



## MASS TIMES Holy Week

### PALM SUNDAY

**Saturday 28 March**

6 pm Laidley

**Sunday 29 March**

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gattton

**Morning Tea**

**Monday 30 March**

7 pm Gattton

**Holy Hour**

**Tuesday 31 March**

4:30 pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

6 pm Laidley –

**Holy Hour**

**Wednesday 1 April**

6:30 pm Gattton

7 pm **Holy Hour**

**Holy Thursday 2 April**

7 pm Gattton

**Mass of the Lord's  
Supper**

**Good Friday 3 April**

**Stations of the Cross**

9 am Forest Hill

and Gattton

10 am Glenore Gve

**Passion of the Lord**

3 pm Laidley

**Saturday 4 April**

**Easter Vigil**

6 pm Gattton

**Easter Sunday 5 April**

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Laidley

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

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**PALM SUNDAY – (Year A)**

**29 March 2026**

## *The Great Mystery of the Triduum*

Today we begin **Holy Week**, the most sacred time in the life of the Church. It is not simply a remembrance of past events, but an invitation to enter deeply into the mystery of **Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection**. This holy journey moves from the joyful cries of "Hosanna" to the silence of the tomb, and finally to the radiant hope of Easter. At its heart lies the Easter Triduum - the summit of the Church's liturgical year - where the deepest truths of our faith are revealed.

The **Easter Triduum** is not three separate celebrations, but **one single, continuous liturgy unfolding over three days**. It begins on Holy Thursday evening, reaches its solemn depth on Good Friday, continues in the stillness of Holy Saturday, and culminates in the joy of the Easter Vigil. **Holy Thursday** reveals a God who loves through humble service and self-giving, seen in the Eucharist and the washing of feet. **Good Friday** leads us to the Cross, where that love is poured out completely, showing us the cost of our redemption and the depth of God's mercy. **Holy Saturday** invites us into silence and waiting, reminding us that even in apparent absence, God is at work. Then, in the **Easter Vigil**, the darkness is overcome by light as we proclaim with faith: **Christ is risen**.

These are not isolated events, but one seamless act of salvation. We cannot truly understand the joy of Easter without journeying through the Cross. The Triduum, therefore, calls us to walk with Christ - from the table, to the Cross, to the empty tomb. As parishioners, we are invited not to be spectators but participants. The Church encourages us to **take part in the entire Triduum**. Experiencing all three days allows us to encounter the **fullness of God's love**. Let us come with faith and open hearts, bringing our lives to these sacred celebrations, and discover anew the grace that leads us from **darkness into light**.

*Blessings, Fr. Emmanuel*

## **Responsorial Psalm: Palm Sunday**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday  
**28 March** 7:30am **ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**St Mary's Community Centre, Gatton**  
Hosted by our parish. Ladies and children are invited, so please come along and support this event that raises money for chaplains in the State Schools.
- Monday  
**30 March** 7:00pm **HOLY HOUR**  
**St Mary's Church, Gatton**  
**Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer (Vespers), Rosary and Quiet time with God**
- Tuesday  
**31 March** 6:00pm **HOLY HOUR**  
**St Patrick's Church, Laidley**  
**Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer (Vespers), Rosary and Quiet time with God**
- Wednesday  
**1 April** 6:30pm **MASS – Followed by HOLY HOUR**  
**St Mary's Church, Gatton**  
**Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer (Vespers), Rosary and Quiet time with God**
- Thursday  
**2 April** 7:00pm **THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**St Mary's Church, Gatton**
- Friday  
**3 April** 9:00am **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
10:00am **Stations of the Cross, Gatton and Forest Hill**  
3:00pm **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 **SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
9:00am **St Therese's Church, Glenore Grove**  
**St Patrick's Church, Laidley**
- Thursday  
**9 April** 9:00am **LAIDLEY CATHOLIC LADIES CLUB**  
**Laidley Hall**  
The Laidley Catholic Ladies Club will be holding their AGM on this day. Everyone is welcome.
- Saturday  
**30 May** 10:00am **BAPTISM PREPARATION**  
**St Mary's Church, Gatton**  
Please register your interest and complete and return all paperwork prior to this session.

## COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

A very happy birthday to **Lorna Lyons**. May your year ahead be filled with God's grace, peace, and joy. May every step you take be guided by His light, and may your heart overflow with gratitude for the blessings yet to come.  
Happy Birthday Lorna!

### HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY PRAYER CALENDARS

The 2026 Prayer Calendars are now available in all churches. Each day of the month is devoted to praying for our 19 seminarians, each at a different stage of the journey toward priestly ministry, deacons, staff, and priests. **Your prayers lift them up, drawing them closer to the heart of Jesus.**

Fr Neil Muir, Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary says, *"What sustains these men, perhaps more than anything else, is the knowledge that God's people are praying for them by name"*.

### RENEWAL OF BLUE CARDS

Current holders of Blue Cards in the parish may be receiving renewal notices by email from the Government asking to renew your Blue Card "on line". If you need assistance with this, please call the Parish Office.

Please make sure that your photograph on your Drivers' Licence is no older than 18 months old, **before** you begin your Blue Card renewal. You can attend at the Gatton Customer Centre, 7 William Street, Gatton to have a new photograph taken at **no charge**. You will not be given a new licence however.

### WHS ELECTRICAL STANDARD

During the 2025 Workplace Health and Safety Audits, a number of Parish facilities were found to be using double adaptors and piggyback plugs. Under the Archdiocese of Brisbane Electrical Standard, **double adaptors and piggyback plugs are not permitted on any Archdiocesan site**. While these items can seem convenient, they can create electrical safety risks and should not be used in our Parish buildings or facilities. Power-boards with Surge Protectors are acceptable.

### SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

To prepare for these Sacraments, children must already be baptised, and should be committed to regular attendance at Mass. In the first instance, please email an expression of interest to [gatton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gatton@bne.catholic.net.au). Thereafter, a link will be sent to you, so you can register electronically.

An **information session** will be held on **Wednesday, 6 May 2026 at 5pm** in St Mary's Church, Gatton. The dates for the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation will be:-

**Eucharist – The weekend of 6 & 7 June**

**Confirmation – Friday, 24 July**

### THANK YOU

Lynn and Mike Nowlan would like to thank everyone for their prayers during Lynn's recent illness. Anyone who would like to be included in the prayer list for Good Health, Strength and Healing, please let Anne know in the Parish Office.

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

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## WE PRAY FOR ...

### FOR THE GOOD HEALTH, STRENGTH AND HEALING OF:

Mick and Pauline Brennan, 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, Paddy Boyd, Toshikatsu Konishi, Shirley Myles, Sienna Beutel, James Earley, 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:** Pamela Ryan (Sim), Rita Diете, Helen Upton, John Simpson

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT

**THIS TIME:** Graham Bennett, Kathleen Brabrook, Noel James, Nora Bauer, Phillip Ward, Mary Olm, Bernie Luck, Kenneth Boyd, Ernest Seng, John O'Brien, George Welsh, Noel Covington, Annie Bugler, Mervyn Laffey, Brian Schroder, Eileen Trebbin, Barry O'Shea, Harold Beckman, Thelma McDermott, Elijah Stewart.

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH FLOCKNOTE?

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to register your details with the Parish. This will help us keep up-to-date with your contact information.

Parishioners and visitors are asked to register using the link below or by scanning your phone. In time, we hope to use this platform to send out Newsletters and other parish information.

<https://olvcatholic.flocknote.com/register>



## DAY BY DAY WITH THE CATECHISM

The Laity's activity in ecclesial communities is so necessary that, for the most part, the apostolate of the pastors cannot be fully effective without it. CCC900

**Reflection:** Everyone talks about the priest shortage, but what about the laity shortage? The failure to participate in Sunday Mass and Parish life by "non-practicing" Catholics constitutes another sort of crisis, one that seriously hampers the work of the priests we do have.

**Prayer:** Lord, may all the baptised hear and know your voice and seek you in the community of the faithful. Amen