



Mass Times

Saturday 9 March
6 pm Gattton

Sunday 10 March
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

Tuesday 12 March
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 13 March
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton

Friday 15 March
St Patrick's Day Mass
with St Mary's School
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley

Saturday 16 March
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 17 March
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This week

7pm Gattton
Tuesday
4pm Laidley
Thursday

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

10 March '24

Lead Kindly Light

In Today's Gospel we meet Nicodemus, a learned Pharisee, who **seeks Jesus**, which is one of the first acts of **discipleship**. He comes out of darkness to the one who is the Light of the world. Jesus tells him, "No one can see the kingdom of God without being born again."

The original word for 'again' in Greek can mean 'once again' or 'from above'. According to John, Jesus is using the word in the sense of 'from above', that is, from the heavenly realm of God. Jesus's words touch the heart of Nicodemus and in chapter 19 of John's Gospel, after a closer following of Jesus, we see Nicodemus becoming a disciple of Jesus.

As he received the light of Christ, along with Joseph of Arimathaea, Nicodemus courageously makes provision for the decent burial of Jesus' body, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes. He ensures that Jesus receives a burial fit for a king. It was an exercise of **bravery and love**, in full sight of everyone, which suggests, that along with Joseph, he has finally become a disciple. **Discipleship is gracefully stepping out from darkness into light.**

*"The night is dark, and I am far from home
Lead thou me on."* St. John Henry Newman

General Introduction to Mark's Gospel continues....

'Repent and believe in the Gospel' ... The word '**believe**' translates the Greek word '*pisteuete*' which **means faith, belief, trust** in. In calling us to believe in the Gospel, Jesus invites us to a lasting commitment and a profound transformation.

The word 'Gospel' is the translation of the Greek word '*evangelion*' which was translated into English as 'god-spell', which means good news. '*Enangelion*' is made up of two words, '*eu*', which means good and '*angelion*' which means message or news. So, *euangelion* means **good news**. It is not just a good news but **the** good news that Jesus proclaims; alters the climate in which people live, and transform the landscape of the social life.

Responsorial Psalm: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 12 March **"Finding Peace"** Reflection and Reconciliation
7:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton
Two priests available for Confession
- Wednesday 13 March **Lenten Group "A Resurrected Life"** 9:30am Gatton
- Thursday 14 March **Lenten Group "A Resurrected Life"** 9:00am Laidley office
- Thursday 14 March **"Finding Peace"** Reflection and Reconciliation
4:00pm St Patrick's Church Laidley
Two priests available for Confession
- Friday 15 March **Stations of the Cross**
9:00am & 5:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton
4:00pm St Patrick's Church Laidley
- Thursday 21 March **Chrism Mass**
7:00pm Cathedral of St Stephen Brisbane
Please consider attending – see Fr Emmanuel for details
- Saturday 23 March **Lent Retreat** led by Adult Faith team
Guest speaker: Lisa McKerr from Evangelisation Brisbane
2:00pm Gatton @ Community Centre
Reconciliation available during this retreat.
- Thursday 28 March **Holy Thursday** 7:00pm St Mary's Church Gatton
"Washing of the Feet" – **volunteers kindly requested**
from Forest Hill, Glenore Grove, Laidley and Gatton.
Please advise Fr Emmanuel or Chris @ office
- 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



CALLED TO CONVERSION AND PENANCE

In the week ahead we have two opportunities to **FIND PEACE** in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance. (Gatton 12 March 7pm, Laidley 14 March 4pm)
The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Jesus calls us to conversion and penance, to **turn our hearts and minds to our Lord**, and to **resolve to change** our lives as a result. We know that the presence and action of the Holy Spirit gives us the **grace** for this repentance and conversion. May His Peace be with you. ☩

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY FORMATION

Thank you to everyone who has committed to spending time with parishioners who are grieving, housebound, lonely, elderly, suffering or sick.

There will be specific training in the near future for **Communion to the Sick and Housebound**, **Grief Support** and **Community Connections**. These are the first three teams being formed. Essential volunteer and safeguarding paperwork will be completed at these training sessions.

Once we have these teams established, then we can begin to promote the availability of this valuable assistance to those in need. Thank you for volunteering to be the face of Christ in our community.

HAVE YOU LOST SOME KEYS?

Two keys on a coloured tag were found after the 9am Mass at Gatton on Sunday 3rd March. If these are yours, they are being held at the Parish Office. Please phone to arrange collection.

RCIA CANDIDATES ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO EASTER

Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement of the young people who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA is a journey of readiness, a journey of conversion of heart. There is no set time frame for when a candidate is ready. This is where your prayers for Todd and Kylie, Amanda, Jeeahn and Robert are so important, to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them to know, trust and love our merciful God who journeys with us every day.

PROJECT COMPASSION

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education.

But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our churches, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

During the coming week, there are two amazing ladies in our parish who are celebrating their birthday.

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to **Marie Linnan and Bernadette FitzGerald**. May they enjoy special celebrations with family and friends, and rejoice in the love and mercy of God every day.



THE MASS ... a series by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

This weekend the short video is about the Homily. Archbishop Mark says the homily is not the priest sharing some helpful household hints, but rather a proclamation of the Good News. The priest shares God's words to help each of us take that Good News into our personal life, and into the life of the community in the week ahead.

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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:

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, Bidy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jos Van De Putte

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ben Quade, John Panzram, Leo Ziebarth, John McManus, Alice Ryan, Gertrude Legge, Fr Kevin Ryan, Aloysius Luck, Thomas Wolens, Monica Hauser, Zigmund Pitura, Maureen Fox, Silvio Cerneaz, Simona Facundo, Emil Buhse, Collingwood Hickey, Percy Krenske, Sadie Zischke, Kathleen Murrighy, Bernard Francisco, John Caldwell, Lillian Hammond, Teresa Clarke, Evelyn Redinger, Alfred Mischke, Daniel Ryan, Patrick Quinn, Fay Hauser, Tim Rogers, Joseph Kazungu, Barbara Bielby

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE SYNOD24

"I am making all things new". Rev 21:5

This year the Archdiocese will celebrate SYNOD24 to mark the Implementation Phase of the Plenary Council. Together we'll **discern the practical and Spirit-led actions** that we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, need to undertake to be a more co-responsible church on mission. These actions will take into consideration what is already happening across the Archdiocese that should be affirmed, what learnings can be harnessed and shared, and where the gaps and needs are. SYNOD24 will take place over two sessions, **September 6th and 7th and October 11th and 12th**, with the Opening and Closing Masses open to the public.

Refresh yourself on the Plenary Journey so far, and to learn more about SYNOD24, go to www.aobsynod2024.com.

VOCATION VIEWS

When we are 'born again' in baptism, we become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction – Heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you. Only then will you know your vocation. www.vocationbrisbane.com

