



Mass Times

Saturday 1 March

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 2 March

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gattton

Tuesday 4 March

4:30 pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

9 am Laidley

9 am OLGC Liturgy

@St Mary's church

6 pm Gattton

Friday 7 March

World Day of Prayer

10 am Laidley

Lutheran Church

10 am Gattton

Church of Christ

Saturday 8 March

6 pm Gattton

Sunday 9 March

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

Caritas Morning Tea



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from 5:30pm
each Saturday
afternoon.

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 2 March 2025

Walk the Talk

Ash Wednesday of this year falls on the coming Wednesday, March 5. Easter this year is celebrated on April 20th. Today is the final Sunday of Ordinary Time before we begin the season of Lent on Wednesday.

In today's Gospel, we are still with Jesus during his ministry in the Galilean region. In the course of this teaching, Jesus gives three lessons in discipleship.

Firstly, **a blind person cannot lead a blind person.** The image that Jesus uses of the blind leading the blind, warns us about uncommitted Christians, hidden as reliable guides. Jesus says that such **uncommitted disciples** will eventually be **exposed by the fruit they bear.**

The second lesson in discipleship is about **hypocrisy**, about ignoring the log in our own eye. This warns us of a danger that threatens all disciples, and that is the **inclination to judge others.** Disciples do not grow better by comparing themselves with someone else. Judging is the sin of those who are blind to their own faults.

The third lesson in discipleship is about **producing good fruit.** Today's first reading, and the Responsorial Psalm, also deal with the same message. The book of the Ecclesiasticus says, "**The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.**"

Today's Responsorial Psalm also takes up the image of a tree, and the fruit it bears. The Psalm says, "*The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish** in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green.*"

So, in the Gospel, Jesus teaches that what **Christian disciples do and say must flow from their hearts** - a call for integrity in life. Integrity, is a harmony between a person's interior and exterior life. The path to sanctity, is the call to integrity, to authenticity.

Responsorial Psalm: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS – see back page for Lenten groups and Stations of the Cross

- Wednesday
5 March **ASH WEDNESDAY – a day of prayer and fasting**
9:00am Gatton liturgy led by OLGC School. All welcome
9:00am Laidley
11:00am Esk
6:00pm Gatton
- Friday
7 March 10:00am **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – GATTON SERVICE**
Hosted this year by the Salvation Army and held at
Gatton Church of Christ, 3 Allan Street
- 10:00am **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – LAIDLEY SERVICE**
Hosted by Lutheran Church and held in the Lutheran
Church Hall, Patrick Street, Laidley.
- Saturday
8 March 10:30am **INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW & CURRENT SACRISTANS**
Gatton Church – if you are a current sacristan, or
interested in learning what is involved at any of our parish
churches, please attend this session.
- Sunday
16 March 10:30am **LENTEN ENCOUNTER**
Community Centre Gatton
Will you become more Christ centred this Lent?
Morning tea and lunch provided.
Donations appreciated towards catering.
- Friday
4 April 9:30am **LAIDLEY CATHOLIC LADIES CLUB**
Annual General Meeting - Parish Hall, Laidley.
*Please note there will not be a meeting on 7th March due
to timing of the World Day of Prayer service.*

CONGRATULATIONS – BAPTISM OF AXEL LUKE THOMAS

This weekend we warmly welcome the family and friends of Luke and Jonalyn as their youngest child is baptised at Gatton. May Axel always be blessed by God, and as he grows, may his understanding and love of God increase every day. Congratulations!

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES and MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN 2025

If you or someone you know in our parish is celebrating a special anniversary or milestone birthday this year, please advise Chris at the Parish Office. We will have a special event later in the year, and invitations will be sent closer to the time.

THE JOURNEY FOR THOSE BECOMING CATHOLIC

On the first Sunday of Lent, they will attend the **Rite of Election** at the Cathedral in Brisbane. Here, their names will be written into the Book of the Elect. OCIA is a beautiful journey for adults, with each Mass and special celebration drawing them deeper into their relationship with Jesus and with our community. Please continue to pray for **Corey, Sami, Casey and Dallas**. Also, they would love to meet you ... why not introduce yourself and let them know you are praying for them.

COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN THE **ALPHA GROUP** – there is still room for you at the table!

Last Monday night, over 30 people came together to share a very delicious meal, watch a short film, followed by some great group discussions. Why not come and experience a session. Then you can choose if you wish to continue attending.

It is a 10-week program, commencing at 6pm on a Monday night at the Community Centre next to St Mary's Church in Gatton. We are having a break over school holidays. For any questions, please phone Rach 0403 837 450.

POPE FRANCIS – March Prayer Intention

This month, let us unite with Pope Francis for **families in crisis**.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences.

LIVING LENT

During Lent, we are called to be good news for the poor. Project Compassion is a wonderful way to do this. The theme this year is **UNITE AGAINST POVERTY THIS LENT**.

In this Jubilee year, the theme is Pilgrims of Hope. It is "hope" which calls us to come together and Unite Against Poverty. As a parish community, we are **inviting you** to join in two easy activities. Show your love for people living in poverty this Lent.

Activity 1

The Long Walk for Water - Take on a 40-day walking challenge during Lent to bring clean, safe water to vulnerable communities. Let people know why you are committed to walking 30 minutes a day for 40 days. Ask for their encouragement, and also their financial support. You'll get fitter, feel great, and change the lives of people living in poverty. Pick up one of the small Project Compassion Lent boxes available this weekend and use it for your donations.

As a parish, we are planning two mornings where we will walk as a parish community, raising funds for the work of Caritas.

In Laidley, this will be after the 9am Palm Sunday Mass on **Sunday 13th April**.

In Gatton, this will be after the 9am Mass on **Sunday 30th March**.

Mass, morning tea, walk, then refreshments. Your donations will be gratefully received. If you cannot walk, perhaps you can support others.

Our commitment to walk, and the extra effort required, may be a good Lenten sacrifice as we join our hearts to those who walk many miles every day for life-giving water.

Activity 2

We will be having some **Caritas Morning Teas**.

In Laidley, this will be after the 9am Mass on **Sunday 9th March**.

In Glenore Grove, this will be after the 7am Mass on **6th April** (please bring a plate)

In Gatton, this will be after the 9am Mass on **Sunday 6th April**.

Our regular parish morning tea is free. At the Caritas morning tea, we are asking people to donate to Project Compassion to support the work of Caritas, as together, we unite against poverty this Lent.

There would also be a great opportunity for any parish group, or family and friends, to get together and have a morning tea or meal, with donations going to Project Compassion.



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WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

William Friend, Max Martin, Joseph Robeck, Annie Gough, Brian Upton, Myrtle Friske, Julie-Anne McNeill, Harold Woodbine, Maria Mertens, Margaret May O'Brien, Martin Costello, Elizabeth Hauser, Albert Curry, Pauline Ferris, Kevin Liffin, Janice Liffin, Jean Gould, Mick Bugler, Monique Topp, Mavis Goos, Laurie Kelly



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS LENT?

PERSONAL LENTEN REFLECTION GUIDE "Metanoia" \$9ea

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

Wednesday morning Gatton Community Centre @ 9:30am
commencing 12th March

Saturday afternoon @ 1pm commencing 8th March at 27
Sandpiper Drive, Regency Downs. (Location may vary)
Please check with Tootsie 0414 382 072.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ... Every Friday during Lent.

4pm St Patrick's Church Laidley

5pm St Mary's Church Gatton

Come and journey with Jesus as our facilitators use a range of
reflections to guide you in this special season of grace.

CANDLE OF HOPE

Hope and faith are closely tied together, and they inspire each other. Hope is based on the assurance that God is present, hears, and has mercy on the believer. Each of us has hopes for our lives, and for the lives of those we love. These are often our special intentions we bring to God.

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we will soon have a **Candle of Hope** at all churches, and we are inviting any parishioner to nominate to light the candle each week. May this small ritual bring peace and hope.

Please contact the parish office or advise the welcomer if you would like to participate.