



Mass Times

- Saturday 20 April**
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 21 April**
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton
- Monday 22 April**
10 am Laidley
Funeral Eileen Trebbin
- Tuesday 23 April**
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
Lit of Word
- Wednesday 24 April**
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton
Lit of Word
- 9 am Laidley
Lit of Word
-school led
no Comm.
- Saturday 27 April**
6 pm Gattton
- Sunday 28 April**
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley



*He is risen!
Alleluia!*

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (Year B)

21 April '24

"Journeying Through Lent: Reflections on Faith, Conversion, and Community"

Throughout the season of Lent, the Adult Faith Team led a transformative three-part series, guiding participants on a profound **journey of spiritual renewal**. Focused on the 90-day cycle of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, the series emphasised the importance of **divine conversion and instigating lasting changes** through the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Each session served as a platform for genuine group discussions, allowing participants to delve deeply into their faith and personal experiences. The collective exploration fostered a **sense of unity and shared spiritual growth** among the community.

The culmination of the series took form in a deeply reflective Stations of the Cross session, where individuals were invited to contemplate the profound sacrifice of Christ and its relevance in their own lives. Through prayerful meditation and contemplation, participants were encouraged to embrace a deeper understanding of their faith and the **transformative power of Christ's love**.

Further enhancing their spiritual journey, parishioners engaged in a **Lenten Retreat** led by **Lisa McKerr** from Evangelisation Brisbane, focusing on **prayer**, and nurturing their **individual relationship with God**. This retreat served as a pivotal moment for introspection and spiritual renewal, empowering participants to deepen their connection with the divine and **discern their unique spiritual path**.

On **Friday April 26th**, at St Mary's Church Gattton, we have the first of four Parish **ENCOUNTER** nights scheduled across all our churches this year. These events will bring us together in **prayer, worship, reflection, and Eucharistic adoration**. We extend a warm **invitation for you** to join us—a chance for profound spiritual connection and meaningful prayerful contemplation.

Responsorial Psalm: Fourth Sunday of Easter

The stone rejected by the builders
has become the corner stone.

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.
- Saturday 27 April **A Morning's Prayer**
9am – 12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre Ormiston
Register: www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2
The morning consists of input, prayer, reflection, morning tea and group discussion. This morning's theme is based on John 15:1,4 "*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower... remain in me as I remain in you*".
- 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. 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.

SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE:

Kids Helpline, for 5–25-year-olds: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au

headspace: support for young people, professionals, and families

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 or beyondblue.org.au

PREPARATION FOR MULTICULTURAL MASS

Thank you to everyone who attending the planning meeting on Saturday afternoon. We only have a month to bring this wonderful celebration together. It is held on the **Feast of Pentecost on 19th May** – may our celebration bring glory to God as we celebrate the beautiful gifts of all His people gathered in Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

What can you do for this celebration?

- process with the flag of your country
- read a prayer of intercession during Mass
- sing and dance in your tradition after Mass
- dress in national costume
- bring traditional foods to share
- bring the children to participate in the Treasure Hunt and win prizes
- enjoy fun and games suitable for people of all ages!
- help with hospitality for morning tea and BBQ lunch

If you any questions or can offer to assist, please talk to the Parish Leadership Team
- Jan Maltry, Kaylene Lyne, Derek Pingel, Pat Goodchild, Chris Pingel

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

The gift of faith we are given by those who have walked the way before us is reason to rejoice with these wonderful parishioners who celebrate their birthdays this week. Congratulations to **Margaret Grant, Bert Flanagan and Paul Freer** – may God continue to bless them, protect them, and give them courage to continue sharing their gift of faith.

CAN YOU HEAR HIS VOICE?

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want?

Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you?

How do you listen for His response?

Many times, Jesus responds in quiet whispers that are not so obvious. We are encouraged to take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice. His is the voice of LOVE, of ENCOURAGEMENT, of STRENGTH, of MERCY and of HOPE. **He hears our prayers ... we listen for His response as He speaks and acts.**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded of a homily by Pope Saint John Paul II, he said "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us.

Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

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.

OUR PARISH

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Sophia College
5411 3400

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: Teresa Woolgar, Noel Covington,
Eileen Trebbin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Ryan, Joy McDonald, Evie Keller, Evelyn Harrington, John Harrington, John Edyvean, Matthew Setch, Roy Forrest, Joan Egan, Eileen Cahill, Elsie Pomerence, John Dwyer, Stan Brown, Kenneth Parker, Henry Gavin, Iris Qualishefski, Eileen Bennett, Fr Bill Henry, Kathleen McCartney, Doreen Panzram, John Murrhy, Milagros Braga, William Curyer, Emma Brett, Leslie Thiemann, Ned Lyne

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – VOCATIONS & YOU



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Let us pray for people of all ages, and especially the young: that on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, they may be inspired to reach out and serve God's people.

**“Pray the Lord
of the harvest
to send out
labourers into
his harvest”**

(MT 9:38)

