



Mass Times

Saturday 13 April
6 pm Gattton

Sunday 14 April
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

Tuesday 16 April
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
Lit of Word

Wednesday 17 April
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton
Lit of Word

Saturday 20 April
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 21 April
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton

Monday 22 April
Funeral Eileen Trebbin
10:00am Laidley



*He is risen!
Alleluia!*

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

14 April '24

***Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways.***

From Psalm 65

These words come from one of our popular hymns and serve to bring focus to all we do in our ministry teams. The **Liturgy Team** has gathered as a group several times so far this year to prepare for 2024. To begin the year, we assisted the Adult Faith team with a **reflective Lenten Retreat**.

The Team worked hard to plan and ensure that the **Easter celebrations were vibrant and inspiring**, and we would like to thank everyone for your support and assistance over Easter. All members contributed to these wonderful celebrations with beautifully prepared readings. This included our participation in the reflections as part of the **Second Rite of Reconciliation**.

The season of Easter extends beyond the participation in the wonderful celebrations of the Easter Triduum. For us as Christians, **the significance of the resurrection is something to celebrate every day** as we journey through the Easter season back to the Ordinary Time of our church year. A lot of prayer, planning and co-ordination goes into planning such meaningful celebrations.

We are looking forward to celebrating the birthday of the Church at **Pentecost** with the parish **Multicultural Mass** in Gattton. The church will be adorned with colour but particularly red as the fire in our hearts burns with the Holy Spirit. We are in the planning stages of this annual event, so **if you would like to assist** in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

The Liturgy Team is collaborating with the Parish Ministry teams on other Parish events and we look forward to celebrating with you all.

Kaylene Lyne, Liturgy Team leader

Responsorial Psalm: Third Sunday of Easter

Lord, let your face shine on us.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 26 April **An Encounter with God**
6pm St Mary's Church Gatton
Led by Adult Faith Formation team
An evening of praise and worship, adoration and reflection. Supper to follow. All welcome.
- Friday 3 May **Laidley Catholic Ladies Club Meeting**
10am Laidley Hall
If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic ladies, is any other day more suitable than the first Friday of the month? See a member at the church.
- Sunday 19 May **Multicultural Mass**
9am St Mary's Church Gatton
Each year we have a joy-filled celebration with people from our multicultural community offering their gifts and talents to make this an extra special celebration. We will be asking people to process with the flag of their country, **to read a prayer or sing and dance** in their tradition. A day to **dress in national costume**, try **traditional foods** and celebrate all that our parish has become because of the cultures of the world coming together to praise God. Please consider how you can participate.
- Thursday 23 May **"The Biggest Morning Tea"**
9:30am Laidley Hall
Devonshire Tea, fun and prizes. \$ 5 admission
- Saturday 25 May **Ministers of the Word Training Session**
2pm Community Centre, Gatton.
An essential session for all people who proclaim the Word of God at Mass, or lead the Prayers of Intercession. Michael Mangan will again be leading this session, that will be both formative and practical. New readers, or people considering joining our roster, are also welcome to attend this session.
- Sunday 2 June **Corpus Christi procession** – St Stephen's Cathedral
Commencing at 2pm from the Cathedral and led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament winds through the CBD streets before concluding with Benediction upon return. The celebration will be a wonderful opportunity to bring the Catholic community together to honour Jesus. Also ... a pictorial display of **Eucharistic miracles** from around the world will be on display in the Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre (next to the Cathedral)

THANK YOU

Our parish are fortunate to have wonderful volunteers. They are also often supported by local tradespeople to assist our parish with maintenance work.

In the past fortnight, the rainwater catchment boxes on St Patrick's church, at the back and both sides of the church have been inspected, the gutters have been cleared of rubbish as well as removing some ferns growing on the top level! This work should stop the water leaking down the back wall and causing further problems.

A huge thank you to **Nev Elliot, Aaron Shepley, Mike Nowlan and Vince Pagett** for assisting with these works, and a big thank you to **Dan Flanagan** for co-ordinating and directing this work. Thank you, gentlemen!

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY FORMATION

Would all volunteers **please complete their paperwork** as soon as possible so we can undertake the necessary training for each team. Please contact Chris at the Parish office if you need help with your paperwork.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE AND BUILDERS OF PEACE

In his recent message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on the theme **'Called to sow hope and build peace'**, the Holy Father Francis urges the faithful to take advantage of the favourable moment offered by the current 'Year of Prayer' in preparation for the Holy Year to **rediscover their vocation** and **be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace**.

"In the present historical moment, the common path is the one which leads us all towards the Jubilee of 2025. **We walk as pilgrims of hope** towards the Holy Year, because in the **rediscovery of our own vocation** and by putting into effect the **different gifts of the Spirit**, we can be **bearers and witnesses of Jesus' dream**: to form a single family, **united in the love of God** and held together in bonds of charity, sharing and brotherhood" said the Pope.

"During this year 2024, dedicated specifically to prayer in preparation for the Jubilee, we are **called to rediscover the priceless gift of being able to dialogue with the Lord, heart to heart**, thus becoming pilgrims of hope, because **'prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and your hope grows**, it takes a step forward.

I would say that **prayer opens the door to hope**. Hope is always there, but with my prayer I open the door to it.'" (*Catechesis, 20 May 2020*)

Christians, says Pope Francis, should cultivate a gaze filled with hope. Despite failures and setbacks, **"we are set on a journey to discover the love of God and, at the same time, to discover ourselves"**.

So no one must feel excluded from this call, **everyone must have the courage to get involved, in caring for those around us and for the environment we live in**.

"Let us get up, therefore, and **set out as pilgrims of hope**, because, just as Mary did with Saint Elizabeth, we too can *bring news of joy, generate new life* and be artisans of **brotherhood and peace**."

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Joan Linnan, Brian Wells, Col 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: Noel Covington, Eileen Trebbin,
Pat Hockings, Marie Coleman

ANNIVERSARIES:

Barty Luck, Patrick Brett, Georgina Edwards, Moran Daly, Lester Hornery, David Bulpin, Mabel Reynolds, Ernest Pickford, Mons Edward Concannon, John Murphy, Cyril Cutler, Frank Panzram, Clare Fitzpatrick, Catherine Ross, Max Luck, John Pomerence

THE YEAR OF PRAYER ... *let us pray*

*You speak, Lord God, even in silence
and we listen with ears of the heart.*

*We listen and our eyes are opened
to see all things as they are.*

*We see with the eyes of Jesus and our mouths are opened
to speak of our joy and our sorrow,
to sing your praise and seek your help.*

*This is the grace of prayer you give, that opens heaven to
earth, heart speaking to heart.*

*Give us that grace in this Year of Prayer,
teach us to pray anew,
lead us deep into the heart of Jesus
who is our prayer for ever and ever. Amen*

VOCATION AWARENESS

Q - What could convince someone to turn to God?

A - That God becomes man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Let us pray – Lord Jesus, make your word plain and set our hearts on fire with love when you speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of your love.



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