



Mass Times

Saturday 23 March
6 pm Gatton

Sunday 24 March
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

Tuesday 26 March
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 27 March
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton

Holy Thursday 28 March
7 pm Gatton

Good Friday 29 March
3 pm Laidley

Saturday 30 March
Holy Saturday
6 pm Gatton

Sunday 31 March
Easter Sunday
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Laidley

Responsorial Psalm:

Palm Sunday

My God, my God,
why have you
abandoned me!

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PALM SUNDAY (Year B)

24 March '24

Holy week is an occasion to spiritually enter into a **sacred space in our hearts** to meditate on just how fragile life is. This might sound a little sad, but it is all preparation for healing and rebirth. In his **endurance, courage, compassion and death**, Jesus not only offers us the ultimate example of grace under pressure, but he shows us what it means to be truly human.

DAILY MEDITATION FOR EACH DAY OF HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mark 11:11 April 2, 30AD	Jesus enters Jerusalem Temple & he and his disciples retire to Bethany.	Prayer: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy.
Monday Mk.11:12,15,19 April 3, 30AD	Jesus and disciples leave Bethany and return to Jerusalem. They again leave in the evening.	Prayer: The LORD is good to all. His compassion extends over all he has made. (Psalm 145:9)
Tuesday Mark 11:20-27 April 4, 30AD	Jesus & his disciples return to Jerusalem once more.	Prayer: May your mercy, O Lord, be on us, even as we wait confidently for you. (Ps 33:22)
Wednesday Mark 14:1 April 5, 30AD	Jesus and disciples stayed in Jerusalem in preparation for Passover.	Prayer: Blessed be God, who has not turned aside our prayer or turned aside his mercy from us!(Ps 66:20)
Holy Thursday Mark 14:12 April 6, 30AD	Jesus had his final meal with his disciples and then he was arrested.	Prayer: Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
Good Friday Mark 15:1 April 7, 30 AD	Jesus is crucified.	Prayer: Father, I put my life in your hands.
Holy Saturday Mark 16:11 April 8, 30 AD	Jesus has been taken down from the Cross and laid in the tomb.	Prayer: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Easter Sunday Mark 16:2 April 9, 30AD	The day of Resurrection.	Prayer: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 28 March

Holy Thursday

7:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton

Friday 29 March

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

9:00am St Joseph's Forest Hill

9:00am St Mary's Gatton

10:00am St Therese's Glenore Grove

Passion of the Lord

3:00pm St Patrick's Church Laidley

Saturday 30 March

Easter Vigil

6:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton

Sunday 31 March

Easter Sunday

7:00am St Therese's Glenore Grove

9:00am St Patrick's Laidley



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**. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to **Lorna Lyons** who this week will enjoy her birthday. May the grace of God guide and protect her, and give her great joy every day. Happy Birthday Lorna!

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.

We have an opportunity to **help people being persecuted in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection**. Envelopes will be available at all Stations of the Cross and also at the 3pm Good Friday service at Laidley.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Thank you to Jan and Anne who form the RCIA team. They have journeyed with the RCIA candidates and Elect for many months. It is a big commitment, and it is wonderful to see the joy it brings as they share their love of God with those people who have responded to God's call to not only become Christian,

but who have also chosen to join our Catholic community. Please continue to pray for **Amanda** and **Jeeahn** who will be Confirmed and receive First Communion, for **Jaxon** and **Jye** who will be Baptised, and **Todd** and **Kylie** who will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



ARRIVAL OF THE MESSAGE STICK

The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane to herald the **150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen** on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane.

Our parish will receive the Message Stick at the Easter Vigil; **the Message Stick holds an invitation** for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion of the 150th anniversary. You are encouraged to come and see!

EVERYTHING TO KNOW ABOUT HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is one of the most important weeks in the Catholic Church. Not only is it a part of the Lenten season, but it is also the week where we remember the life and death of Christ. In Holy Week, we celebrate Jesus' love for us, as He died on the cross and resurrected for us to have eternal life.

PALM SUNDAY

To start, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, which is also the last day of Lent. During Palm Sunday, the Church conducts a blessing of Palms to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

TRIDUUM

The Triduum consists of three days to pray and remember three essential days in Christ's passion. The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday and ends on the Easter Vigil celebration, which happens on Holy Saturday.

HOLY THURSDAY – 7pm Mass St Mary's Gatton

During Holy Thursday, it is customary that the Catholic Church commemorates the Last Supper. There will be no Masses celebrated again until the Easter Vigil.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the day that we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. On this day we gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross.

9am St Joseph's Forest Hill and 9am St Mary's Gatton
10am St Therese's Glenore Grove

On Good Friday, we do not celebrate Mass; however, we observe three things on Good Friday when we gather for the **3pm Passion of the Lord at St Patrick's Laidley**: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion. Do take note that **fasting and abstinence from meat** are required on Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY – 6pm Vigil Mass St Mary's Gatton

This day we prepare to celebrate the Easter Vigil at sundown. The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Catholic Church. The Vigil is divided into four parts: **Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, and Liturgy of the Eucharist**. It will be during the Liturgy of Baptism that the RCIA candidates will receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

EASTER SUNDAY – 7am Mass St Therese's Glenore Grove & 9am Mass St Patrick's
Easter Sunday is a very important day, and it is the day that Christ rose from the dead, a day that symbolizes our Christian faith. Let us rejoice!

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WE PRAY FOR ...

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: Laurence (Laurie) Topp, Pat Hockings

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mavis O'Dea, Grace Gardiner, Mary Robinson, Jean McGovern, James Kearney, Mary McGuirk, Yvette Durrant, Phyllis Deering, Neta Mogg, Raymond Rogers, Beatrice Sutton, Elizabeth Schulz, Graham Bennett, Kathleen Brabrook, Noel Williams, Norah Bauer, Phyllis Ward, Mary Olm, Bernie Luck, Kenneth Boyd, Ernest Seng

USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

We are very fortunate to have two good facilities for parish use, and also to make available for hire to external parties. The Laidley Hall and the Gatton Community Centre provide a source of income for our parish. Parish groups are always welcome to use these facilities – it is recommended that you check with the Parish Office before using, to ensure someone else hasn't booked it.

There have been complaints from a couple different people who have used the facilities, complaining that the hall/community centre was not left clean for them to use. This included crumbs/food remnants being left on tables and on the floor, and also bins not being emptied, and fresh bin liners put in place. If you are using the hall or community centre, please ensure that it is left ready for the next person or group who will be using it. Thank you 😊

PROJECT COMPASSION

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion** through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our parish, or by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.