



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

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MASS TIMES

- Saturday 14 March**
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 15 March**
7 am Glenore Gve
8:30 am Stations of the Cross
9 am Gatton
**Children's Liturgy
Morning Tea**
- Tuesday 17 March**
9:00 am Laidley
St Patrick's Day
School Mass
- Wedn'day 18 March**
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton
- Friday 20 March**
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley
10 am Tabeel Liturgy
4 pm Stations of the Cross –
Laidley
5 pm Stations of the Cross –
Gatton
- Saturday 21 March**
6 pm Gatton
- Sunday 22 March**
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

Sacrament of Reconciliation

before Vigil Mass every
Saturday from 5:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

15 March 2026

From Blindness to True Sight

Today's Gospel comes from what New Testament scholars call the **Book of Signs** in the Gospel of John (chapters 2–12). In these chapters, Jesus performs seven significant signs that reveal his true identity and show the presence and action of God the Father in him. In John's understanding, Jesus is not simply a messenger of God but the one in whom the Father is personally present and active.

The first sign takes place at the wedding at Cana, where Jesus turns water into wine when the celebration is about to run out of it. This sign reveals Jesus as the one who brings new and abundant life. The second sign is the healing of a royal official's son. This shows that life flows from trusting the word of Jesus rather than from physical closeness or visible proof.

The third sign occurs at the pool of Bethesda, where Jesus heals a man who had been paralysed for thirty-eight years. By healing him with a word, even on the Sabbath, Jesus reveals his divine authority to give life. The fourth sign is the feeding of the five thousand, where a small amount of bread and fish becomes enough for a vast crowd. This points to Jesus as the true bread who gives life to the world. The fifth sign is Jesus walking on the stormy sea, revealing his divine presence that brings peace and assurance amid fear and chaos.

The sixth sign, which we hear in today's Gospel, is the healing of a man born blind. Finally, the seventh and climactic sign is the raising of Lazarus, where Jesus reveals himself as the resurrection and the life.

In today's Gospel, sight is not only about physical vision. The man born blind gradually comes to true faith, while those who believe they already see remain spiritually blind. The story reminds us that true sight comes not from certainty or status but from openness to God's transforming grace.

Blessings, Fr. Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm: Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Friday 20 and 27 March | 4:00pm 5:00pm | LENT – STATIONS OF THE CROSS St Patrick's Church Laidley St Mary's Church Gatton |
| Wednesday 18 and 25 March | 9:30am | LENTEN GROUPS Gatton Community Centre |
| Friday 20 and 27 March | 5:30pm | Gatton Community Centre |
| Tuesday 17 March | 9:00am | SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MASS St Patrick's Church, Laidley Please join the children of St Mary's School All Welcome. |
| Monday 23 March | 6:30pm | SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION St Mary's Church, Gatton |
| Tuesday 24 March | 8:00am | SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION St Patrick's Church, Laidley |
| Thursday 26 March | 7:00pm | CHRISM MASS St Stephen's Cathedral 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane |
| Saturday 28 March | 7:30am | GATTON COMBINED CHURCHES St Mary's Community Centre, Gatton Ladies Prayer Breakfast (Women and Children) |
| Thursday 2 April | 7:00pm | THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER St Mary's Church, Gatton |
| Friday 3 April | 9:00am 10:00am 3:00pm | FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Stations of the Cross, Gatton and Forest Hill Stations of the Cross, Glenore Grove St Patrick's Church, Laidley |
| Saturday 4 April | 6:00pm | PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT St Mary's Church, Gatton |
| Sunday 5 April | 7:00am 9:00am | SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION St Therese's Church, Glenore Grove St Patrick's Church, Laidley |



COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

This week we celebrate three amazing ladies in our parish. Celebrating her **90th birthday** is a great milestone for **Marie Linnan**. We are grateful to God for her constant prayerful support for her family and our parish, and we love her enthusiasm for life. Also celebrating birthdays are **Bernadette Fitzgerald** and **Pat Schultz**. These two ladies give great encouragement to everyone, and they seem to get younger looking every year! May God richly bless Marie, Bernadette and Pat and give them great joy and courage in each new day.



A LENTEN PAUSE

The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday, which takes its name from Isaiah 66:10, the opening antiphon for the day:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her."

Laetare means **"rejoice,"** and not a quiet, understated rejoice. Laetare is an imperative, an enthusiastic exhortation, almost a command: *Rejoice!* Right in the middle of Lent, we as a people are urged to rejoice! This powerful scripture sets the tone for the entire day and serves as a beautiful reminder that even in times of repentance and self-denial, there is **hope**. Laetare Sunday stands as a beacon of light, guiding us through our spiritual journey with the promise of **joy** and **renewal**. It invites us to pause, reflect on how far we have come, and find the strength to renew our spiritual disciplines as we press on toward Easter.

HELP RESTORE ST THERESE'S CHURCH, GLENORE GROVE TO ITS FORMER GLORY!

St Therese's Church at Glenore Grove is in need of outside renovation. The goal for 2026 is to raise funds to paint the outside of the church. Every donation whether large or small, is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Father Emmanuel or Brian Lyne on 0429 620 426. Donations can be made by **cheque, cash and via EFT** to:-

Account Name: St Therese Paint Project

BSB: 064-786

Account No: 100028952

Donations cannot be accepted over the counter at the bank, as the Parish has an agency account.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR PARISH

The Archdiocese of Brisbane and Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and well-being of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. New guidelines have been released in 2026 that impact everyone. You can read the details at the bottom of the Home page on our parish website at olv.org.au

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WE PRAY FOR ...

FOR THE GOOD HEALTH, STRENGTH AND HEALING OF:

Mick and Pauline Brennan, Lynn Nowlan, Rita Ilka, Bill and Moya Beckman, Patricia Potbury, Brian Smith, Ellen Bachmann, Peter Blanch, Maddison Cutler, Rodney Cutler, Herpich family, Isaiah Joseph, Graham Henneberry, Peter Das, Nikki McLay, Toshikatsu Konishi, Shirley Myles, Sienna Beutel, McGregor-Shaw family, Michael Trail, Therese Thompson, Theresa Jones, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Purcell, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED THAT THEY MAY REST IN PEACE:

Helen Upton, John Simpson

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:

Silvio Cerneaz, Simona Facundo, Emil Buhse, Collingwood Hickey, Percy Krenske, Sadie Zischke, Kathleen Murrhly, Bernardo Francisco, John Caldwell, Lillian Hammond, Teresa Clarke, Evelyn Redinger, Alfred Mischke, Ryan Stephen, Patrick Quinn, Fay Hauser, Tim Rogers, Joseph Kazungu, Barbara Bielby, Thomas Jordan, William Hansen, May Wessling, Terry Hughes, Ellen Murrhly, Anna Cencigh, Cornelius O'Brien, Charles Brabrook, Peter Watson, Terrence Fitzgerald, Robert Hughes, Alexander Cliff, Jan Poczwa, Nell Ebbage, Terrence Hyland and Noreen Gossow.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH 2026

FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness. We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction. You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you," grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history. Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fuelled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples. Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations, so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the centre. May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity. Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace: in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our cities. May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world. Amen