



## Mass Times

- Saturday 5 April**  
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 6 April**  
6:45 am Glenore Gve  
**Caritas Morning Tea**  
9 am Gattton  
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- Tuesday 8 April**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill
- Wednesday 9 April**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gattton
- Friday 11 April**  
No Mass Laidley
- Stations of the Cross**  
4 pm Laidley  
5 pm Gattton  
7 pm **Second Rite**  
Gattton
- Saturday 12 April**  
5:30 pm Stations Cross  
6 pm Gattton
- Sunday 13 April**  
7:00 am Forest Hill  
8:30 am Stations Cross  
9 am Laidley  
**Long Walk for Water**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from 5:30pm each Saturday afternoon or by appointment

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

6 April 2025

### “Forgiveness and Deliverance”

Lenten Gospel readings of the previous Sundays have focused on repentance. We are called to repentance and God like a loving father, waits with patience for us to bear fruit.

Through today's gospel Jesus invites us to **practice acts of 'grace and mercy'**.

The scribes and Pharisees bring the woman before Jesus and lay their accusation. In this act they exercised power, dominance and they were uncharitably judgemental. There is not the slightest regard for the woman's feelings, not a shred of concern for her as a person. The repentance that Jesus seeks is not gained by riding dominance over the powerless and afraid. Jesus treated their question with the contempt it deserved. He is unwilling to allow them to exercise any control in the situation. He responded to their plot with an act of refusal and disengagement. In his silence he was telling them, **“I have come not to expose the sores of people, but to heal them.”**

His form of address, 'woman' is entirely respectful. It is the same word that Jesus uses to address his mother at the wedding feast of Cana, and from the cross as he entrusts his mother to the beloved disciple.

When Jesus tells the woman to go and sin no more, he implies that she is indeed guilty of her acts. But Jesus has a better way of dealing with sin than condemnation and punishment. He doesn't condone her sin, but rather than seeing sin as something to condemn and punish, he sees it as a plight from which people need to be set free. So, this is a story of **grace and mercy**.

This is a lesson that we are slow to learn. The religious instinct is more prone to condemn and punish rather than to rescue and set on the path of life.

**“God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:17)**

### Responsorial Psalm: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Thursday<br><b>10 April</b> | 7:00pm          | <b>CHRISM MASS</b><br>Would you like to attend this very special Mass to be held at the Cathedral in Brisbane? Please advise the office  |
| Friday<br><b>11 April</b>   | 7:00pm          | <b>CELEBRATION OF GOD'S MERCY</b><br>St Mary's Church Gatton<br>Second Rite of Reconciliation – liturgy and opportunity for individual Confession. Additional priests available.   |
| Sunday<br><b>13 April</b>   | 10:30am         | <b>THE LONG WALK FOR WATER - LAIDLEY</b><br>Join our parish community as we take a short 2.5 kilometre walk and raise funds for Project Compassion.  |
| Saturday<br><b>26 April</b> | 7:30am          | <b>ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST</b><br>Community Centre Gatton, hosted by our parish.<br>Please come along and support this event that raises money for chaplains in the State schools.   |
|                             | 4:30pm          | <b>BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN</b><br><b>Information Session</b><br><b>St Mary's Gatton Community Centre.</b> This session will cover the journey for children who are seven and older who have not been baptised. It will also cover the journey for children who are in high school who have or have not been baptised. Expressions of interest are invited for attendance at this session. Please email <a href="mailto:gatton@bne.catholic.net.au">gatton@bne.catholic.net.au</a> by <b>11<sup>th</sup> April 2024.</b> |
| Saturday<br><b>17 May</b>   | 9:30am          | <b>AGEING WISELY</b><br>The greying years are often a difficult time for parishioners as we try to navigate changing living arrangements, health and financial circumstances. This seminar is open to people of all ages – come and hear from professionals, including an aged care provider, funeral director and a solicitor who will speak about your Will, Enduring Power of Attorney and leaving a bequest. <b>RSVP required please</b><br>Morning tea provided.  |
| Tuesday<br><b>27 May</b>    | Date<br>claimer | <b>BIGGEST MORNING TEA</b><br>Hosted by the Laidley Catholic Ladies Club – add this date to your diary now. Always an amazing morning with great food, wonderful friendships and lots of prizes!   |

### NOTE:

In the coming week, the Parish office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

## COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE LONG WALK FOR WATER - GATTON

It was a wonderful experience to be part of the Long Walk for Water last Sunday in Gatton. Over 70 walkers set off on the route, and arrived back a little hot and thirsty! A cold drink and certificate awaited!

Many people who were unable to walk were generous with their donations and overall a total of **\$ 806.50** was raised for Project Compassion.

This weekend is the Glenore Grove morning tea after Mass on **6<sup>th</sup> April** (please bring a plate) Please note the Glenore Grove Mass will start at 6:45am to allow time for the morning tea. At Gatton, it will be after the 9am Mass.

### BUNNINGS BBQ SUCCESS

Congratulations to Clare and members of the Inclusion/Outreach and other ministry teams for working hard all day, cooking sausages and onions, greeting customers and raising funds for the Inclusion Team Winter Appeal for blankets and warm clothing.

Proceeds from the day - **\$ 891.85**. A fantastic effort!

### BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN – Information Session

Due to the number of enquiries being received from families, Father Emmanuel will be holding an **Information Session** on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 4:30pm at St Mary's Gatton Community Centre**. This session will cover the journey for children who are seven and older who have not been baptised. It will also cover the journey for children who are in high school who have or have not been baptised. These children will be prepared for all the sacraments of initiation. (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) Primary school age children will be prepared for Confirmation and Eucharist throughout the year as part of our parish sacramental journey. Expressions of interest are invited for attendance at this session.

Please email [gatton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gatton@bne.catholic.net.au) by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

This week we join together to wish **Gerard Van Ansem** a very happy birthday.

A quiet and wonderful man, we give thanks to God for his example of lived faith and gentle encouragement to those around him.

Happy Birthday Gerard!

### PILGRIMAGE

Last year we asked for expressions of interest in a pilgrimage to Holy places in Europe. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest for our parish to proceed, however .... Sunnybank parish has organised a Platinum Jubilee pilgrimage to the holy sites of Portugal, Spain, Lourdes (France) and Rome (Italy) from **22<sup>nd</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

They have invited for the expression of interest. Fr. Emmanuel has decided to join the pilgrimage. If you are interested in going, or for more information, please check the flyer on the notice boards or email the Parish Office.

## OUR PARISH

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## WE PRAY FOR ...

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Isaiah Joseph, Graham Henneberry, Helen Stevens, 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:

Barry O'Shea, Darren Nolan, Helen Pescador



### ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Osborne, Patricia Bentley, Doreen Luck, William Dwyer, Francis Buhse, Doreen Aiton, Pat Lyne, Reta Trebbin, Therese Mahon, Reuben Smith, Ted Wegner, Marvie Curran, Catherine Davey, Terry Nolan, Elizabeth Stantz, Frances Fitzgerald, John Rössler, Timothy Brosnan, Thea Connolly

## FROM THE CATECHISM

### #1440

During this season of Lent, we are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Individual confession (First Rite) is always available, and we also have a **Celebration of God's Mercy (Second Rite)** on **Friday 11 April** commencing at **7pm at St Mary's Gatton**.

What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say?  
#1440 *"Sin is before all else, an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time, it damages communion with the Church. For this reason, conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation."*

## FROM PALM SUNDAY TO THE RESURRECTION

### Holy Week Mass times

**Palm Sunday** 6pm Vigil – Gatton  
7am Forest Hill  
9am Laidley



**Holy Thursday** 7pm Gatton

**Good Friday** 9am Stations ☩ – Gatton & Forest Hill  
10am Stations ☩ – Glenore Grove  
3pm Laidley – Passion of the Lord



**Holy Saturday** 6pm Easter Vigil – Gatton

**Easter Sunday** 7am Glenore Grove  
9am Laidley

