



Mass Times

Saturday 14 September
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 15 September
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton

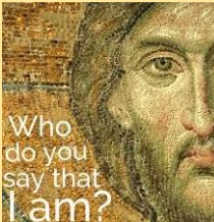
Tuesday 17 September
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wed'day 18 September
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton

Friday 20 September
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley

Saturday 21 September
6 pm Gattton

Sunday 22 September
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from
5:30pm each
Saturday afternoon.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15 Sep'24

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

During the time of Jesus, the people were confused. They had diverse ideas about him. Some regarded him as a political messiah, a teacher, a healer, wonderworker, prophet, king, and many others too.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus asked his disciples a sort of a survey question: **"Who do people say that I am?"** He was not really interested in their answer. He was just testing them whether they were affected by the confusing ideas of people about him. His most important question, however, followed the first: **"But who do you say that I am?"**

This is the same question Jesus asks of us:
"Who do you say that I am?"

There are now thousands of religions and sects all over the world, each one preaching about Jesus. But we are not sure whether the Jesus they are preaching is the true Jesus. That is why many people are confused.

Who is Jesus for me personally? We are called to answer the fundamental question of our faith: **"who do you say I am?"** By this, Jesus calls us away **from the public opinion to personal conviction** about his identity. No matter what we like to think, Jesus reveals God as God is. So today, he is challenging us to make our faith truly personal.

WELCOME FATHER JACOB KUMAR

This weekend we welcome Fr Jacob Kumar to our parish to celebrate the weekend Masses. We are grateful for his pastoral support while Fr Emmanuel is away. Next week, we will welcome Father Emmanuel back to our parish for all Masses.

Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Fourth Sunday Ord. Time

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday
September 28 **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**
11:30am Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane
Couples celebrating their **50th wedding anniversary or more** are invited to attend, together with family and friends.
RSVP By Wednesday 25 September by phone: 3324 3030
To be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.
Parking will be available under the Cathedral.
- Saturday
October 19 **“A Morning with Mary”**
9am tbc Gatton Community Centre
Lisa and Mel from Evangelisation Brisbane will be leading us in prayer and reflection. More details to come.
- 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
More information to come.
- Sunday
November 17 **Special Anniversaries and Milestone Birthdays Celebration**
9am St Mary's Gatton
Together we will celebrate these special occasions during Mass, then gather for morning tea 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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT EXPLORING YOUR CREATIVE SIDE CAN BRING YOU PEACE AND JOY?

We are looking for **people interested in starting an art group** at St Mary's Gatton. On the initial meeting day, there will be a general conversation, and then an opportunity for you to dabble in some artwork.

It is envisaged that each person would contribute **\$5 each day** so as to gradually build up a stock of paints, brushes ect for the future. It is planned to have the initial meeting in October 2024 on a date to be decided, so please indicate your interest to Pauline Brennan or contact the Parish Office.

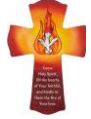
PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the Parish office will be closed until **25th** September while Chris is on leave. For **urgent enquiries only**, please phone Fr Emmanuel after hours on 5462 5374 or Derek 0408 716 062.

For non-urgent matters, please **email** as these will be checked periodically over this time. Many thanks to Anne, who is the amazing volunteer preparing everything for the weekend Masses.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY 2024

Sixteen children have commenced their preparation for Confirmation. Please pray for **Brodie, Kyleigh, Laura, Andrew, Samantha, Alkina-Pearl, Makayla, Michael, Austin, Grace, James, Phillip, Lara, Mia Chinee, Jack S and Jack W** and their families as they engage in this intensive period of preparation. Please welcome these families, get to know them, and help them to see the joy of following Jesus in our daily life.



PRAYERS FOR THE DINNER TABLE

As our parish children begin their sacramental preparation, we know that the parents are the first and most influential teachers of faith in their family. The time of sacramental preparation is an opportunity for our parish to support the entire family with our encouragement and prayers.

We hear how excellent the children are at praying the Lord's Prayer during Mass. Another great place to pray is at the dinner table. Mornings can be a rush, but evening meals are usually more relaxed, and an opportunity for the family to give thanks to God for the blessings of the day, and to pray for special intentions.

Here are some mealtime prayers for families that will bring you closer together, and create an environment where love and sharing happens.

Loving Father, as we gather for this meal, we thank You for blessing us with abundant food and drink. We thank You that You hear us when we call to You. Thank You for shining Your face on us and filling our hearts with joy. Lead us, O Lord, to know You better and grow in love as a family. In Jesus name. Amen.

Father, we thank You that You faithfully provide for all our needs, and we lift up our grateful hearts today and thank You for this meal.

We ask that You bless what we eat, and what we drink, and take sickness away from us. We thank You for what is placed before us, and ask You protect and guide us always. Amen.

IT'S OK TO SAY YOU'RE NOT FEELING OK

A Catholic Mental Wellbeing morning is held weekly on a Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Steet, The Valley. Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend.

For more details please contact Judy Norris by phoning 3324 3193 or email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

FINAL UPDATE ON THE SALE OF THE LAIDLEY PRESBYTERY

The funds have now been received by the parish, and invested with the Archdiocesan Development Fund as required by Canon Law. The sale price, as previously advised, was \$ 100,000 including GST, and from this amount we had to pay for fees and permits for the removal of the building. Once the GST has been remitted in the next BAS return, the balance invested will be \$ 88,855.

OUR PARISH

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St Mary's Laidley
5465 1240

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5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Maurice Crowley, Nicholaas Bakker, Shirley Myles, Laurie Didsman, 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, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

RECENTLY DECEASED: Corina Thompson, Theresa Joseph,
Noel Edwards, Adelle Kaye

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mick Elliott, Ferdinand Schultz, Mary Miller, Johannes Stevens, Kath Heenan, Fr Nick Heidiman, Edward Hauser, Ernst Long, Larry Hockings, Anna Leenderts, Agnes Crowley, Anne Smith, Bill Upton, Jim Balaam, Dick Reynolds, Pamela Sammon, Patrick Gould, Colin Edwards, Agnes Edwards, Beatrice Murphy, Jack Cahill, Grace Fitzpatrick, Ernest Hauser, Nora Smith, Jeffrey Falkenhagen, Ernest Bennett, Kathleen McManus, Regina Lane, Patrick Panzram, Johanna Van De Weyer, Shirley Whitcombe, Henry Bauer, Jack Althaus, Leona Pullinger

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.

CAN YOU BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS?

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

#1 If you can operate a laptop, you might be the perfect person to **operate the Powerpoint** once a month at St Patrick's Church. We **urgently** need a volunteer so that we can continue to have the hymns and responses on the screen each weekend. Training is available. Please advise Anne Jung of your availability.

#2 Thank you to the people who have volunteered. While we wait for more volunteers to start a roster, please begin anytime by **offering your smile, a newsletter and greeting** as people arrive for Mass at Gatton Church?

#3 During October, we pray the **Rosary** before all Sunday (& Vigil) Masses. If you would like to be **rostered to lead**, please see Fr Emmanuel or email the Parish Office.

OUR SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.