognized Palestinian statehood Sept. 21, joining the Holy See and more than 150 countries that already had done so. Asked if that could help the situation, Pope Leo told reporters it "could help, but at this moment there really

is no willingness to listen on the other side, so dialogue is currently broken."

Regarding Russia's continued attacks on Ukraine, Pope Leo said that "someone is seeking an escalation, and it is continually becoming more dangerous."

What is needed, he said, is to "halt military advances" and come to the negotiating table. At the end of his audience 24 September, Pope Leo noted that October was approaching and that with the 7 October feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the rosary.

"I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month – for peace – personally, with your families and in your communities," he said. The pope also invited Vatican officials and employees to pray the rosary together every October evening at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Basilica. And he invited everyone to St. Peter's Square Oct. 11 to pray the rosary together "during

the vigil of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also remembering the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council," which began Oct. 11, 1962.

Source: <https://catholicweekly.com.au/pope-asks-everyone-to-pray-the-rosary-for-peace-throughout-october/>

Prayer of the Month

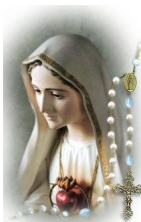
O Jesus living in Mary,
come and live in Your servants,
in the spirit of Your holiness,
in the fullness of Your might,
in the perfection of Your ways,
in the truth of Your virtues,
in the communion of Your mysteries.
Subdue every hostile power, the devil, the world and the flesh, in the strength of Your Spirit, for the glory of Your Father. Amen.
(Prayer of St. Louis de Montfort)



Source: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm

Australia Needs Fatima - Public Rosary Rally

Please join the Public Rosary! Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God's merciful blessing upon Australia through the powerful intercession of His most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation this Saturday, 10th October at 9:30 am, which will take place at the Divine Mercy Garden.



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

Morning Tea postponed to next month

Due to the school holidays, our morning tea has been postponed to the first Sunday of next month. We look forward to seeing everyone then. Thank you for your understanding!



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.



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



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 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.



"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> 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/>



Baptism Preparation Meeting next week

The Baptism preparation meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th 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



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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.



Parish Finances			
Contributions of 27 September 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests' Collection \$	1785.00	395.40	625.00
Planned Giving \$	95.00	100.00	175.00
Parish Collection \$	1523.65	136.70	433.85
Friday Fast \$	130.85		



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In this week's gospel, Jesus chastises the Chosen People's religious leaders of his day, putting a very sobering message before them.

In the parable, he tells of a landowner who leases his vineyard into the care of tenants. When the harvest had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to claim his due as the landowner. To the landowner's dismay, the murderous tenants kill the servants. The landlord then sends more servants only to have the tenants kill them too.

Finally, the landowner sends his son and heir, thinking that the tenants would surely respect his son, respond appropriately to him, and pay what is due to the son to bring back to the landowner. But the tenants kill the landlord's son, thinking that they would then claim for themselves the inheritance that would have gone to the son.

Jesus, the master teacher, then asks the leaders who are listening to him what they think the landowner will then do. They reply that, of course, the landowner would severely punish the tenants, take the

vineyard from them and lease it to new tenants. We may well be shocked that the father, knowing that many of his servants had already been killed by the tenants, would send his son. But, in spite of that



violent history, he trusts that his son would be safe, and so the son goes without arms, defences or protection, only to be killed.

In Matthew's hand, the parable becomes a story of salvation history. It speaks to us about God's dealings with his Chosen People, Israel. The vineyard is Israel (a familiar image in the Old Testament) and the tenants are the religious leaders of Israel. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets God sent to Israel, many of whom suffered greatly, some even death. Eventually God did send his only Son and Jesus is rejected and killed. God then

extends the Kingdom to the whole world; Gentiles and Jews.

So, what does this parable, focused as it is on the failures of Israel's religious leaders, mean for us today? It tells us that, no matter the failings or abuses of the leaders of God's people, God's Kingdom will prevail and will be fruitful. Also, that it embraces all humankind, not just a select few, but in fact all creation. It tells us that God's love will not be thwarted, no matter the misuse of privilege, authority and power.

And the cornerstone of the Kingdom is Jesus, the Son, the one who was rejected. Our task, our mission, is to be faithful to Jesus' teaching and fruitful in bringing about the Kingdom in our world, through works of justice, peace, and reconciliation, in love of neighbour, and in care and compassion for the poor, the lonely, and the marginalised. The letter to the Philippians assures us: Do not worry about anything. Keep on doing the things of the Kingdom ... and the God of peace will be with us.

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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.

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**.

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 and Lucy McFadden



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

Anniversary: Pas Miragliotta

Recently Deceased: Sr Sesilia Ioane, Brian Thurkle, Peter Mouncey

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

Feasts of the Week 2

7 Oct Wed Our Lady of the Rosary

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:6-10 | Psalm 22 | Phi 4:6-9 | Mt 21,33-43

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 79)

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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.