



Mass Times

Saturday 12 April
6 pm Gattton

Sunday 13 April
7:00 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley
**Long Walk
for Water**

Tuesday 15 April
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 16 April
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton

Holy Thursday 17 April
7 pm Gattton

Good Friday 18 April

Stations of the Cross
9 am Forest Hill
& Gattton
10 am Glenore Gve

Passion of the Lord
3:00 pm Laidley

Saturday 19 April
Easter Vigil
6 pm Gattton

Easter Sunday 20 April
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Laidley

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from 5:30pm
this Saturday
afternoon and
after Wednesday
9am Mass

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PALM SUNDAY (Year C)

13 April 2025

"Hosanna" - Save Us O Lord!

Palm Sunday liturgy sets the beginning of Holy Week. Today's reflections begin in the context of Jesus and his disciples being in Jerusalem for the celebration of Passover.

In Jerusalem Jesus processes into the Temple and the crowd welcomes Jesus with palms. They are hoping that Jesus is the one they have been waiting for, who will overthrow the might of imperial Rome. As Jesus passes by, the people acclaim: **"Blessed is he who is coming as king in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!"** The people's acclamation evokes Psalm 118:26. This is one of the psalms of praise, which were sung on the occasion of Israel's great national festivals of Tabernacles and Passover.

By knowing the mind of the people, Jesus doesn't approach the holy city in a chariot or riding a war horse. Instead, he rides upon a young colt. That is his powerful but silent reply that Jesus gives – **image of a poor king, a king whose rule does not depend on political and military might.** Jesus's inmost being is humility and meekness. In this, he is the exact opposite of the great kings of the world. Riding on a colt is a counter-image of the chariot that he rejects.

Jesus is proclaiming the kingdom of God, and he has made it clear that this kingdom will be established by means of rejection, death, and resurrection in the city of David.

Jesus is indeed the true king, but not the king expected by the crowds who welcome him into Jerusalem with palm branches and a royal acclamation. Jesus will win a far greater victory.

His death on the cross will set us free from the powers of sin and death. **Through the Cross, and only through the Cross, the gates of the kingdom will be opened.**

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!"

Psalm 118:26

Responsorial Psalm: PALM SUNDAY

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 10:30am **THE LONG WALK FOR WATER - LAIDLEY**
13 April Join our parish community as we take a short 2.5 kilometre walk and raise funds for Project Compassion.
- Saturday 7:30am **ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**
26 April Community Centre Gatton, hosted by our parish. Ladies and children are invited to please come along and support this event that raises money for chaplains in the State schools.
- 4:30pm **BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN Information Session**
St Mary's Gatton Community Centre. This session will cover the journey for children who are seven and older who have not been baptised. It will also cover the journey for children who are in high school who have or have not been baptised. Expressions of interest are invited for attendance at this session. Please email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au by **18th April 2025**.
- Saturday 9:30am **AGEING WISELY**
17 May The greying years are often a difficult time for parishioners as we try to navigate changing living arrangements, health and financial circumstances. This seminar is open to people of all ages – come and hear from professionals, including an aged care provider, funeral director and a solicitor who will speak about your Will, Enduring Power of Attorney and leaving a bequest. **RSVP required please**
Morning tea provided.
- Tuesday Date **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**
27 May claimer Hosted by the Laidley Catholic Ladies Club – add this date to your diary now. Always an amazing morning with great food, wonderful friendships and lots of prizes!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HOLY THURSDAY 7pm GATTON

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is possibly one of the most important, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.

At this Mass, the priest washes the feet of twelve people to symbolise Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles.

Would you please be willing to be one of the twelve? Please advise Anne at Laidley, June at Forest Hill or Chris at Gatton if you would like to be part of this great tradition.

COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN – Information Session

Due to the number of enquiries being received from families, Father Emmanuel will be holding an **Information Session** on **Saturday 26th April at 4:30pm at St Mary's Gatton Community Centre**. This session will cover the journey for children who are seven and older who have not been baptised. It will also cover the journey for children who are in high school who have or have not been baptised. These children will be prepared for all the sacraments of initiation. (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) Primary school age children will be prepared for Confirmation and Eucharist throughout the year as part of our parish sacramental journey. Expressions of interest are invited for attendance at this session.

Please email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au by 11th April 2024.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS CAROL

Happy Birthday to Carol Scott. We pray her day is filled with much love and the joy of family and friends. Carol has lived a life of service to the St Mary's community, and we thank God for the many gifts He has given her to share so generously.

PILGRIMAGE

Last year we asked for expressions of interest in a pilgrimage to Holy places in Europe. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest for our parish to proceed, however Sunnyside parish has organised a Platinum Jubilee pilgrimage to the holy sites of Portugal, Spain, Lourdes (France) and Rome (Italy) from **22nd September to 8th October 2025**. They will soon be closing their expressions of interest. Fr. Emmanuel has decided to join the pilgrimage. If you are interested in going, or for more information, please check the flyer on the notice boards or email the Parish Office or go to this link which includes the itinerary and booking link: <https://www.olol.com.au/pilgrimage.html>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There has been a lot of good feedback about the Stations of the Cross before the weekend Masses. Thank you to everyone who has made the effort to come 30 minutes early and participate in this journey with Jesus. Also, a big thank you to the people who have led the reflections for the Stations; your efforts have made the journey very engaging and thoughtful.

On Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at Forest Hill at 9am, Glenore Grove at 10am, and also 9am at Gatton. You are invited to stay for a morning tea of Hot Cross Buns after the Stations at Gatton.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Project Compassion events where we are raising money as a parish community for the great work of Caritas. Last weekend there were special **morning tea** events at Glenore Grove where they raised \$ 180, and at Gatton where donations were \$ 194.70.

This weekend is the **Long Walk for Water** leaving from St Patrick's Church in Laidley after the 9am Mass and morning tea. Bring your walking shoes for the 2.5 kilometre walk. A certificate and cold drink will reward you on your return.

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Shirley O'Sullivan, Isaiah Joseph, Graham Henneberry, Helen Stevens, Maureen Bishop, Peter Das, 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, 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:

Kathleen Ziebarth, Maureen Bishop, Barry O'Shea



ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick Murrhly, Edna Ball, Barty Luck, Patrick Brett, Georgina Edwards, Moran Daly, Lester Hornery, David Bulpin, Mabel Reynolds, Ernest Pickford, Msg Edward Concannon, John Brett, John R Murphy, Cyril Cutler, Frank Panzram

FROM THE CATECHISM

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"*Holy Days of Obligation*" are special occasions on which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "*On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body*" (CCC2185).

Aside from every Sunday of the year, there are two "*Holy Days of Obligation*" in Australia. These are Christmas Day (25 December) and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August). The Sunday obligation to attend Mass for Catholics shouldn't be seen as an "*imposition*," but an invitation to grow deeper in love with God. The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.

For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. (CCC 2181)

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	7pm	Gatton
Good Friday	9am	Stations ☩ – Gatton & Forest Hill
	10am	Stations ☩ – Glenore Grove
	3pm	Laidley – Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	6pm	Easter Vigil – Gatton
Easter Sunday	7am	Glenore Grove
	9am	Laidley

