



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Easter 7

12 May 2024

Welcome

Hello and welcome all to worship this morning. We extend a special welcome to all visitors to our Church today.

May your time of worship be a blessed one.

If you are a visitor, or newcomer, to our Church, please contact us via email gladuca@bigpond.com if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.



For the one who has lost a mother,

For the mother who has lost a child,

For the one who longs to be a mum.

You are not forgotten this Mother's Day.

May the love and comfort

of God enfold you

And give you strength

For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember
www.gladstoneuniting.org.au

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Easter 7

Next Week: Pentecost

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Psalms 1

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19



Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b

Acts 2: 1-21

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15



Our Vision is for the Gladstone Region to be a community where everyone experiences the transforming love of Jesus.

A mother's work is never done.

But neither is her love, both the love she bestows and the love she gains in return.

Loving is giving. A mother gives constantly: her energy, her time; a mother gives herself. She gives up hours of sleep and often is distracted from finding time for prayers and devotion. She is more than blessed with sharing: sharing times of laughter and fun, meals, creativity, confidence and insecurities, learning and rebellion: all the facets that make for a growing life.

A mother may be tempted to see herself rather than the image of God in her baby. But her children do not belong to her. They are not hers to mould and shape; they are already themselves. A mother is here to guide and teach them love, compassion, sharing, and responsibility.

A mother does her best to teach her children moral and social values. But all the time, they are themselves; they are already themselves.

A mother teaches her children to use their wings and must allow them to fly when the time is right. Given trust and independence, the children will come back to love and respect her. They will return to acknowledge the values she struggled to instil in them – and to thank her for them.

Of course, the culmination of all the loving, frustrations, teaching, and nurturing with no conditions attached comes—finally—with grandmotherhood!

I'd like to finish by sharing a passage from Julian of Norwich:

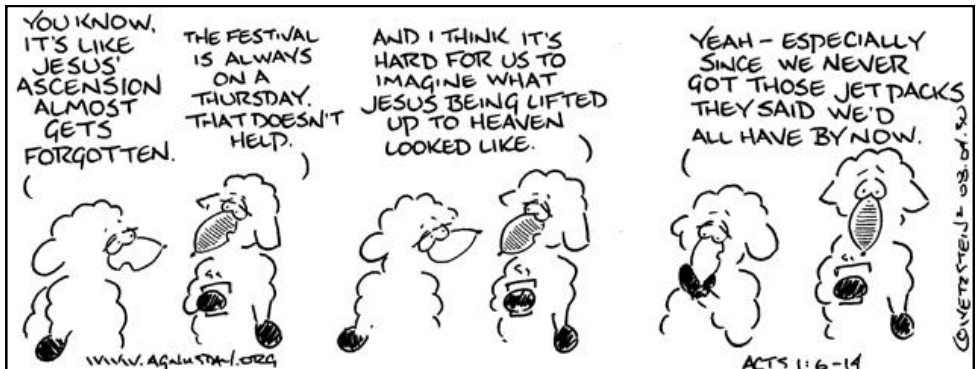
A mother's caring is the closest, nearest and surest - for it is the truest. This care never might nor could nor should be done fully except by him alone. As we know, our own mother bore us only into pain and dying. But our true mother, Jesus, who is all love, bears us into joy and endless living. Blessed may he be!

A mother feeds her child with her milk, but our beloved mother, Jesus, feeds us with himself. In tender courtesy, he gives us the blessed Sacrament, the most treasured food of life.

Amen

χάρις & εἰρήνη— Ἐλεηθεὶς ἐκ τῆς ἁγαπῆς τοῦ Θεοῦ - Grace and Peace,

Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>19 May 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Levon Kardashian
Notices & Prayers	Helen Evans
Vestry Elders	F. Clark, G. Caird
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Craig Binney
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	Helen Versic
Count Offering	H. Holmes, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	-NA-

<u>Monday 13 May 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
9am	Rosters DUE
<u>Tuesday 14 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 15 May 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 16 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 17 May 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 18 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 19 May 2024</u>	
9am	Worship Service
6pm	Combined Churches Pentecost Service

Combined Churches Ecumenical Pentecost Service

Sunday evening May 19

6pm

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Offering collected will be used help school children grow in faith.



Dates to Note

New Auckland Place 4 June 1pm

Church Council Meeting

Monday 27 May 7:30pm

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday May 13

Psalm 115
Exodus 28:29-38
Philippians 1:3-11

Tuesday May 14

Psalm 115
Numbers 8:5-22
Titus 1:1-9

Wednesday May 15

Psalm 115
Ezra 9:5-15
John 16:16-24

Thursday May 16

Psalm 33:12-22
Genesis 2:4b-7
1 Cor 15:42b-49

Friday May 17

Psalm 33:12-22
Job 37:1-13
1 Cor 15:50-57

Saturday May 18

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 15:6-11
John 7:37-39

Worship Training Session

For all those who already participate in, or who would like to participate in worship, Levon is hosting a worship training session on Saturday 25 May 9am at the Church. Please bring a plate of Morning Tea to share.

RSVP to the Office by Tuesday 21 May.



Alliance for Christian Religious Education (Christian RI) has been nominated for Gladstone's 91.9 Fresh FM's Shining Stars. We could win thousands of dollars in on-air sponsorship with 91.9 Fresh FM!! Plus when you vote you go into the draw to WIN A 1770 LARC! + Lunch tour for the whole family!!!

Voting starts Monday 13 May and ends Friday 24 May.

Please tune into 91.9 Fresh FM starting May 13th. When you hear the announcers talking about Alliance for Christian Religious Education, Fresh FM will give you 5 minutes to call the station back to let them know you heard them talking about the Alliance for Christian Religious Education on air. When you do this, Alliance for Christian Religious Education will WIN at least \$1,000 worth of on-air sponsorship with 91.9 Fresh FM! Tune in and Vote at this link <https://919freshfm.com.au/uncategorised/shining-stars-2024/>



Direct EFT Giving

This is an option for those who like the convenience of setting up a Direct Transfer from your own bank account to the church each week/month for your offering. Please use 'Tithing' as the reference for regular offerings and 'Spec Offering' for a once off.
BSB: 014010 A/C: 192134483
Account Name: UCA Gladstone Congregation

Interface

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ALLERGY ALERT

Please be aware when preparing any food for Morning Tea, or possibly bringing snacks for yourself or your children, that the Gladstone Uniting Church is a Nut & Egg Free Church. *Please note that Egg as an ingredient in cakes or biscuits is fine.* Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

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