



## Mass Times

### Saturday 19 October

6:30 pm Rosary  
6 pm Laidley

### Sunday 20 October

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

### Tuesday 22 October

4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill

### Wed'day 23 October

8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gattton

### Friday 25 October

8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Laidley

### Saturday 26 October Confirmation

5:30 pm Rosary  
6 pm Gattton

### Sunday 27 October

6:30 am Rosary  
7 am Forest Hill  
8:30 am Rosary  
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 NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 Oct'24

### Service in Humility

In today's Gospel, once again we reflect on the values of the **journey of discipleship**. Jesus had repeatedly told his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection. James and John, the sons of Zebedee came forward with an extraordinary request, the right and left hand seat of Jesus when he attains glory. Jesus confronted them by asking whether they are able to drink the cup that he drinks, or be baptised with the baptism that he had to receive. The two disciples agreed to Jesus, without understanding what Jesus was asking them, was suffering and death for his cause.

St. Thomas Aquinas explains happiness as a serene and untouchable joy. How do you achieve this happiness?

St. Thomas tells us four paths people take in their desire for happiness, but these four paths are all dead ends. They are wealth, honour, power and pleasure.

James and John, by seeking positions at Jesus' right and left hand, they are after honour, and therefore, of power. So, Jesus calls the disciples and teaches them **two key values of Christian vocation**, they are '**humility**' and '**service**'.

Jesus lovingly teaches them that, "The Son of man came not to **be served, but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many." By dying on the cross, **Jesus set us free** from the power of sin and death.

The lesson that the disciples have to learn is: that in the upside-down world of God's kingdom, it's about the **cross**, not a crown; it is about being **last**, not first; about being **servant** and slave, not lord; about **service**, not prestige; about **self-sacrifice**, not honour and glory. This is the path to the beatitude of happiness in Jesus' discipleship.

*Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant today !*

### Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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
- Saturday  
November 2      **All Soul's Day Mass and Morning tea**  
10am St Mary's Church Gatton
- 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.
- Saturday  
November 23      **“Releasing the Tears”**  
10am Community Centre Gatton  
A beautiful morning led by our Pastoral Care Grief and Loss team.

## BIG CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

There is a saying that when people have true joy in their heart, you can see that in their countenance, too. Joy is an inner condition reflected in our outer expression. A condition that's only possible through the peace, love and healing of Jesus Christ, even when we go through tough times. We are so grateful for the joy & smiles shared by the people who have a special celebration this week. Congratulations and God's blessings to **Kathy Thomas** who is a young 70 this week and to **Frank Sippel** from last week – we hope you had a wonderful day!

Special 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary congratulations to **Peter and Carol Blanch** for 24<sup>th</sup> October as they celebrate the many blessings from God through their married life. May God continue to bless and guide you every day.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Is God calling you in serve in a new and powerful way in 2025?

An invitation is extended to children and adults, male and female, who would like to learn (or re-learn) to altar serve in our parish.

Please phone the Parish office or speak to Fr Emmanuel if you are interested.

## THE CHURCH ON MISSION



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most.

Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.



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



During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "**Invite others to the banquet**", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia) or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

### Did you know?

Your gift can make a big difference for the people in Mongolia ...

\$ 35 can provide a bed for people facing homelessness

\$ 50 can help run a soup kitchen for people that are hungry

\$ 100 can help a clinic provide first aid services and care

\$ 250 can support a shelter for people fleeing domestic violence

Envelopes are available this weekend and can be returned over the next 2 weeks.

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the children's relationship with God is made stronger. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: **wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord**. In this way the children are equipped to become better witnesses to Christ in the world.

The Holy Spirit is always with us – He is the advocate to help us fulfil the mission that God has called us to where we are right now, in the season of life we find ourselves.

In our parish, fifteen children are preparing for Confirmation next weekend.

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.

These children will be confirmed during the 6pm Vigil Mass in Gatton and there will be reserved seating for their immediate family.



**"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."**

**(Psalm 143:8)**

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

Father Emmanuel  
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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:

Teena Zabel, 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, Biddy Dwyer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mark Bachmann, Col Setch

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Annie Robeck, Michael Haines, Madeline Bourke, Bob Liffin, John Vandervegte, Rodger MacGinley, Bill Filewood, Julie Ann Breadner, John Elliott, Norm Ebbage, Maurice Murphy, Hilda Osborne, John Panzram, Emily Redinger, Graham Harm, John Dwyer, Andrew Fitzgerald, William Laffey, Frank Mehegan, Sylvia Conduit, Rose-Ann Taylor, Lenore Politics, Basil Linneth, Kevin Schulz



*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. Copies are \$ 7 each. 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.