



Mass Times

Saturday 20 January

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 21 January

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gattton

Tuesday 23 January

4:30 pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

Mass

Wednesday 24 January

8:30 am Rosary

9 am Gattton Mass

Friday 26 January

Australia Day

8:30 am Rosary

9 am Laidley Mass

Saturday 27 January

6 pm Gattton

Sunday 28 January

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 21 January '24

The Way

This year we read or hear the good news of our Lord from the Gospel of Mark. So, on this weekend and the following weekend, I would like to write about the history, theology, and background of Mark's Gospel for our deeper understanding, assimilation, and the spiritual growth.

Mark is a very sophisticated storyteller. He wrote his gospel between 65 and 75 AD. The Gospel begins with a brief prelude of thirteen verses. Mark does not have an infancy narrative, and we first meet Jesus as an adult.

The second part of the prelude consists of the proclamation of the John the Baptist; **Jesus is baptised** by John in the river Jordan, and then Jesus is driven by the devil to the desert for forty days and there he is tested by Satan.

In the third part we have an account of **Jesus ministry in the Galilee** region and the fourth section is Jesus and disciples' **journey to Jerusalem** for the feast of the Passover.

For this journey the key word Mark uses is 'hodos' that means 'way' which refers to **'the way of discipleship'**. Here it is important to understand that the earliest Christians were known as **'Followers of the Way'**.

(to be continued in the next newsletter)

Today's gospel invites us to **pray for vocations in the church for different ministries**. Furthermore, it tells us about the **blessings of God's call**, the proclamation of God's Kingdom and its challenges. From the life and examples of Jesus and his disciples we know there is a cost for the discipleship. Still, **will you choose to follow Jesus? Can you remain faithful?**

The disciples failed again and again, and Jesus still promises to go ahead of them, and he invites them to follow him.

Can you, if you fail, begin again?

"Lord, make me know your ways.

*Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me: for you are my God and my Saviour".*

(Psalm 25:4-5)

Responsorial Psalm: Third Sunday in Ord Time

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming soon...

Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark

A series of reflections on St. Mark's narrative which gives greater details in a vivid and moving account that tells more about the actions and emotions of Jesus than the other Gospels.

Saturday 27 January

Ministry Team Planning and Formation Session

3:00 – 5:30pm Community Centre Gatton

Saturday 10 February

Baptism Preparation Session TBC

10:30 – 11:30am St Mary's Church Gatton

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT CARINITY KARINYA PLACE LAIDLAY

In 2024, we are hoping to offer the residents of Karinya a monthly Mass or Liturgy of the Word, and regular Anointing of the Sick. To facilitate this ministry, **we are asking for 2 to 4 people to volunteer** on a rostered basis. Training will be available.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN 2024

Do you have a special wedding anniversary or milestone birthday coming up in 2024? As a parish, we like to celebrate these occasions with a special event once a year, and also acknowledge your occasion in our newsletter (with your permission). Special anniversaries are 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years married. Milestone birthdays are 18, 21, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and every year thereafter.

If you would like your special day to be recognised and celebrated, please advise Chris at the Parish Office.

VOCATION VIEWS

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow me!'

www.vocationbrisbane.com

WILL OTHERS WANT WHAT WE HAVE BASED ON WHAT WE SAY AND DO?

Companies and corporations spend a lot of money on developing their marketing pieces ... they are always looking for ways to make them recognisable in the marketplace so that people will want what they have.

Based on what we say and do to those around us, we may be recognisable as followers of Jesus Christ ... inviting people into our parish community so that they can have what we have. They can share in the **JOY, LOVE, HOPE** and **PEACE** we experience as children of God. What are our personal marketing pieces and do they engage those we meet?

Your smile is your logo, **your personality** is your business card, and the **way you make people feel** is your trademark.

WELCOME

Are you new to our parish and community?

Our Lady of the Valley parish welcomes you and your family to our community. Everyone is welcome, and there is a place for all to experience God's blessings.

If you are new, we invite you to complete a **Parish Census** form available from our website <https://www.olv.org.au/parish-census.html> and someone from our ministry team will contact you to say hello and ensure you feel at home here.

THE MASS ... a series by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Archbishop Mark Coleridge is a great communicator and commencing in early February, we have the opportunity to unpack the elements of the Catholic Mass in this sixteen-part series that will be shared at Laidley and Gatton churches before the commencement of Mass.

Have you ever wondered about the deeper liturgical meaning of the words we say and actions we may do somewhat habitually?

For example: When there are moments of silence, it isn't because the priest has forgotten the words. So, what is happening in the silence? Everyone is praying in their hearts and in that silence are being drawn into the presence of God.

And then out of the silence the priest gathers up the prayer of everyone in the community.

And then we have the Opening Prayer that traditionally is called the Collect. Why? Because the priest collects the prayers of everyone there into a single voice and a single prayer. As we gain a deeper understanding of each part of the Mass, may it lead each of us into a deeper relationship with our loving God.

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

As a Parish we are the living witness of the Body of Christ in our local community. In 1 Peter 2:9, he reminds us *"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people; praise God who called you out of darkness and into His marvellous light."*

Our faith is the stepping stone that our RCIA candidates and catechumens look for as they journey towards becoming Catholic in the months ahead.

Your prayers are a blessing to them.

Please pray for **Robert, Jeeahn, Kylie, Todd, Amanda** and **Luke**.

Please pray for their *openness to the Holy Spirit* to guide them, please pray that they will *not be distracted by doubt* and feelings of unworthiness to be loved by God, please pray that they may *ponder the Word of God* in their hearts and savour its meaning more fully day by day, please pray that they will *accept our hand of friendship* as we reach out to them, please pray that their *hearts will be open* to the glory and love of God.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Daryl Reynolds, Eric Pingel, James Earley, Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Jodi Thompson, Roslyn Furber, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Parcell, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

If parishioners would like a sick person prayed for, please ask their permission. Names will be included for ONE MONTH.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marjorie Cusack, Greg Breuer,
Marjorie Schulz

ANNIVERSARIES:

William Friend, Sr Mary Dwyer, Jessie Cull, Kevin Dallinger, Maria Solarzano, Christine Lunn, Gwenneth Hughes, Daniel Fitzgerald, Bridget Hawley, Keith Reynolds, May Reisenleiter, Cliff Teevan, Ernst Wenner, Jeremiah O'Brien, Irene Osborne, Anne Glennie, Eugene Gallagher, John O'Brien, James Dwyer, Frank Prior, Beatrice Gilbert, Lynette Unwin, Alfred Roworth, Desmond Dwyer, Ken McGuirk, Ellen Hughes, Reginald McManus, Alfred King, Raymond Hall.

*Loving God, grant us grace to entrust our friends and family
whom we remember this day to your never-failing love
which sustained them in this life. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy
and grant them a place at the eternal banquet. Amen.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

This year the featured country is Palestine,
and the focal Bible verse from Ephesians 4:2 is
"I beg you ... bear with one another in love."



A message from the Christian women of Palestine " ... **we call on you, sisters and brothers in every part of the world, to bear with us in love. We call upon you to unite your prayers with ours for a just and peaceful solution that would bring an end to human suffering. We call upon you to stand in solidarity with us to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.**"

Men and women, mark your diaries now to attend this annual ecumenical event. The Laidley and Gatton Catholic churches are the host churches in the Lockyer Valley this year; please show your care and support for those around us and in the world, particularly in Palestine.

Friday 1st March

St Mary's **Gatton – 10am** service followed by morning tea
St Patrick's **Laidley – 11am** service followed by light lunch

For more information, please contact **Margaret Stevens** at Gatton, **Joan Jackson** at Laidley or through the Parish Office.