



## Mass Times

**Saturday 16 March**  
6 pm Laidley

**Sunday 17 March**  
7 am Glenore Gve  
9 am Gattton  
Children's  
Liturgy

**Tuesday 19 March**  
**Feast of St Joseph**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill

**Wednesday 20 March**  
**Anointing Mass**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gattton

**Friday 22 March**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Laidley

**Saturday 23 March**  
6 pm Gattton

**Sunday 24 March**  
**Palm Sunday**  
7 am Forest Hill  
9 am Laidley

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available before 6pm  
Vigil Mass and other  
times by appointment.

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

**Gattton Laidley**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)**

**17 March '24**

## Now the Hour has come

In today's Gospel we see some Greeks who are attracted to Israel's God, present in Jerusalem for the celebration of Passover. This event fulfils Jesus words, "I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. **They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.**" (Jn. 10/16).

In John's Gospel the word for 'to see' can be used in a metaphorical sense meaning perceiving, discovering, or understanding and so, obviously the Greeks wanted to meet Jesus, talk to him and become his disciples. So, in John's Gospel '**seeing**' is '**believing**'.

They sought out Philip because 'Philip' is a Greek name and they realised he would be very familiar with the Greek world.

Because in John's Gospel Philip and Andrew were the first to receive discipleship directly from Jesus, their presence here establishes a connection between the call of the first Jewish disciples, and the first gentile disciples.

As they brought the Greeks to Jesus, Jesus tells them that, '**now my hour has come.**' Here the 'hour' is the hour of his death and glorification. **Jesus likens his death to sowing a seed** into the ground. Just as a seed must die to its life as a **single seed before it can yield an abundant harvest**, Jesus will bring **life in abundance** through his death on the cross.

The powerful invitation of the today's Gospel is, "**Die before you die, so that when you die, you won't die**'.

"Losses are a part of life, universal and unavoidable. **We grow by losing, leaving and letting go.** Passionate investment leaves us vulnerable to loss, but it is only through our losses that we become fully developed human beings."- Judith Viorst.

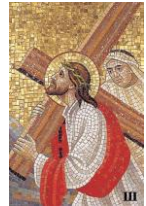
***"And when you pray for me,  
pray that above all I should completely forget my own will  
and completely surrender to the will of God,  
because this is all I want to do."  
Thomas Merton***

## Responsorial Psalm: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 20 March	<b>Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly</b> 9:00am St Mary's Gatton
Wednesday 20 March	<b>Lenten Group "A Resurrected Life"</b> 9:30am Gatton
Thursday 21 March	<b>Lenten Group "A Resurrected Life"</b> 9:00am Laidley office
Thursday 21 March	<b>Chrism Mass</b> 7:00pm Cathedral of St Stephen Brisbane <b><u>Please consider attending</u></b> – see Fr Emmanuel for details
Friday 22 March	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 9:00am & 5:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton 4:00pm St Patrick's Church Laidley
Saturday 23 March	<b>Lent Retreat</b> led by Adult Faith team Guest speaker: Lisa McKerr 2:00pm Gatton @ Community Centre Reconciliation available during this retreat.
Thursday 28 March	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 7:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton "Washing of the Feet" – <b><u>volunteers kindly requested</u></b> from Forest Hill, Glenore Grove, Laidley and Gatton. Please advise Fr Emmanuel or Chris @ office
Friday 29 March	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 9:00am St Joseph's Forest Hill 9:00am St Mary's Gatton 10:00am St Therese's Glenore Grove <b>Passion of the Lord</b> 3:00pm St Patrick's Church Laidley
Saturday 30 March	<b>Easter Vigil</b> 6:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton
Sunday 31 March	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:00am St Therese's Glenore Grove 9:00am St Patrick's Laidley



## LENTEN RETREAT

1 Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us to **"Pray continually"**.

You're invited to an afternoon of faith and fellowship in readiness for Holy Week, Easter, and beyond. Guest speaker Lisa McKerr from Evangelisation Brisbane will come alongside us as we discover new ways to enrich our prayer life, and encounter God more deeply. There will be an opportunity for reconciliation, group discussion and prayer activities. This is a FREE event; however it would be appreciated if you would **please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea**.

Bring a notebook to write down verses or thoughts that touch your heart.

**Saturday 23 March, 2 - 5:30pm. Gatton Community Centre**

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY FORMATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the formation afternoon and signed on to be part of this ministry team. More volunteers are still needed for **Grief Support** and **Community Connections**. It was good to see so many people volunteer to serve as **Ministers of Communion** to the sick and housebound. These are the first three teams being formed. All volunteers will need to complete Archdiocesan volunteer and safeguarding paperwork. Please contact Chris at the Parish office if you would like to become involved or need help with your paperwork.

### RCIA ELECT and CANDIDATES

This weekend is the third weekend of scrutinies.

The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the Elect who will soon be received into the Catholic Church. The Elect are those who have not yet been baptised, which is why the scrutinies are so important in preparing their hearts and souls.

The RCIA candidates are those people who are already baptised, either Catholic or another Christian faith.

Please continue to pray for them all, especially that they will recognise the call of God in their lives and come to know that He is a loving and merciful Father who wants them to have an abundant life.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a **number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our churches, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phone 1800 024 413.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to **Pat Schulz and Jeffrey Keller who this week will enjoy their birthday**. Jeffrey has a milestone birthday and Pat will be 21 again 😊 She never looks any older! May the grace of God strengthen them in wisdom and guide them in His love on their birthday and always.

### THE MASS ... a series by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

This weekend the short video is about the Creed – our profession of faith. The Creed is our **YES**. We are saying **YES** that we believe the Word of God that we have just listened to in the Gospel and other readings. We are saying **YES** we put our trust in God. We are saying **YES** we believe in the Holy Trinity, in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are saying **YES** to the God who speaks to us everyday.



## OUR PARISH

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St Mary's Laidley  
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Sophia College  
5411 3400

## WE PRAY FOR ...

*Dear God, we place our worries and concerns in your hands.  
We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore them  
to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will  
and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen*

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Brian Wells, Col & Marie Coleman, Charles, Mary-Lou, Sterling & Willard  
McGregor-Shaw, Michael Trail, Therese Thompson, Daryl Reynolds, Eric  
Pingel, James Earley, Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Jodi Thompson,  
Roslyn Furber, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann,  
Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Parcell, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman,  
Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson,  
Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

### RECENTLY DECEASED: Jos Van De Putte

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas Jordan, William Hansen, May Wessling, Terry Hughes, Julie-  
Anne McNeill, Ellen Murihy, Anna Cencigh, Cornelius O'Brien, Charles  
Brabrook, Peter Watson, Terry Fitzgerald, Robert Hughes, Alexander  
Cliff, Jan Poczwa, Nell Ebbage, Terrence Hyland, Noreen Gossow,  
Judith Grant, Mary McCarthy, Neville Ziebarht, Tyson Latta, Tony Van  
Ansem, Charlie Schimming, Francis O'Connor, Alice Robeck, Clare  
Hobbs, Thomas Flanagan, Enid Naumann, Ann Fitzgerald, Pat Pingel,  
Dermot Tiernan, Robert Alberts, Edna Kanofski, Nora Luck, Maria Stys,  
Richard Lutz, Barry Crosby

## HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION

On March 29th we celebrate Good Friday. This is a unique day  
when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us, when he  
shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our  
suffering humanity. **Can we use this occasion to recall our need  
to be in solidarity with those suffering around us, and in a  
particular way with the suffering Church of the Holy Land?**

It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land.

Over recent years, their difficulties have been greatly  
magnified by the Covid-19 pandemic and now the war, not  
only on the health of the people but through the severe  
economic consequences that have disproportionately  
affected the most vulnerable. We have an opportunity to help  
them through the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection.

## VOCATION VIEWS

Unless a seed dries out and dies, it cannot be  
planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out  
and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect  
to be people who will **'lay down their life for their  
friends'**. [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

