



Mass Times

Saturday 12 October

9:30 am Mass Gatton
5:30 pm Rosary
6 pm Gatton

Sunday 13 October

6:30 am Rosary
7 am Forest Hill
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley

Tuesday 15 October

10 am Funeral Laidley
Mark
Bachmann
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wed' day 16 October

8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton

Friday 18 October

8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley
11 am Funeral Gatton
Col Setch

Saturday 19 October

5:30 pm Rosary
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 20 October

6:30 am Rosary
7 am Glenore Gve
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from
5:30pm each
Saturday afternoon.

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Gatton Laidley

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13 Oct'24

WHOSE COMPANY ARE WE KEEPING?

Sr Melannie Svoboda, author and retreat leader, a sister of Notre Dame, reflects on today's readings. The author of the book of Wisdom chooses wisdom and says, "**all good things together came to me in her company.**" What things? "Countless riches" beyond thrones, gold, gems, health, and even good looks. Then St. Paul reminds us of **an indispensable companion** on our journey: **the living Word of God.**

In the Gospel, Jesus invites a rich man to keep company with the poor, but the man cannot give up his wealth and he goes away "sad." Then Peter speaks up, reminding Jesus of all that he and the others have "given up" to be in Jesus' company. You would think Peter had left behind a beach house at the Coast rather than a few leaky boats and tattered fishing nets! But Jesus extols the very real generosity of Peter and all his disciples.

Today is a good day to take stock of the company we keep. Begin with people. **Who shares with us their love and wisdom? Who nourishes our faith, our hope?**

Then, what things have we chosen to keep us company: our home, our parish, our workplace? What other kinds of company hang around our house: favourite photographs, a worn Bible, good books, African violets, a cherished pet, a backyard bird feeder, a recycling bin?

How do we keep company with those in need: awareness, prayer, financial support, volunteering, advocacy?

Finally, what are we **giving up** or **giving away** to **keep company with Jesus?**

You can read more from Sr Melanie by visiting her blog, Sunflower Seeds, at www.melanniesvobodasnd.org

Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday
October 19 **"A Morning with Mary"**
9:30am – 12:30pm Gatton Community Centre
Lisa and Mel from Evangelisation Brisbane will be leading us in prayer and reflection, focusing on Immaculate Heart of Mary. The theme will be based on Luke 2: 41-5, "*Mary treasured all these things in her heart.*" **Please RSVP to Parish office or 0407 132 700**
Free to attend, donations appreciated towards this special event.
- Saturday
October 26 **"Art for All"**
10am Gatton Community Centre
BYO Lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided
Please confirm your attendance and **RSVP** to Pauline 0419 719 218 for materials preparation
- Saturday
October 26 **Baptism Preparation Session**
10:30am St Mary's Church Gatton
- Sunday
October 27 **Parish "Bowls and BBQ" Fundraising Event**
9am Laidley Bowls Club, 73 John Street North
Get ready to nominate a team of 4 players @ \$ 25 per person
This includes playing fees, bowls to use, and a big BBQ burger
To nominate a team, please contact Dan Flanagan 0407 583 228
- Sunday
November 17 **Special Anniversaries and Milestone Birthdays Celebration**
9am St Mary's Gatton followed by hospitality and celebrations
If you have not yet advised the Parish Office of your special anniversary or milestone birthday, please do so as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we celebrate with Jake and Stacy Hutson as their children **Hannah-Kay and Airanne** are baptised in our parish. This is the start of a wonderful journey for the whole family – an opportunity for the grace of God to bless their lives, each and every day.
Please pray for the families, that they will follow God closely as they seek His wisdom and guidance in all situations.



BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

Congratulations to **Jan Maltry** and **Brian Lunn** as they celebrate their birthdays this week. The joy of knowing Jesus and serving Him in our community bring strength and courage each day to Jan and Brian. It is a joy for each of us to know them, and to serve alongside them as we fulfil the mission of God in our parish.

Lord God, as Jan and Brian celebrate another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their path, filling their days with love, purpose, wisdom and joy.



THE CHURCH ON MISSION



In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



This month through the **Catholic Mission Appeal** held next weekend, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to **provide more support for vulnerable people in need**. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, **offering hope** and **tangible assistance**.

Envelopes will be available next weekend.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sometimes people ask, **why do we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit** at Confirmation? The sacrament of Confirmation continues, strengthens, confirms and celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism. These gifts are freely given to us to help us live as followers of Jesus and to build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

In our parish, fifteen children are preparing for Confirmation.

Please pray for **Brodie, Kyleigh, Laura, Andrew, Samantha, Alkina-Pearl, Makayla, Michael, Austin, Grace, Phillip, Lara, Mia Chinee, Jack S and Jack W** and their families.

Thank you to the wonderful parents and grandparents who are encouraging and supporting their children on this important faith journey.



EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE IN OCTOBER 2025

Father Emmanuel is hoping to lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Avignon in **France**, Fatima and Lisbon in **Portugal**, Loyola, Avila and Alba de Tormes in **Spain** and Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Assisi and Rome in **Italy**. This will be a 17 day pilgrimage leaving in early October 2025. Thank you to those who have expressed their interest in participating – hopefully we can have four more people consider attending for the pilgrimage to go ahead.

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5465 1240

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5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Toshikatsu Konishi, Shirley Myles, Neville Heenan, Joan Linnan, Brian Wells, McGregor-Shaw Family, Michael Trail, Therese Thompson, Daryl Reynolds, James Earley, Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Jodi Thompson, Roslyn Furber, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Parcell, Bidy Dwyer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mark Bachmann, Col Setch, Benji Freitas-Kirk

ANNIVERSARIES:

Albert O'Brien, Harold Brennan, Claire Hansen, Mary Gillam, Joyce Farndon, Beverley Hughes, David Lloyd, Toby O'Sullivan, Peace Baulch, Arthur Parkyn, Theresa Fitzpatrick, Mary Agnes Hickey, James Kearney, James Gallagher, Archie Ridgewell, Joan Osbourne, Barry Neighbour, Catherine Doherty, Alice Brown, Augusta Schulz, Walter Stephens, Rita Bichel, Jessie O'Connor, Marion Redmond, Ethel Watson, John Kowaltzke, Theresa Kraut

*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.



COMING SOON

Would you like to lead an Advent discussion group this year? Either after one of the weekday Masses or in your own home, or maybe at one of the local parks or cafes?

This year's Advent resource, **Hope Reigns**, has daily reflections, and each Sunday has been formatted to be able to assist those who would lead a small group through a time of sharing, prayer and discussion. Daily reflections are provided and are suitable for individual use.

An eBook is also available for \$ 5 - please order from this link <https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/products/ebook-advent-2024-hope-reigns>

Also coming soon is the popular daily resource for everyday in 2025. **God's Word 2025** will remain at the discounted price of \$ 15. This Australian liturgical diary contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. Designed to help you keep the word of God close to your heart in daily life.

A life-changing companion to nourish you, **help make God's Word the foundation of your life**, and empower you to pray, to live and to share your faith with others.

Limited copies will be available.