



## Mass Times

**Saturday 21 September**  
6 pm Gattton

**Sunday 22 September**  
7 am Forest Hill  
9 am Laidley

**Tuesday 24 September**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill

**Wed' day 25 September**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gattton

**Thursday 26 September**  
10:30 am Gattton –  
Funeral  
Liturgy  
Laurie  
Didsman

**Friday 27 September**  
10 am Tabeel

**Saturday 28 September**  
6 pm Laidley

**Sunday 29 September**  
7 am Glenore  
Gve  
9 am Gattton

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from  
5:30pm each  
Saturday afternoon.

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22 Sep'24

### Heart of Love and Hands of Welcome

Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,

The key verse in today's Gospel is, "**Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.**" As I reflect on this teaching of Jesus, I am reminded of my mother, especially her welcoming nature.

My mother, Theresa Joseph, was born on December 24, 1938, in the state of Kerala, India. She had three sisters and two brothers (her older sister and younger sister and brother passed away before her). After completing her early education, with her parents she moved to the state of Karnataka (Bengaluru). On February 25, 1957, she entered into the sacrament of marriage with my father, Joseph Ayankudy. God blessed their union with nine children: three boys and six girls – Molly, Mary, Thomas, Joseph, Emmanuel, Shantha, Pushpa, Lissy, and Sherly.

My mother lost her mother at a young age, and it was her father who raised the family. It was the post-Independence era in India, and he faced significant challenges in providing for the family. Despite all the socio-political difficulties, he instilled a strong foundation of Gospel values in his children. My mother absorbed every bit of it and passed it down to us throughout her life.

A broad and bright smile with two extended welcoming hands best summarizes her life. It was a perfect reflection of her joy in meeting people, engaging with them meaningfully, walking alongside them in life, and ultimately offering help in any way possible. In doing so, she embodied the Gospel spirit of 'Welcome.'

St. Paul says, "**By the grace of God I am what I am,**" and for me, that grace was profoundly manifested through my parents, especially through my loving mother. The love she showered upon us, the sacrifices she made for us, and the spiritual legacy she imparted are deeply rooted in all her children, and particularly it is an energy for me.

I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for being with me during this challenging time in my life, with your support and prayers.

*Blessings, Fr. Emmanuel*

### Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Fifth Sunday Ord. Time

The Lord upholds my life.

## WELCOME BACK FATHER EMMANUEL

This weekend we welcome Fr Emmanuel back to our parish. May we encourage him with our prayers and support as he grieves the passing of his beautiful mother.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday  
September 28      **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
11:30am Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane  
Couples celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FUNERAL NOTICE FOR LAURIE DIDSMAN

The family of Laurie Didsman wish to advise that a Liturgy will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2024 at St Mary's Church, Gatton at 10:30AM.

## FINAL UPDATE ON THE SALE OF THE LAIDLAY PRESBYTERY

This information has been repeated over the last couple of weeks to ensure that everyone has been advised. 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.

## BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

This week we celebrate some very special people who celebrate their birthdays, and we wish them the same happiness and hope that they bring to others. Happy Birthday to **Ellen Bachmann, Niree McNeil, Bek Stock** and **Nev Heenan**. May God be with you in this next year of your life. May your journey continue to be blessed each and every day. May you look back with joy on the years of your life and with hope for those to come. Amen.

## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR ART GROUP

We are looking for **people interested in starting an art group** at St Mary's Gatton. 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.

## SYNOD24

**What's happening with the Synod that is currently underway in Brisbane?  
What is a Synod?**

A Synod is a gathering of the faithful in order to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church and asking her to be and to do.

A Diocesan Synod, like our Synod24, is required by Canon Law to include Bishops, members of the Clergy, members of religious orders, theologians, canonists, and members of the lay faithful representing parishes, Archdiocesan agencies, organisations and communities. We thank Anne Jung from our parish for attending these important sessions.

In sharing his vision for the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis said:

*The purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents but to **plant dreams**, draw forth prophecies and **visions**, allow **hope to flourish**, **inspire trust**, bind up wounds, weave together **relationships**, awaken a dawn of **hope**, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will **enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands**.*

We asked Anne to share some of her thoughts of this synodal process ....

"The Synod began with an Opening Mass led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. We were all invited onto the Sanctuary at the recitation of the Lord's Prayer where we stayed until Holy Communion. What a joyous moment that was for all of us! Listening to the Spirit and discerning, is something most of us have been doing our whole lives, but usually in relation to seeking what God wants of us as an individual. My first two days at the Synod was more about, listening to the Spirit, conversation in the Spirit and discerning for the Archdiocese of Brisbane as a whole. I have never partaken in anything like this and was not sure what to expect, but it was a wonderful experience and new friends were made. There are 150 members of the Synod which mainly sat at tables in groups of 8. There were 7 of us at our table from all walks of life. Over the two days, we had four Decrees from the Plenary Council that we were to vote on after the listening and discerning process". (More to Come)

## OUR PARISH

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5462 4810

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5465 1240

Sophia College  
5411 3400

## WE PRAY FOR ...

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Laurie Didsman, Corina Thompson, Theresa Joseph, Noel Edwards, Adelle Kaye

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jeffrey Falkenhagen, Martin Luck, Michael Teis, Anna Luck, Bree Horsfall, Bill Burkett, Margaret Jordan, Mary Kearney, Elsie Holcombe, Garth Hanks, Leo White, Patrick Robeck, Thomas Chadwick, Ellen Bugler, Daniel O'Connor, Jack Ross, Michael Brennan, Jack Wilson, Michael O'Keefe, Daniel Mallon, Adrian Hannant, Sophie Hauser, Lily Bugler, William Unwin, Terry Goos

*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.*

## PRAY FOR OUR SACRAMENTAL FAMILIES

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.



The preparation for First Holy Communion will commence in early November.

If you are able to be a helper at these four sessions, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish office with your details.

## WHAT'S MY VOCATION?

When Jesus says, "***If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all***", many people could immediately turn and walk away.

**Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?**



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