



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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Mass Times

- Saturday 4 May**
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 5 May**
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gatton
- Tuesday 7 May**
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
- Wednesday 8 May**
8 am Adoration
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton
- Friday 10 May**
9 am Laidley led
by St Mary's
School
- Saturday 11 May**
6 pm Gatton
- Sunday 12 May**
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from
5:30pm each
Saturday afternoon.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

5 May 2024

Mary, Mother of God

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

"She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us." Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the Saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reflected in *Deus Caritas Est* (Dec. 2005), "Outstanding among the Saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord and **mirror of all holiness**. Mary's greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself. She is lowly: **her only desire is to be the handmaid of the Lord** (cf. Lk 1:38, 48)."

Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to him and teach us to know and love him, **"so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world."**

The month of May is also dedicated to recognizing mums, grandmothers, stepmums, mothers-to-be and all women who, in and through their lives, **encompass the qualities of motherhood**. It's also important to realize that Mother's Day can be difficult or painful for women who struggle with infertility, the loss of a child or children, or who are estranged from their own mothers. May the grace of God fill our hearts and bring comfort and hope to our souls.

Responsorial Psalm: Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 18 May **Baptism Preparation Session**
10:30am St Mary's Church Gatton
Please pre-register your attendance with parish office.
- 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. See page 3 for more information.
- Thursday 23 May **"The Biggest Morning Tea"**
9:30am Laidley Hall
Devonshire Tea, fun and prizes. \$ 5 admission
- Saturday 25 May **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training**
12 – 1pm St Mary's Church Gatton
An opportunity for new volunteers to receive training for this ministry, or for anyone who would like a refreshing update.
- 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 14 June **An Encounter with God** – St Patrick's Laidley – time tbc
Following our beautiful celebration of praise and worship, reflection and adoration, the next Encounter night is scheduled in mid-June. Last week we had delicious pizza and soup after the Encounter session. It will be perfect soup weather in mid-June. Come and see!

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend our parish welcomes **Carter John Whalley** into our parish community. Dane Whalley and Lily Althaus are his proud parents, and we pray that God will bless them as parents, and also his godparents and family as they support and guide Carter in his journey of faith.



SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE:

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au **Beyond Blue:** 1300 22 4636 or beyondblue.org.au

PREPARATION FOR MULTICULTURAL MASS

Thank you to the wonderful people in our parish who have already volunteered for our annual Multicultural Mass that will be held on **19th May** on the **Feast of Pentecost**.

We would love your support for this great celebration, by doing any of the following:

- 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.

Birthday Blessings

Congratulations to Mary Ann Heenan and Aileen Seng

"May God's protection and care always surround you.

May the light of the Lord shine upon you
on your special day and always.

Happy Birthday Mary and Aileen!"



Diamond Wedding Anniversary – 9th May 2024

Congratulations to Tony and Bernadette FitzGerald

May God continue to bless the love in your hearts
and your life together with an ever-deepening faith.

Your love for each other

and service to our community is inspirational.

Best wishes on your **60th Wedding Anniversary!**



HOW VISIBLE ARE OUR PARISH VALUES?

Joyful – Inclusive – Inspirational – Loving - Christ-centred – Authentic

"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

Joy is a feeling of good pleasure and happiness that is dependent on who Jesus is, rather than on who we are, or what is happening around us. Joy comes from the Holy Spirit, abiding in God's presence and from hope in His word.

Joy is a deeper emotion than happiness that comes from a sense of purpose and meaning, including finding meaning in suffering — and from relationships with others.

The simple acronym for **JOY** is putting **J**esus first, followed by **O**thers and putting **Y**ourself last. Being **JOYFUL** is an attitude of gratitude and of finding delight and a feeling beyond happiness in serving God and others.

How can each of us be **JOYFUL** in our parish community? How can we bring **JOY** to others? Our parish mission calls us to serve Jesus as we serve others.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to bear fruit that is **JOYFUL!**

OUR PARISH

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0487 001 722

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5465 1240

Sophia College
5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Neville Heenan, 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: Joy Gablonski, John Bourke

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Osborne, Hope Sippel, Frances Kavanagh, Tom O'Keeffe, Valentine Thom, May Brandon, Cecelia Glennie, Rebecca Mallon, Florence Christopher, Anna Sertic, Jack Hobbs, Don Piper, Morgan O'Reilly, Sister Mary Virgilius, Mary Dwyer, Maisie Litfin, Dan Dwyer, Thomas Myles, Ron Weier

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”**.

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

HOPE

Hope is what drives us to do better and be better.
Hope gives us the courage to make hard choices.
Hope gives us direction and meaning in our lives.
Hope comes in many forms – it can be found in an act of kindness from a stranger, an encouraging note from a friend, or a rainbow after a storm.

You get to decide what gives you hope.
More importantly, you bring hope to others.

Dear God,

***I am grateful for the hope you bring into my life every day.
Please forgive me for the times when I feel hopeless,
and give me the strength to work through those times.***

In Jesus name.

Amen.

If you had to finish this sentence, what would you write ...

“ I can be hope for others by”

What's the first step you could take to fulfill this idea?