



Mass Times

- Saturday 11 January**
6 pm Gattton
- Sunday 12 January**
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley
- Tuesday 14 January**
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
- Wednesday 15 January**
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton
- Friday 17 January**
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley
- Saturday 18 January**
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 19 January**
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from 5:30pm
each Saturday
afternoon.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YR C)

12 January 2025

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE - SYNOD 2024

This week, Anne shares details on third of the **8 Decrees that were discerned through the Holy Spirit, discussed and voted on by the members of the Synod.** These Decrees are included in each newsletter during January to assist your understanding when they are implemented in the future.

Plenary Council Decree 3: Called by Christ, Sent Forth As Missionary Disciples

The focus here is on the Church as a community of welcome for all, but especially for those who have been marginalised or excluded, listening to their stories and creating safe and hospitable spaces for them within the Church.

Archdiocesan Synod Action Plans

1. That **an Archdiocesan family and intergenerational ministry working group** be formed to develop and implement a holistic, intergenerational and inclusive approach to family faith-formation across educational and other Archdiocesan agencies in order to foster lifelong missionary discipleship.
2. That this working group explore ways of **strengthening partnerships between parishes, schools, communities and agencies**, develop and implement sacramental resources for children with diverse learning needs and disabilities, including training for sacramental coordinators and volunteers to use the resources, develop a safe and supportive network for parents and carers of children and young people who may need additional support to feel welcome, offer advice upon request at decision-making tables at all levels of Archdiocesan governance.
3. That there be **in self-nominated Mass centres the Eucharist and other liturgical celebrations catering for diverse needs** within the community, provided with resourcing around mentorship, formation, training and succession-planning for self-nominated clergy, religious and laity.

Responsorial Psalm: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Plenary Council Decree 3: Called by Christ, Sent Forth As Missionary Disciples

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4. That the Archdiocese provide **facilitated listening sessions, workshops and forums for safe and supportive story-telling, truth-telling and dialogue**, in order to raise awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by those who are marginalised and disenfranchised.
5. That with the support and mentorship of the Archdiocesan Council for Ecumenism and Interreligious Relations, Queensland Churches Together and the Queensland Faith Communities Council, **a co-responsible deanery approach to ecumenism and interreligious relations** be developed and implemented, including short courses on ecumenism and interreligious relations, formation of individuals for work in ecumenical and interreligious relations, ecumenical retreats and pilgrimages, ecumenical and interreligious youth summits.
6. That **a strategic approach to mission in the digital environment be developed and implemented**, focusing on the creation of digital media within a Catholic context, formation and training of people to work in the field, and including research into the possibilities and challenges of engaging the sacramental life of the Church through digital platforms such as live-streamed liturgies.
7. That the Archdiocese develop **a pastoral ministry in sport**, including formation and support programs and research into best practice and recommended qualifications, training and study pathways for sports chaplains.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Lord, as **Mary Bauer, Helen McGuirk, Shirley DeBerg** and **Brendan McClure** celebrate another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them.

May your grace continue to guide and shape their path,
filling their days with love, purpose, and joy.

Thank you for the strength you provide, the grace you extend,
and the mercy you grant us.

May **Mary, Helen, Shirley** and **Brendan** feel your presence today and always,
knowing that they are deeply loved and cherished by you.

Grant them wisdom for the days ahead, strength for life's challenges,
and a heart that continually seeks after you.

May their faith grow stronger,
and may they be a source of light and inspiration to those around them.

May **Mary, Helen, Shirley** and **Brendan** continue to grow into the person You made them to be. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office in Laidley will be closed until Friday 24th January 2025. During this time, you are encouraged to email your non-urgent enquiries to gatton@bne.catholic.net.au and this will be checked regularly.

For **urgent** enquiries only (eg: anointing of someone seriously ill, funeral arrangements) please call 0407 132 700. Please refer to our website for Mass times and weekly newsletters.

2025 MINISTRY TEAM INITIATIVES FOR YOU

Our parish ministry teams are looking forward with excitement and hope to the plans that will guide, nourish and sustain us in 2025.

The **Adult Faith** team are excited to announce that **Alpha** will be returning in early 2025.

Alpha is for everyone – those who are searching for “something” and those who have attended church all their lives.

We all have questions, like ...

- ***Is There More to Life Than This?***
- ***Who Is Jesus?***
- ***Do you feel that sin is an outdated concept or is it something you think about?***
- ***How and Why Do I Pray?***
- ***How does God guide us?***
- ***Who or what is the Holy Spirit?***



So then, **what is Alpha**, and how does it answer those questions?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that **explore life, faith and meaning**.

The Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief.

One of the most important parts of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and discuss in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously).

How much does it cost to attend Alpha?

Alpha is completely free – and there's no follow-up if you don't want to come back after the first session

What happens at Alpha?

Every Alpha is different, but generally they have three things in common: food, a talk and conversation.

Food – Most sessions start with food, because it's a great way to connect and get to know everyone.

Talk – The talks explore the basics of the Christian faith and are designed to inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they can be given as a live talk or played as an episode.

Conversation – There is a discussion after the talk where you can share your thoughts and ideas on the session's topic.

join a
one-of-a-kind
open-ended
open-minded
open-hearted
pressure free
small group
conversation



OUR PARISH

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Peter Das, Denis Hanrahan, Nikki McLay, Peter Heenan, Paddy Boyd, Toshikatsu Konishi, Shirley Myles, Neville Heenan, Joan Linnan, Sienna Beutel, Brian Wells, McGregor-Shaw Family, Michael Trail, Therese Thompson, James Earley, Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Jodi Thompson, Roslyn Furber, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Parcell, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jim Brimblecombe, Lenny Jaenke, Diane Samuelsen
Peter Campbell, Allen Pickering



ANNIVERSARIES:

Philip Pomerence, Kathleen Hauser, Kathleen Meharg, Mary Pomerence, Mary Ferrari, Vera Ziebarth, Madeline Brooker, Marjorie Cusack, Patrick O'Connor, Thomas Murrhly, Ellen Gould, Michael Ryan, Johanna Dwyer, Daniel Kearney, Marie Bourke, Geraldine Oliver

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

**Father in heaven,
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen**



The Jubilee Year is a call to recognise the many forms of slavery, overt and covert, that are found in this culture and in our own lives – and to renew our faith in the possibility of freedom and commit ourselves anew to what freedom requires.

Any pilgrimage – even the little pilgrimage of walking through the Holy Door – is a farewell to an old enslaving way of life and an embrace of a new way of life which the Lord crucified and risen makes possible.

The motto of this Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope”. Any journey we make through this year we make not as tourists or holiday-makers but as pilgrims.