



## Mass Times

**Saturday 11 November**  
6:00 pm Gattton

**Sunday 12 November**  
7:00 am Forest Hill  
9:00 am Laidley

**Tuesday 14 November**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5:00 pm Forest Hill

**Wed'day 15 November**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9:00 am Gattton

**Friday 17 November**  
9:00 am Laidley

**Saturday 18 November**  
6:00 pm Laidley

**Sunday 19 November**  
7:00 am Glenore Gve  
9:00 am Gattton



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available before  
6pm Vigil Masses  
or by  
appointment.

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 12 November '23

### Hope the Anchor

The first reading of today reflects on how precious the gift of wisdom is. Knowledge is knowing about something, but wisdom is understanding how that knowledge should be applied or used.

Knowledge without accompanying wisdom can be a danger more than a blessing. It is safe to say that there is more knowledge in the world today than there has ever been. In fact, we are told that knowledge is increasing so rapidly that it doubles every other year. In spite of this fact, our world today is also **marked by meaninglessness and people search for purpose in their lives**. Now, there is a wisdom of this world, which should not be confused with the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:18-25). The wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. It never leads men to God nor to true wisdom, which alone reveals to us the true meaning of life.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul addresses the concerns of the early Christians who were worried about those who had died in Christ. He reassures them that those who have fallen asleep in the Lord will rise with Him when He returns. This passage reminds us of the **Christian hope of resurrection and eternal life**, which brings comfort to our hearts, especially in times of loss and grief. It is a reminder that death is not the end, but a transition to a life with Christ.

The Gospel reading from Matthew 25:1-13 presents the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise and five foolish. The wise virgins were prepared with enough oil for their lamps, while the foolish ones were unprepared and missed the Bridegroom's arrival. This parable **teaches us to be vigilant and ready for the Lord's coming**. We may not know when He will return, but we must be prepared, like the wise virgins, with the **oil of faith, hope, and love**, so that we may enter into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb.

**Blessings, Father Emmanuel**

### Responsorial Psalm:

### Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

## **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wed'day 22 November **Workshop & rehearsal for Eucharist candidates**  
3:30 – 5:30pm St Mary's Church Gatton

Thursday 23 November **Live Nativity & Carols**  
6:00 – 7:30pm Sophia College  
BYO Chairs or picnic rug  
Food and drinks available  
Free event – please book.  
Bookings close 3pm on 15 November  
[www.trybooking.com/CLMSB](http://www.trybooking.com/CLMSB)



Saturday 25 November 6pm Mass **First Holy Communion** Gatton  
Sunday 26 November 9am Mass **First Holy Communion** Laidley

Saturday 2 December **Advent reflection morning**  
The first in a series of meditative sessions led by Father Emmanuel. Please contact the office to **register your interest** as some background information will be provided before the session.  
9am Gatton Community Centre followed by morning tea

Saturday 9 December **"A Night of Thanksgiving"**  
An opportunity to celebrate together to recognise the many special occasions of 2023. This year will be a multicultural Christmas theme as we encourage our parish families to decorate a tree in their traditional style.  
There will be a supper after the 6pm Mass and we invite people to bring traditional foods to share.

Friday 15 December **Carols by Candlelight**  
Outside St Patrick's Church Laidley  
From 5:30pm Markets, Face painting, Sausage Sizzle and Coffee Van  
6:30pm Carols

## **SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST – First Holy Communion**

Please continue to pray for **Rose, Oliver F, Miki, Brannan, Makayla, Mitchell, Oliver B, Beau, Stella H, Sofia, Kristen, Kendrix, Milton, Ben D, Dominic, Caleb, Benjamin L, Hudson, Stella M, Lily, Sasha and Hayden**. The next preparation session for First Holy Communion is on Sunday 19 November at Gatton during the 9am Mass.

## **MASS OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER**

Envelopes are available at all churches for you to especially request Masses for deceased members of your family. Please write the names on the back of the envelope and place in the collection or give directly to Fr Emmanuel.

**Please Note: The Parish Office is closed until Monday 20 November.**

### Praying with all the Saints

November is a month when the Catholic Church and Christian Communities take time to remember all those who have died. Throughout this month there are different ways we can call to mind our loved ones who have died. We can pray for them, attend Mass, visit their graves and be comforted in the hope that Jesus gives us through his death and Resurrection.

It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving and all the families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

People often find comfort in practical ways, and creating a Sacred Space is a point of focus for prayer. It is a centre for reflection. It helps us to **become still, to allow God to**

**speak to us in the quiet of our hearts.** A simple Sacred Space can be placed somewhere in the house and during November the family can gather around it, light a candle and pray for their loved ones who have died.



Last week we started looking at the different Saints and their words of wisdom. We look to the saints because they teach us what it means to live as disciples of Christ. They give us a model to follow on our path to holiness. A simple way to recall their wisdom is to remember a quote from your favourite saint.

***“Charity enters heaven when humility opens the door.”***

María Natividad Venegas de la Torre

***“Do not abandon yourselves to despair.***

***We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”***

John Paul II

***“Let us make best use of the fleeting moments. They will not return.”***

Marianne Cope

### CONSIDERING BECOME CATHOLIC?

Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. **The next RCIA group will commence on 19<sup>th</sup> November** - If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic, please have a chat to Father Emmanuel.

### PRAY FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has called for peace: ***“Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge and only cause each other to suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity... Please do not shed any more innocent blood, neither in the holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!”***

May we use the words of Psalm 122 to join Pope Francis in restoring peace to our world. ***“ Let there be peace in your walls Jerusalem, safety in your palaces.”***

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

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## 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 ...

### THE SICK:

Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Maurice Crowley, Judy Shepherd, 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

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Griffiths, Denis Bugler, Marta Poczwa, Bill McNeil, Marcelline Reynolds, Francis Liffin, Ellen Talbot, Julia Cutler, Maria O'Dea, Agnes Brown, Joseph O'Connor, Brian Cutler, Ron Porter, Benejamin Hegarty, Keith Schultz

## 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

Columban calendars for 2024 are now available at Vinnies shop in Railway Street Gatton – great value at \$ 10 each.

## BECOMING AN ETERNAL GUARDIAN

Your lived faith brings great hope to our community – there are many days when people look to others to help them be stronger, to be more trusting of our loving God, to seek Him in all things, especially the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. Your example, every little thing you do, can help another.

You can also help future generations by being an Eternal Guardian of your faith. **Do you want to leave a legacy to the Church as a way of thanking God for the gifts you've been given in your lifetime?**

Once you've cared for your loved ones, please consider a gift in your Will to sustain the sacramental life of our parish. A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in this community for generations to come.

To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact our Parish office or if you prefer, contact Raushen in the Archdiocese Brisbane office who specialise in helping parishioners who wish to leave a bequest.

You can contact them on 0733243632 or visit

[www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

