



Mass Times

Saturday 3 September

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 4 September

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gatton

Tuesday 6 September

4:30pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

Wed'day 7 September

7:30am Rosary

8 am Gatton

Thursday 8 September

7:30am Rosary

8 am Gatton

**Nativity of
Mother Mary**

Sat'day 10 September

6 pm Gatton

Sunday 11 September

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley



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 THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 4 September 22

“Letting Go to Letting God”

The narrow gate will not allow us to bring in any extra baggage. “Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions, cannot be my **DISCIPLE**” (Luke 14:33).

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27).

We must beforehand have an honest assessment of our capacity and willingness to pay the cost of discipleship. Discipleship requires putting Jesus over and above our family, job, money, career, and even our life. Secondly, following Jesus requires that we bear our cross patiently. **The cross is the KEY that opens the narrow door to GOD’S kingdom.**

Life is a long and arduous journey to our eternal HOME. Carrying humungous loads on the road will surely slow us down and distract us from our goal. But is it possible for us to let go of the things that we hold on to for “sentimental” reasons.

A song by the Charismatic Renewal Movement beautifully expresses this: “I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back....” We find the invitation and the commandment- ‘**Come and Follow me, Go and PROCLAIM the GOODNEWS**’- in both our RESPONSE should be “**Yes Lord!**”

As we **CELEBRATE** the blessings of **DADS** this weekend, let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us not forget those people who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides. We continue to pray that all their **SACRIFICES** for their children and families may bring lots of **blessings** in our world today.

May our Good God continue to strengthen us through our great fathers!

Happy Father’s Day to all the Fathers out there!

Blessings and Prayers Noyichan MCB.S.

Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY - CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for all the children preparing for Confirmation.

The children are very interested in how we “live” our Catholic faith. Father Noy has been talking to them about the seven **GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT** which we know are **wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.**

Catholics believe that we receive these seven gifts at Baptism, and that they are strengthened at Confirmation so that one can proclaim the truths of the faith.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in Isaiah 11:2-3. They are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ but are found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when we are filled with sanctifying grace, the life of God within us — as, for example, when we receive a sacrament worthily. As the current Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, *“They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.”* Filled with His gifts, we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as if by instinct, the way Christ Himself would. In this way, we can then “live” our faith and witness to the power of God in our lives.

Wishing all our amazing Dads a Happy Father's Day!

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



“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.

“Sometimes the **STRONGEST** people are those who **LOVE** beyond all measure, cry when no one can see and fight **BATTLES** that only **GOD** knows about.”

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

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact Father Noy or Chris at the Parish Office as we want all the ladies in our community to come along and experience something beautiful.

Also if you are in a position to sponsor someone, please contact the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY SIXTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On **Thursday 8th September**, it will be six years since the promulgation of our parish and the installation of Father Noy as Parish Priest.

To celebrate this milestone occasion, you are invited to attend a social event at **Café 63 (29 William Street, Gatton) from 6:00pm**. Everyone will meet their own expenses, and we look forward to seeing as many as possible join the party! Please add your name to the list at the churches or phone the Parish Office.

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!

The Amazing Race is a reality game show where teams race against each other in a global scavenger hunt. The teams must make specific stops called “*pit stops*” where they will complete different challenges to gather clues that will help them move forward in the game.

In OUR Amazing GRACE Road Trip we will NOT be racing, but we will be finding our way to various “*pit stops*” and completing a challenge before getting the clue to the next “*pit stop*” and adventure. Teams/families are encouraged to create a name for their team – get creative and dress up and you can even decorate your car.

Pre-registration is required for all teams so that we have sufficient challenges prepared. We would not want anyone to miss out on all the fun! Entry forms available from churches, schools and Parish Office or download from our website www.olv.org.au Entries close 21st October 2022

BECOMING CATHOLIC ... a wonderful journey of faith

Do you know someone who ...

Is baptised in another Christian faith ... but would like to become Catholic?

Was baptised Catholic as a child, but never received the other Sacraments of Initiation of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Towards the end of this year, we will be commencing **Crossroads RCIA**, a journey specifically designed for young people (ages 9 to 16) who wish to explore and develop their faith with a view to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. This resource accompanies the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The goal for this journey is a conversion of heart that leads each person into a deeper relationship with our loving God to develop a living faith.

The sessions will invite young people to enter into this journey of conversion and faith by developing a relationship with Christ, as the Spirit opens their minds and hearts. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

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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, Wayne Lyons

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen McGuirk, Michael O'Dea, Mary Mehegan, Veronica Luck, Ellen Kearney, William Murphy, Anthony Smith, Bridget Cook, John Mulveena, Douglas Steffens, Fred Andrew, Alice Teis, Mary McCarthy, Eileen Murphy, John Mehegan, Mary Brockhurst, Veronica Bunting, Hazel Friend, Robert Ryan, Kathleen Doonan, Rob Lee, Greg Pomeranke, Thomas Hennessy, May Thiemann, Annie Panzram, Patrick Ring, Lawrence Kachel, Kenneth Redinger, Edward Cheetham, Patrick McNamara, Bernard Heenan, Kenneth Perkins.

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

May they rest in peace.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Sophia College inaugural, family friendly twilight market is coming this October.

Bring a blanket and enjoy a night under the stars.

ALL WELCOME

Featuring live acoustic entertainment, local food vendors, handmade goods, and much more ...

Please contact Tamika at Sophia College to enquire about market stall opportunities. Phone 5411 3400

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK?

Currently we have a part time position available in our Parish Office. This role will be 10 hours per week, with flexibility to cover staff annual leave. Responsibilities will include financial management, WH&S, facilities and building maintenance.