



Mass Times

Saturday 18 November
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 19 November
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gatton
Children's
Liturgy

Tuesday 21 November
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wed' day 22 November
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton

Thursday 23 November
Requiem Mass
Funeral John D. Mahon
10:30 am Gatton

Friday 24 November
9 am Laidley

Saturday 25 November
6:00 pm Gatton

Sunday 26 November
7:00 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available before
6pm Vigil Mass
and other times
by appointment.

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (Yr A) 19 Nov 2023

Joy of Sharing the Gospel

The Gospel for this Sunday is the parable of the talents. A talent is a weight, usually of silver or gold. A Roman talent weighs 35 kilograms. To look at another way: a talent is equal to the total sum that a day-labourer would receive in wages over a period of 15 years. In the Middle Ages 'talent' was used as a term for **God-given abilities, or gifts.** (1 Pt.4:10-11).

In the parable the first two servants took a huge risk by trading the talents. They could have lost the lot and had absolutely nothing to give back to the master. The third servant gave back unchanged what he had received. So, what is the meaning of the parable?

First of all, the parable is an indictment of the scribes and Pharisees who had failed in the vocation that God had entrusted to them.

In the prophet Isaiah God says to Israel: "*I have given you as a covenant to the people and a **light to the nations.***"(42:6).

Secondly, perhaps this is our most significant sin: not to make use of the gifts we have received in order to produce a good result, not just for ourselves, but for all."

Thirdly, Pope Francis reminds us that the **Holy Spirit enriches the entire church with different charisms or gifts.** These gifts are meant to **renew and build up** the Church. They are not an inheritance, safely secured and entrusted to a small group for safe-keeping, rather they are gifts of the Spirit integrated in to the body of the Church, drawn to the centre which is Christ and then channelled into an **evangelising impulse.**"

Low morale often results from the aimlessness and malaise that come from the lack of mission. When we have a **clear outward focus,** some of our internal problems tend to fall into perspective. When we are not absorbed by the mission, these internal problems are magnified. Fr. Robert Rivers.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" Matt.28:19.

Responsorial Psalm:
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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
Free event – NB bookings have now closed
- Saturday 25 November **"Releasing the Tears"**
A time of prayer and reflection to help you journey through grief and sadness.
10am St Mary's Community Centre Gatton
Followed by morning tea
- Sunday 26 November 9am Mass **First Holy Communion Laidley**
- Friday 1 December **Laidley Catholic Ladies Club Christmas Break Up**
11 am at Grace Eats – all parish ladies are welcome.
Please RSVP: Aileen 0429 806 042 Mary 0438 118 945
- 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**.
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 shared supper as we invite people to bring traditional foods for others to enjoy.
- 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FAYE

With great joy we pray that God will continue to bless **Faye Braban** in all her wonderful works, her kind words and generous support of our community. May she continue to enjoy God's richest blessings every day. Happy Birthday!



Praying with all the Saints

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.

Throughout November, we have been looking at the different Saints and their words of wisdom. They give us a model to follow on our path to holiness.

“Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid.”

Mary MacKillop

“All blessings come to us through our Lord.

He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example.”

Teresa of Avila

“Jesus loves hidden souls. A hidden flower is the most fragrant. I must strive to make the interior of my soul a resting place for the Heart of Jesus.”

Maria Faustina Kowalska

RCIA STARTS THIS WEEKEND

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA is the sacramental journey adults undertake to prepare for the sacraments of initiation and to be received into the Catholic Church. Please pray for all people to hear and respond to the voice of God as He invites us all to draw closer.

INNER HEALING THROUGH PRAYER – *Releasing the Tears*

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” – Mt.11:28

For those who are in Pain, Loss, Grief and Sorrow

Life seems to stand still when you are overwhelmed with grief and loss. Grief and sadness can put you in a state of depression. You can emerge from your grief through prayer and the help of God.

The parish has organised an opportunity for you to lift yourself up from the depths of despair with a prayer filled with hope and promise. Prayers during times of suffering, grief and loss are uplifting and can lessen your sadness.

You are invited to attend a simple celebration on **Saturday 25th November at 10am** at **St Mary's Community Centre** to honour your loved ones and to share in this journey of remembrance. Morning tea will follow.

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.**

Next weekend at the 9am Laidley Mass, these candidates will receive their First Holy Communion. Being able to come to the table of our Lord is such a gift, a strength that we pray will sustain and encourage them through every joy and every trial in the future.

OUR PARISH

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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: John Douglas Mahon, Leo Verschaeren, George Verschaeren

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mabel Selby, James O'Dwyer, James Browning, Jane Borg, Bill McGovern, John Avington, John Jordan, Gerry Ryan, Julie Taylor, Alex MacAndrews, Lex Collingwood, Marjorie Glennie, Trevor Lyons, Agnes Mann, Olive Howe, Mary O'Dea, Anna Harnischmacher, Constance Durkin, Elizabeth Schulz, Monique Albert, Sr Mary Bauer, Allan Goos.

NEW RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

The season of Advent begins in just two weeks. This liturgical season helps us to **prepare our hearts** for the birth of Jesus Christ. This is the season in which we recall that this God who loves each of us so much, that He becomes one of us. To assist **in preparing our hearts, minds and spirits**, there is a daily resource available for Advent that includes a daily scripture reading, reflection, prayer and reflection questions.

"With Expectant Hearts" will take you on a journey where God will take you deeper and deeper into the meaning of the season. Available now at all churches: \$ 5 each

***"If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts." Ps 94:8***

Each year, the Society of St Paul produces **"God's Word"** as a book of daily reflections. You are encouraged to use this book each day, to pray and to listen carefully to God's words, helping you to be still and to know God, to be still and listen to God speaking. Available now at all churches \$ 15 each

A FINAL WORD ...

***"We have different gifts,
according to the grace given to each of us ...
if it is to encourage,
then give encouragement ..."***
(Romans 12:6-8, NIV)