



Mass Times

- Saturday 27 April**
6 pm Gatton
- Sunday 28 April**
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley
- Tuesday 30 April**
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
Lit of Word
- Wednesday 1 May**
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton
Lit of Word
- Saturday 4 May**
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 5 May**
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gatton

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from
5:30pm
each Saturday
afternoon.

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Gatton Laidley

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

28 April '24

An update from the Holy Spirit Seminary

Recently we received the **2024 Holy Spirit Seminary Daily Prayer calendars**, and these have been made available at all the churches. These calendars are a good reminder for inclusion in your daily prayers, to be specific in praying for each seminarian by name, that the Holy Spirit will guide these young men at the seminary, and strengthen all the priests and bishops who already serve our communities.

Some people will remember **Dylan Asmus** who was here in his first year at the seminary – we pray intentionally for him on the 11th of each month. **Bradley Davies** was in our parish several years ago when he was discerning priesthood – he has recently been ordained to the Diaconate and will be ordained to the priesthood in a couple months. We pray for him on the 19th of each month.

Many people in our parish generously donate to the **Catholic Foundation**, and some of these donations go to supporting our future priests at the Seminary.

Rector of the Seminary, Fr Neil Muir said, *"I know your prayers will make a difference in the lives of all the seminarians as they walk the path to priesthood. We are so grateful for your support, and we pray that God will bless you abundantly for your generosity."* In June last year, three seminarians were ordained, Isaac Falzon, Minje Kim and Gerard Lai. The Holy Spirit Seminary is also happy to report that four new seminarians have commenced this year. Our prayers and support will bear fruit when we are persistent and intentional.

Pope Francis says **"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."** If you don't already have one of the Daily Prayer calendars, please look for one this weekend at Mass.

Responsorial Psalm: Fifth Sunday of Easter

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 3 May **Laidley Catholic Ladies Club Meeting**
2pm Laidley Hall – ***please note change of time***
If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic ladies, is any other day more suitable than the first Friday of the month? See a member at the church.
- 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. Please consider how you can participate.
- Thursday 23 May **“The Biggest Morning Tea”**
9:30am Laidley Hall
Devonshire Tea, fun and prizes. \$ 5 admission
- Saturday 25 May **Ministers of the Word Training Session**
2pm Community Centre, Gatton.
An essential session for all people who proclaim the Word of God at Mass, or lead the Prayers of Intercession. Michael Mangan will again be leading this session, that will be both formative and practical. New readers, or people considering joining our roster, are also welcome to attend this session.
- Sunday 2 June **Corpus Christi procession** – St Stephen's Cathedral
Commencing at 2pm from the Cathedral and led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament winds through the CBD streets before concluding with Benediction upon return.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and well-being of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

It is for this reason that we ask **ALL** volunteers to complete the necessary paperwork that is appropriate for their volunteer work.

Thank you for being so gracious in completing your paperwork to help us meet the required compliance standards.

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.

PREPARATION FOR MULTICULTURAL MASS

Thank you to everyone who attending the planning meeting on Saturday afternoon. We only have a month to bring this wonderful celebration together. It is held on the **Feast of Pentecost on 19th May** – may our celebration bring glory to God as we celebrate the beautiful gifts of all His people gathered in Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

What can you do for this celebration?

- process with the flag of your country
- read a prayer of intercession during Mass
- sing and dance in your tradition after Mass
- dress in national costume
- bring traditional foods to share
- bring the children to participate in the Treasure Hunt and win prizes
- enjoy fun and games suitable for people of all ages!
- help with hospitality for morning tea and BBQ lunch

If you any questions or can offer to assist, please contact Chris – 5465 3131.

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

*God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life.
Hear the prayers of **Mary Hawkins, Beryl Luck and Brian O'Sullivan,**
your faithful servants, who this week celebrate their birthdays and rejoice
in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.*

*Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love
that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

MASS COUNT THROUGHOUT MONTH OF MAY

Every year in May, we have a Mass attendance count. These figures help to understand how many people are being reached in our local communities, and across the whole Archdiocese. Once the data is collected, we can look at the trends for each church and what factors may be influencing change.

VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMPLIANCE

Our parish is seeking a volunteer to methodically work through the items in our latest WHS audit. Many of the things are organisational and administrative – suitable for either male or female volunteer. If you have a couple hours a week over the next few months, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Chris by phone 5465 3131, ask questions after Mass or email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au

SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE:

Kids Helpline, for 5–25-year-olds: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au

headspace: support for young people, professionals, and families

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 or beyondblue.org.au

OUR PARISH

Parish Priest:

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SCHOOLS

OLGC Gatton
5460 2999

OLGC Kindy
5462 4810

OLGC OSHC
0487 001 722

St Mary's Laidley
5465 1240

Sophia College
5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Maureen Smith, 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, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa Woolgar, Noel Covington,
Eileen Trebbin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Elfriede Wenner, Lucy O'Brien, Mary Butler, Beryl Whittle, Christina O'Sullivan, Victor Holtz, Kathleen Luck, Greg O'Connor, Clyde Teis, Michael McLeod, William O'Keeffe, Archie McNeil, Aubrey Bennett, Harold Trebbin

PRAYER & PRACTICE FOR BUSY CATHOLICS

Pope Francis has announced that 2024 is to be a **“Year of Prayer”**, a time dedicated to creating a great 'symphony' of prayer. First and foremost, Pope Francis says, it is for us **“to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him”**.

How can we find more time to pray?

There is a great (free) App available from Loyola Press called **“Three Minute Retreat”**. This is perfect for anytime during the day or night where you just want to talk to God.

There are also some **“One Minute Retreats”** available – each one focuses on a character quality and gives three quick ways to direct your attention to that quality.

Have you got 60 seconds? Read on for a retreat on ...

TRANSFORMATION

Change can often be difficult. We get comfortable in the place and routine of who we think we are, and why we are here. However, life can never stay the same way for very long. What can stay the same is how we choose to live in change. We can resist and fear it. Or, we can be continually transformed by it, becoming a deeper, wiser, stronger version of ourselves. You get to decide.

Dear Lord,

please walk with me and guide me through the changes that mark my life. Help me to summon the courage and patience to be transformed into a guiding light for others.

How to put this into practice? Reflect on the life you were living last year. What did you fear? What brought you joy? Where do you want to be in another year? **You decide!**