



## Mass Times

- Saturday 10 August**  
6 pm Gattton
- Sunday 11 August**  
7 am Forest Hill  
9 am Laidley
- Tuesday 13 August**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill
- Wednesday 14 August**  
8 am Adoration  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gattton
- Thursday 15 August**  
**Assumption of Mary**  
9 am Laidley  
Led by  
St Mary's  
School  
6 pm Gattton
- Friday 16 August**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Laidley
- Saturday 17 August**  
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 18 August**  
7 am Glenore Gve  
9 am Gattton

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from  
5:30pm each  
Saturday afternoon.

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) | 11 Aug'24

### Challenge of Familiarity

On the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, we have the third reflection on the Gospel of the miracle of the feeding of the multitude. In John's Gospel, **miracles are signs which indicate greater reality**. The deeds reveal the doer. The seven signs performed by Jesus reveal the divine identity of Jesus, but the people failed to understand him.

This miracle is set in the background of the Exodus story. This story is the most deeply formative and narrative in all Judaism. Stories of the past play a very important part in the life of any community. Every people, nation and community have stories and myths that preserve and prolong the traditions that give them their identity. A person without a story is a person with amnesia ... **humanity without a story has lost its soul**.

In setting the story of the loaves and fishes against the background of the Exodus story, John is telling us that in the ministry of Jesus, a new and greater Exodus is now underway. In Jesus we have someone greater than Moses and Elijah, who leads us to a new and greater Exodus, who satisfies our deepest longings and yearnings.

In the third stage of his teaching, **Jesus reveals that he is the real bread of life**, to which the people started murmuring about him. They were expressing their smouldering discontent to the familiarity. The greatest of all illusions is the illusion of familiarity. *"The greatest enemy to faith can simply be 'familiarity': a refusal to believe that God's presence and prophetic agents of that presence – could come to us in so familiar form as the person next door. Progress in the spiritual life – growth in the Spirit – almost always shows itself in the ability to recognise God more and more in the ordinary, the everyday"* – Brendon Byrne.

The realisation that Jesus is the real bread of our life, can come to us through **prayer on our knees**.

*Blessings, Father Emmanuel*

### Responsorial Psalm: Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday  
August 14      **Adoration and Prayers of Special Intention**  
8:00am St Mary's Church Gatton  
"Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. Certain scenes in the opening ceremony of the Olympics in Paris were against this mystery of our faith, which is deeply saddening and deplorable. Every challenge to faith is an opportunity to deepen our commitment to Christ and his Gospel." On this Wednesday, we will have 1 hour adoration and prayer for the intention of conversion, healing and reconciliation of the world.
- Thursday  
August 15      **Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary ...a Holy day of obligation**  
9:00am Mass Laidley  
6:00pm Mass Gatton
- Sunday  
August 18      **Something Beautiful ... "Having a Mary heart in a Martha world"**  
**10am Gatton Community Centre**  
**Tickets now available \$ 30 includes lunch/morning/afternoon tea**  
Our annual women's retreat – a day filled with joy, love and hope.
- Thursday  
August 22      **Growing our Ministry teams**  
6:30pm Gatton Community Centre  
The team from Evangelisation Brisbane are looking forward to coming out and working with our parish ministry teams to help them grow personally, and also to find the best ways to achieve our goals and vision.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary's Assumption teaches us trust and hope. In a homily given in Washington, D.C., Pope St. John Paul II preached: To succeed in your intentions, entrust yourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary always, but especially in moments of difficulty and darkness.

*"From Mary, we learn to surrender to God's will in things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary, we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God. ... Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God's Word to you will be fulfilled, and that nothing is impossible with God."*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN RYAN

It is always good to celebrate the birthday of our parishioners, especially those who embrace every day that God has given them to share their gifts and talents.

### **Happy Birthday John!**

May God continue to bless you with good health and happiness.

## FUND-RAISING APPEAL FOR NEW AUDIO VISUAL at GATTON

Thank you for donating using the EFTPOS facility at Gatton, by placing cash or cheque in an envelope and placing in the collection, or by bank transfer: **Gatton Laidley Parish BSB 064 786 Account 10002 4412**. We are hoping to install the screens before the end of August! Thank you so much for your generosity!

## COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Pilgrimage to Europe in 2025

Father Emmanuel is planning to lead a pilgrimage in late September/ early October next year. We are hoping to take a group of 20 people on a 15 night/17 day pilgrimage visiting **Fatima, Avila, Lourdes, Milan, Padua, Assisi and Rome.**

This pilgrimage will be about \$ 9,500 and this will include International Airfares, accommodation in 4 Star Hotels, all tours and transfers in fully air-conditioned bus & coordination of Holy Mass. All Breakfasts & Dinners & Entrance fees to the relevant sites. Please have a chat to Fr Emmanuel or Chris at Parish Office if you would like to receive more information. [Expressions of interest close 31<sup>st</sup> August.](#)

### “Something Beautiful” WOMEN’S RETREAT 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

The theme for 2024 is “**Having a Mary Heart in a Martha world**”.

if you are still considering attending this special event, please complete your registration form by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August and return it to the parish office.



### ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN – 18 August 2024

Next weekend is the 2024 Annual Catholic Campaign – thank you for your generosity in this Appeal for the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Your support of the Campaign means they can continue to:

- serve those in vulnerable situations
- build grass roots ministries in parishes
- look after the elderly, retired and frail priests
- help in the formation of future priests
- provide hope of a better future for children whose families are in crisis by giving them a Catholic education.



Previously, our parish has been the recipient of the funding from this Campaign through grants to assist our parish in facilitating ministry outcomes.

### SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY 2024

#### LAST CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Applications have been re-opened for primary school age children who would like to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Baptism is only the beginning of the sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church – the strengthening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the Communion with Christ in the Eucharist will help the children to live a life of faith.

If you would like registration forms, please contact the Parish Office either by phone 5465 3131 or email [gatton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gatton@bne.catholic.net.au)



Classes will start at the end of August with Confirmation being held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

Father Emmanuel  
Ayankudy CMI  
A/ Hrs: 5462 5374

### Parish Manager

Christine Pingel

### Parish Office:

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may vary – please  
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1300 304 550

## 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:

Shirley Myles, Laurie Didsman, Neville Heenan, Joan Linnan, Brian Wells, McGregor-Shaw Family, 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:** Monica "Monnie" Manthey, Silviana Lersa

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Teevan, John Van Ansem, Cameron Staatz, Ellen Dwyer, Monica Marsh, John "Jack" Bachmann, William O'Connell, Ellen Luther, Ann O'Keefe, Maud McNeil, Thomas Linnan, Nola Nolan, Frederick Gillam, Margaret Dwyer, Margaret O'Connell, Pauline Ring, Annie Stoermer, Shirley Laurie, Daniel Phillips, William Ryan, Eva Jordan, Therese Buhse, Christopher Hickey, Terence Olm, Jemina Gillam, Glen Goos

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## CONCERT AND LUNCH – ESK PARISH

### Sunday 8th September

You do not want to miss this special event as they fundraise to paint their parish hall! Tickets now on sale \$ 40

10:00am **Mass at St Mel's** (please note no Lowood Mass)

11:00am **Concert** in the church by **Esk Community Choir**

12:30pm **Superb Lunch** - two courses. Asian menu main course followed by sweets, tea and coffee.

Cash bar available for beer, wine & soft drinks.

**Presold tickets only.** Contact Ros Rowett 0432 372 287

## LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE

There are a couple ways that you could assist in our parish in the next week ... please consider the following needs.

#1

Due to age and illness, some of the **cleaners** at Gatton Church are no longer able to assist. Could you help once a month?

Please contact the Parish Office with your details.

#2

Being a welcoming and invitational parish that offers wonderful hospitality to visitors and new parishioners is at the heart of the message of Jesus. **Would you consider offering your smile and greeting** as people arrive for Mass at Gatton Church? Please see Chris if you would be willing to go on a roster.