



Mass Times

Sat'day 10 September

6 pm Gatton

Sunday 11 September

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

Tuesday 13 September

4:30pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

Wed'ay 14 September

7:30am Rosary

8 am Gatton

Sat'day 17 September

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 18 September

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gatton



Loving God,
we pray that
our hearts be filled
with the gift of **JOY**
from the Holy Spirit,
so that as disciples,
we will share the
message of hope
in the Gospel.
Amen

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 11 Sept 22

“Rejoice in the Lord Always” (Phil. 4:4)

We have a God who loves us more than can we imagine, a God who is more powerful than we can comprehend, and who has promised to help us if we put our trust in Him. This weekend we have the opportunity to reflect on the parable of the **LOST and FOUND** (Luke 15:1-32). Every one of us would have had the experience of missing something/someone and finding it again later.

In the parables this weekend, we realise God's mercy is more readily available than the air we breathe. Indeed, we often enjoy the mercy of God even when we have not asked for it. The pattern of hospitality in these “lost” parables evoking God's mercy is given flesh by Jesus' insistence that the poor and outcast are welcome as His table companions.

PSALM 16:11 tells, “**You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore**”. **HAPPINESS** is the feeling you get when things are going well, based on your circumstances. **JOY**, on the other hand, is a **DEEP sense of life, delight, gladness, and well-being** that is independent of circumstance. Joy flows from a deeply rooted conviction that not only does God cause all things to work together for the good of those who love Him; but inherent in joy is the **sense of delight in God** that can cause our **heart to smile** even if things on the outside seem to be falling apart.

Let this reflection on the parable may lift our spirit to **EXPLORE JOY** (FRUIT of the HOLY SPIRIT). Our children preparing for the sacraments are deepening their understanding on this special gift. Let us continue to support them with our thoughts and prayers as we **TOGETHER build a JOYFUL community**. Let us embrace the different gifts each one bringing in and learn to be more **INCLUSIVE** community. We bring perfection to this gift of **JOY** by bringing **JESUS, OTHERS** and **YOU** together. Let us join together, **sharing the JOY of Christian life**.

Blessings and Prayers Noyichan MCB.S.

Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will rise and go to my father.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY - CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for all the children preparing for Confirmation. Prayer is so important in our daily lives ... it does not have to be long and perfectly worded, simply heart felt communication between you and God. The Catholic tradition has a treasury of beautiful prayers that assist us to express our love for God; sometimes though "grown ups" can struggle to find the words that reflect the personal hopes and dreams, struggles and burdens on their own hearts.

At one of the Sunday morning sessions, the children had a great time learning the **Five Finger Prayer** that Pope Francis always talks about. There was no shortage of joyful prayers, and people to pray for, coming from the young children ... they wanted to share it with their parents, so now we share it with you too. May this way of simple prayer help you to draw closer to God.



Hold your hands in prayer and say a prayer for each of your five fingers.

1) Thumb – Pray for family and friends

Your thumb is the closest to your heart. So, start here by praying for those closest to you. Pray for your family and friends.

2) Index Finger – Pray for those who teach and guide

The next finger is the index or pointer finger, the one used to give directions. Pray for people who lead, teach, and give guidance. Pray for your teachers, doctors, counsellors, priests, coaches, police, and other people who influence your life.

3) Middle Finger – Pray for leaders

This is your tallest finger and reminds us to pray for those in charge. Pray for the government and leaders around you. Pray for your country and its leaders. Pray for your government and all business leaders.

4) Ring Finger – Pray for those in need

Your ring finger (the fourth finger) is your weakest finger. This one reminds us to pray for the weak and needy. Pray for the sick, the homeless, the poor, and all those who are hurting and in need.

5) Pinkie Finger – Pray for yourself

The last finger, the pinkie, is your smallest finger. This one is for you. Now that you have prayed for everyone else, spend time to pray for yourself. Pray for yourself last. Pray for your relationship with Christ to grow. Pray for your specific needs and concerns. Pray for God's blessings in your life. Pray prayers of thanksgivings.

“SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL” Women’s Retreat – Sunday 16th October



Have you ever felt that life is more like a battle than a picnic?

In fact, Jesus doesn't promise that we won't have trials and challenges; instead His words prepare us to face those battles, to fight with all our heart and mind, and to find rest in Him at the end of the day.

In any battle, we need to put on the full armour of Christ – this year our “Something Beautiful” women's retreat will help you be prepared and strengthened for the days ahead.

Come and put on the **FULL ARMOUR of GOD** – \$ 30 includes lunch and morning tea. Registrations now available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Praying the Rosary and celebrating Mass on Thursday morning for the Nativity of Mother Mary, was a perfect way to acknowledge the **JOY** we share in this community. To conclude the day, over 50 parishioners met at Café 63 in Gatton to celebrate six years as Our Lady of the Valley parish and also six years with Father Noy as Parish Priest. It was a time to recall precious memories and celebrate the many amazing people and great events we have shared in our journey of faith.



ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE AMAZING GRACE ROAD TRIP



Sunday 30th October

Starting at 9am at Sophia College
BYO Lunch Morning tea provided

Join us for a day of **FUN, FAMILY and FAITH** adventures as we journey through the Lockyer and Somerset regions!

Pre-registration is required for all teams so that we have sufficient challenges prepared. Entry forms available from churches, schools and Parish Office or download from our website www.olv.org.au Entries close 21st October 2022

COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT AT SOPHIA COLLEGE



The Sophia College inaugural, family friendly twilight market is coming on Friday 28th October.

Bring a blanket and enjoy a night of good food and family fun and entertainment.

Opportunities available for market stall vendors – please enquire with Tamika at Sophia College.

MARRIAGE WEEK 11th – 17th September

Jesus said "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

If you are married, how long since you had a **Date Night**? Investing in a marriage doesn't always require cash! The currency is quality time, love, commitment, prayer, acts of service and recognising ways to fulfil your spouse's love language.

OUR PARISH

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Josie Linnan, Warren Forbes, Mark Wendt, Michael Trail, Shannon Gilchrist, Barry & Wendy Crosby, Colleen Scheiwe, Edilberta Parcell, Robert Liffin, Myrta Prianes, Biddy Dwyer, Judy Shepherd, Marilyn Didsman, Catherine Dormer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lucy Kimmings, Lorraine Sells, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Steven Campbell, Pat Pingel, Elisabeth Maltry, Sienna Beutel

If parishioners would like a sick person prayed for, please ask their permission. Names will be included for ONE MONTH.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ann O'Keeffe

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Carmel Bennett, James Gregory Fox, Bruce Brown, Jack Luck, Evan Robert Gowdy, Phyllis O'Connor, Gloria Bates, David Hall, Paul Price, Barry Zahnow, Carl Reimann, Michael Panzram, Mary Nawratzki, Mick Elliott, Ferdinand Schultz, Mary Miller, Johannes Stevens, Kath Heenan, Edward Hauser, Ernest Long, Larry Hockings, Anna Leenderts, Agnes Crowley, Anne Smith, Bill Upton, Jim Balaam, John (Dick) Reynolds, Pamela Sammon, Patrick Gould, Colin Edwards, Agnes Edwards, Beatrice Ann Murphy.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

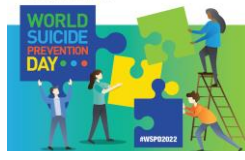
Through Christ our Lord. Amen



WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

**We all have
a role to play.**

10 September 2022



BEYOND BLUE:

1300 22 4636

Available 24/7

LIFELINE:

13 11 14

Available 24/7

World Suicide Prevention Day is on the 10th September every year. The day is observed by more than 60 countries, with the aim of promoting stigma reduction, policy change, help seeking, and remembering those we have lost to suicide, those who have attempted suicide, and those who are living with the grief of losing someone. Almost 10 million Australians know someone who has been impacted by suicide, that's almost half the country! We all have a role to play in making a difference – may we pray for those who are struggling with depression, and for families and friends who bear much pain and suffering.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Our Lady of the Valley Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. On this Safeguarding Sunday, may we always work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.