



Mass Times

- Saturday 6 April**
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 7 April**
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton
- Tuesday 9 April**
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
Lit of Word
- Wednesday 10 April**
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton
Lit of Word
- Friday 12 April**
Funeral Noel Covington
10:30am Gattton
- Saturday 13 April**
6 pm Gattton
- Sunday 14 April**
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley
- Monday 22 April**
Funeral Eileen Trebbin
10:30am Laidley



*He is risen!
Alleluia!*

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Gattton Laidley

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SECOND SUNDAY EASTER (Year B)

7 April '24

*“Christian prayer begins not with speaking but with listening;
and learning to pray is therefore learning to listen
– to listen even to the silences of God.”*

Archbishop Mark writes “Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to celebrate a Year of Prayer to prepare for next year's Jubilee. We are being called by the Successor of Peter to go deeper into the experience of **listening to God, speaking to God, being with God in silence.**

Prayer is like breathing; it's as necessary for our spiritual life, as breathing is for our physical life. Christian prayer begins with listening to the **God, who never ceases to communicate with us.** If all we do is speak, we will “babble like the pagans”, as Jesus says in Matthew 6:7. But true prayer is like charging an iPhone; without it, the device simply doesn't work. Nor do we.

Prayer is the womb of more powerful mission, so there is more to this Year of Prayer than growth in piety. This is true for all the baptised since the **whole church is missionary.**”

As a way into a deepening experience of prayer, Archbishop Mark offers a prayer that comes from his own listening to God. This prayer is available on a **prayer card** from this weekend – it includes a QR code that gives access to further resources to support you along the journey of prayer.

Let us pray ...

***You speak, Lord God, even in silence
and we listen with ears of the heart.***

***We listen and our eyes are opened to see all things as they are.
We see with the eyes of Jesus and our mouths are opened
to speak of our joy and our sorrow, to sing your praise and seek
your help. This is the grace of prayer you give, that opens heaven
to earth, heart speaking to heart.***

***Give us that grace in this Year of Prayer, teach us to pray anew,
lead us deep into the heart of Jesus
who is our prayer for ever and ever. Amen***

Responsorial Psalm: Second Sunday Easter

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love is everlasting.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 13 April **Multicultural Mass Planning Meeting**
3 - 5pm Community Centre Gatton
All welcome to come and share your ideas
- Friday 26 April **An Encounter with God**
6pm St Mary's Church Gatton
Led by Adult Faith Formation team – an hour of praise and worship, adoration and reflection. Supper to follow.
Suitable for all ages. Come and see!
- 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. We will be asking people to process with the flag of their country, **to read a prayer or sing and dance** in their tradition. A day to **dress in national costume**, try **traditional foods** and celebrate all that our parish has become because of the cultures of the world coming together to praise God.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Curtis, Elle Aria, Mia and Luca as their son and brother Parka James Bell is baptised at St Mary's this weekend.

May the love of Christ always be central to their home and to their lives, so as to always bring peace and hope.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Our parish community came together in large numbers to celebrate the Triduum.

Holy Thursday was such a sacred evening; the Word of God proclaimed, the symbolic washing of the feet as Jesus did, and celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Completing our night in silence and adoration, we left quietly to come together for **Stations of the Cross** on Friday morning.

At Gatton, the Stations were led through the eyes and heart of Mother Mary, feeling her pain, but knowing it had to be for our salvation. The commemoration of the **Passion of our Lord** at Laidley was profoundly moving – the powerful proclamation of the Gospel, the quiet reflective veneration of the Cross, left an imprint on your heart. At the **Easter Vigil**, **Amanda** and **Jeeahn** we received into full Communion with the Catholic Church, and **Jaxon** and **Jye** were Baptised, and **Todd** and **Kylie** receive all three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in faith within our community.

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord was celebrated by many people at both Glenore Grove and Laidley. What a joy to see the hope and peace on the faces of people as they proclaimed "He is Risen"!

Thank you to all volunteers who assisted Father Emmanuel and served our community in making all these celebrations so joy-filled and life-giving. Alleluia!

ARRIVAL OF THE MESSAGE STICK

Our parish received the Message Stick on Holy Saturday and it was on display during the Easter Vigil. The Message Stick 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. Parishioners were encouraged to take their photo with the Message Stick.



Pictured:
Bev Milasas and her son James with the Message Stick. Bev is the EAL/D and First Nations Support Teacher at OLG School.



As part of the 150th Celebrations, the Cathedral of St Stephen are having several events over the coming months including concerts, organ recitals and special Masses. These details are available in a booklet at all churches.

WELCOME TO FR ASHLEY WARBROOKE

This weekend we welcome Fr Ashley Warbrooke to our parish for all the weekend Masses while Fr Emmanuel is on leave. Fr Ashley is an energetic retired priest, and we look forward to getting to know him over the next few weeks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAROL

Our congratulations and best wishes to **Carol Scott** who celebrates her birthday during the week ahead. Carol has always been involved in the life of our parish, serving in many different roles. Let us pray for Carol on her birthday, that God will bless her with improved health that she may again celebrate Mass with us.

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. Envelopes can still be returned during the coming week.

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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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: Noel Covington, Eileen Trebbin,
Pat Hockings, Marie Coleman

ANNIVERSARIES:

William Dwyer, Francis Buhse, Doreen Aiton, Pat Lyne, Reta Trebbin, Therese Mahon, Reuben Smith, Ted Wegner, Marvie Curran, Catherine Davey, Terry Nolan, Elizabeth Staatz, Frances Fitzgerald, John Roessler, Tim Brosnan, Thea Connolly, Patrick Murrin, Edna Ball

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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



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