



MASS TIMES

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 4 April
6 pm Gatton

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 5 April
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Laidley
Morning Tea

Tuesday 7 April
No Mass or Liturgy

Wednesday 8 April
No Mass or Liturgy

Friday 10 April
10 am Tabeel Liturgy
11 am Funeral Liturgy
Gatton - Zofia Korta

Saturday 11 April
6 pm Gatton

Sunday 12 April
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley



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Gatton Laidley

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EASTER SUNDAY – (Year A)

5 April 2026

Holistic Transformation

The heart of the Christian proclamation of Easter is not simply that a tomb was found empty, but that **lives were transformed through the Risen Christ**. The disciples did not go out into the world preaching an idea, a philosophy, or even a memory. They proclaimed a person—Jesus Christ—whom they believed they had truly encountered alive after his death. To understand this, we must be clear about what resurrection is not. It is not resuscitation, a return to ordinary earthly life like that experienced by Lazarus or the daughter of Jairus. The Christian claim is far more radical: **resurrection is the transformation of the whole person into a new mode of existence beyond the reach of death.**

The Gospel accounts hold together a **profound mystery**. The risen Jesus is bodily present—he can be touched, he eats, he speaks—and yet he is no longer bound by the limitations of time and space. He is the same Jesus who was crucified, bearing the marks of his love, yet he is also **transformed, alive in a new and glorious way**. His wounds are no longer signs of defeat, but of love that has passed through suffering and emerged victorious.

What gave the disciples the courage to proclaim this message, even at the cost of their lives? The New Testament is consistent: they believed they had **encountered the risen Lord**. Their fear turned into **courage**, their despair into **hope**, because they experienced Jesus as **truly alive**. This was not a private illusion or wishful thinking, but a conviction grounded in shared witness and testimony. For us today, the question becomes deeply personal. Resurrection is not only a doctrine to be explained but a reality to be encountered. The risen Christ continues to meet us—in the Word, in the Eucharist, and in the quiet movements of grace within our lives. And when we truly encounter him, like the first disciples, we are changed.

Easter Blessings, Fr. Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm: Easter Sunday

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Friday
3 April | 9:00am
10:00am
3:00pm | FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Stations of the Cross, Forest Hill and Gatton
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 |
| 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
25 April | 7:30am | ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
New Hope Lockyer
Hosted by our parish. All welcome, so please come along and support this event that raises money for chaplains in the State Schools. |
| Wednesday
6 May | 5:00pm | SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY
Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation
Information Session
St Mary's Church, Gatton |
| Wednesday
27 May | Date
Claimer | BIGGEST MORNING TEA
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! |
| Saturday
30 May | 10:00am | BAPTISM PREPARATION
St Mary's Church, Gatton
Please register your interest with the Parish office and complete and return all paperwork prior to this session. |
| Weekend
6 and 7 June | TBA | SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY
Sacrament of Eucharist |
| Friday
24 July | | Sacrament of Confirmation |

COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Celebrating a 90th birthday is a very special occasion, and it is with great joy we send our birthday wishes and blessings to **Mary O'Dwyer**. We also congratulate **Gerard van Ansem as he celebrates his birthday this week**. Mary and Gerard courageously carry the light of the Risen Christ in their daily lives, bringing peace and hope to those around them. We also send our birthday greetings to everyone else who has a birthday around this time. May God bless you always.

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.

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. 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

AVAILABILITY OF HOLY WATER AFTER EASTER VIGIL MASS

Holy water that is blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, will be available for those who would like to take some home. Please bring one small container with you to facilitate this. Holy water will be available soon after the completion of Mass.

PERMISSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Over the Easter Triduum, you may see photographs being taken during the various Liturgies and events. We are wanting to capture Parish life to include in our new Pastoral Plan. If you do not wish your photograph to be included in any Parish publication, please let the Parish office know.

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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:

Zofia Korta, Pamela Ryan (Sim), Rita Diete

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:

Brian Ryan, Monica Sippel, Keith Litfin, Isabella Schipp, Leanne Hoger, Maureen Bishop, Mary Osborne, Patricia Bentley, Doreen Luck, William Dwyer, Francis Buhse, Doreen Aiton, Lionel Lyne, Reta Trebbin, Therese Mahon, Isaac Smith, Ted Wegner, Marvie Curran, Catherine Davey, Terry Nolan and Elizabeth Staatz.

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

In His risen body Jesus passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space...He shares the divine life in His glorious state, so that St Paul can say that Christ is "the man of heaven". CCC646

Reflection: There is no question that the disciples were deeply moved by their encounter with the resurrected Christ – and it is no wonder. **Imagine being in that presence!**

Prayer: Risen Christ, may we recognise you in the reading of the Word and the breaking of the Bread. Amen