



Mass Times

Holy Thursday 28 March
7 pm Gatton

Good Friday 29 March
3 pm Laidley

Saturday 30 March
Easter Vigil
6 pm Gatton

Sunday 31 March
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Laidley

Tuesday 2 April
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
Lit of Word

Wednesday 3 April
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton
Lit of Word

Saturday 6 April
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 7 April
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gatton



*He is risen!
Alleluia!*

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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EASTER SUNDAY (Year B)

31 March '24

New Heaven and a New Earth

Whenever we recite the Nicene Creed we express our belief in the resurrection of Jesus. We say, "He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

In other words, Jesus is raised to a bodily existence. A different body – a body that can pass through doors, a body that isn't always recognised, a body that bears the marks of the nail and spear wounds, a body that can be touched and felt, a body that eats fish and cooks breakfast by the shore of the lake.

The risen Lord was not a disembodied spirit, but a real body, with whom the disciples could eat and drink.

In the Apostles Creed we recite specifically our faith in the '**resurrection of the body**'. When we recite those words, we are expressing our belief that we, like Jesus, will bodily rise from the dead".

So, what kind of body will we have at the resurrection of the dead? St. Paul uses the image of sowing a seed. The body that dies is like a grain of wheat that is sown. Paul says, what is sown is perishable, **what is raised is imperishable**. What is sown is a physical body, and what is raised is a spiritual body. It is about this St. Paul and the book of Revelation speaks - new heaven and a new earth. (Rev.21:1-5).

People need a story to live by, but the stories we have been telling ourselves in the last several decades have been growing increasingly thin and superficial.

On this feast of Easter, we celebrate the story of Jesus' victory over sin and death. His story makes sense of all other stories – past, present, and future and his story alone **offers life in abundance**.

We die with Christ so that we can rise with him, to live forever in the new creation - the new heaven and the new earth.

Easter Blessings to All!

Fr Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm: Easter Sunday

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5 April **Laidley Catholic Ladies Club AGM**
10:00am Laidley hall
All welcome

Friday 26 April **An Encounter with God**
St Mary's Church Gatton
Led by Adult Faith Formation team
An evening of praise and worship. More details to come.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY FORMATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the formation afternoon and signed on to be part of this ministry team. 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 would like to become involved or need help with your paperwork.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to **Gerard Van Ansem** and all those who will also enjoy their birthday in the week ahead. Our parish is blessed with amazing volunteers, and we pray that God will continue to strengthen, guide and protect them as they continue being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

At the Easter Vigil, **Amanda** and **Jeeahn** are confirmed and receive First Communion, **Jaxon** and **Jye** are Baptised, and **Todd** and **Kylie** receive all three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers. Please also pray for those people who are discerning the call of God to become Catholic and fully participate in the Sacraments of the Church.



THANK YOU

Together we have journeyed through the season of Lent, and this weekend, the Triduum brings our hope and joy alive in the risen Lord. **A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has served our parish community during Lent and especially Holy Week.**

To the people who have led **Stations of the Cross** each week at Laidley and Gatton – THANK YOU! To the people who have **cleaned the churches and set up** for all the Masses – THANK YOU! To the people who have **prepared the grounds** of the Churches – THANK YOU! To the many willing volunteers who said YES to being **readers, welcomers, extraordinary ministers and altar servers** – THANK YOU!

To **Father Emmanuel** for leading us through Holy Week, helping us prepare our hearts for the generous blessings of God – THANK YOU!

To **everyone** who has attended and added to our Easter joy – **THANK YOU!** *Wishing you all a blessed and happy Easter!*



ARRIVAL OF THE MESSAGE STICK

The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane to herald the **150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen** on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane.

Our parish receives the Message Stick for the Easter Vigil; **the Message Stick holds an invitation** for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion of the 150th anniversary. You are encouraged to come and see, and have your photo taken with the Message Stick. It will be near the ambo at St Mary's Church.

As part of the 150th Celebrations, the Cathedral of St Stephen are having several events over the coming months. You are invited to attend.

Sunday 21 April, 10am

150th Celebrations of all who have been Baptised, Confirmed or received First Communion at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Sunday 5 May, 5pm

Organ Recital by world renowned organist Dong-ill Shin

Tickets available www.trybooking.com/CPULH

Friday 10 May, 7:30pm; Saturday 11 May, 1:30pm and 7:30pm

QLD Symphony Orchestra – Mozart's Mass in C Minor

Tickets available www.qso.com.au/events/2024

Friday 17 May, 6pm

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving

Inter-church choir, light refreshments to follow

WELCOME TO FR ASHLEY Warbrooke

Following the Easter Masses, Father Emmanuel will be on leave until early May. During this time, Fr Ashley Warbrooke will be in our parish for all the weekend Masses. Fr Ashley is an energetic retired priest, and we look forward to getting to know him over the next few weeks.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Over the next two weeks, there will be times when the Parish office is closed.

For non-urgent matters, please phone and leave a message on the answering service, or email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au. Emails will be checked everyday.

For urgent matters only, please contact Chris 0407 132700.

HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION

Thank you for your support of this Appeal to assist those Catholic agencies in the Holy Lands who are walking with the persecuted people and providing hope and comfort to them. Your support helps rehabilitate homes, provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth, preserves shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets, helps keep schools open for over 10,000 students, and also supports 29 parishes and men preparing for the priesthood. That's amazing! Envelopes can still be returned over the next week.

OUR PARISH

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Joan Linnan, Brian Wells, Col & Marie 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, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

RECENTLY DECEASED: Laurence (Laurie) Topp, Pat Hockings

ANNIVERSARIES:

John E O'Brien, George Welsh, Annie Bugler, Mervyn Laffey, Brian Schroder, Harold Beckman, Thelma McDermott, Elijah Stewart, Brian Ryan, Monica Sippel, Keith (Jim) Liffin, May Osborne, Isabella Schipp, Leanne Hoger, Mary Osborne, Patricia Bentley, Doreen Luck

MISSION: Transform Lives – theirs ... and yours!

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you?

Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Come to Palms' **Discovery information session** at Garden City Library 27 April. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about Assignments Aboard.

Venue: Garden City Library Meeting Room

Address: Level R4 Garden City Shopping Centre
Cnr Logan & Kessels Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

Date: Saturday 27th April 2024

Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm

For more information: palms@palms.org.au **Ph:** 02 9560 5333



PROJECT COMPASSION

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion** through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our parish, or by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.