



Mass Times

Saturday 25 February
6 pm Gattton

Sunday 26 February
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley
Please stay for
Morning Tea

Tuesday 28 February
4:30pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 1 March
9 am Gattton

Thursday 2 March
9 am Laidley

Friday 3 March
9 am Gattton
Benediction

Saturday 4 March
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 5 March
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton
Please stay for
Morning Tea

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5:30pm each
Saturday before the
Vigil Mass,
or at other times by
appointment.

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Gattton Laidley

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Yr A)

February 26, 2023

Poem for Lent

Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter - our celebration of the death and resurrection of the Lord. Let me give a glimpse of our Lenten journey. On the first Sunday of Lent we join Jesus in the desert, on the second Sunday we ascend the mountain of transfiguration, on the third Sunday we travel with Jesus to a Samaritan town called Sychar, on the fourth Sunday we go to the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem and on the fifth Sunday we travel with Jesus and disciples to the village of Bethany, where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Our Lenten journey begins with forty days in the desert with Jesus. The forty days in the desert evoke the forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert. Mathew presents Jesus as the new and greater Moses leading a new and greater Exodus.

We are living in an enemy occupied territory. An evil power has made itself, for the present, the prince of this world. Jesus is to lead a new Exodus, to rescue us from the power of the prince of this world.

The risen Lord tells his disciples, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**" The clutches of sin and evil has been broken. We were prisoners of war in the territory of the enemy. Jesus through his death and resurrection conquered that territory once and for all.

May the following poem help us for a spiritual celebration of Lent.

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ in them.

Fast from wanting more; feast on being thankful.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from complaining; feast on enjoyment.

Fast from negatives; feast on positives.

Fast from stress; feast on prayer.

Fast from anger; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from fear; feast on truth.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from gossip; feast on silence.

Fast from fighting; feast on peace.

An adaptation from the poem "A Lenten Prayer"
by William Arthur Ward (1921-1984)

LENT – a time of prayer, fasting and repentance

FROM ASHES TO HOPE ... a perfect companion for your daily prayer during the Lenten period right until the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Each day is structured with a snippet of the daily gospel, a reflection, and a short prayer.

These beautiful little books are now available – only \$ 5

Why not join a small group for reflection and discussion?

Monday 9:45am Parish Office Laidley commencing 27th February

Wednesday 9:30am Community Ctre Gatton commencing 1st March

Thursday 5:15pm Community Ctre Gatton commencing 2nd March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Step by step we make the journey with Jesus as he resolutely took the path for our salvation. The reflections at each station help us to stay focused on God's plan and pathway ... to follow Him everyday.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent – all welcome.

9:30am Gatton † 4:00pm Laidley † 5:00pm Gatton



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent, Father Emmanuel will be celebrating additional Masses.

Please note the change to commencement time.

Tuesday 5pm Forest Hill (unchanged)

Wednesday 9am Gatton (followed by Lenten group)

Thursday 9am Laidley

Friday 9am Gatton (followed by Stations of the Cross)

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Please make a note in your diary, on your calendar or on your phone for the Second Rite of Reconciliation. In this season of Lent, we gather as a community and celebrate the liturgy, then we seek individual confession and absolution or receive a special blessing.

Laidley – 9am – 30th March

Gatton – 6pm – 31st March

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

This weekend is the **Rite of Election** for the catechumens and candidates. This is held at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane and all the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to celebrate.

It is where the Church makes its 'election', formally acknowledging the catechumens' readiness for receiving the sacraments of initiation. During the celebration, candidates who are already baptised are also honoured.

This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called the enrolment of names because, as a pledge of fidelity, the catechumens inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation. (RCIA #108)



COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

SJ 2023 - Sacrament of Reconciliation for School age children

Please pray for Abbi, Lilly, Lionel and William as they learn more about the grace and mercy of our loving God.

The next session will be on **18th March at 4pm at St Patrick's Church Laidley.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 3rd March

The Gatton service will be held at **10:00am at Peace Lutheran Church, 85 Spencer Street Gatton.**

The Laidley service will be held at **1:00pm in the Function Room at the Laidley Cultural Centre, Plainland Road, Laidley.**

Light refreshments will be served, and fellowship enjoyed after the services.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend at Laidley we celebrate the baptism of **Christopher Albert Kingsley Cordingley**. May Christopher and his parents Adam and Jessica be supported by our prayers and friendship in their Christian journey.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to two young gentlemen who live their lives as Christ's ambassadors in our community. Happy Birthday to **Ray MacNamara** and **Tony FitzGerald**.

May God continue to bless them with good health and guide their steps everyday.

CATHOLIC LADIES MEETING

The next meeting of the Laidley Catholic Ladies Group will be held in the Laidley Parish Hall on **Friday 3rd March**. Please note a change to the starting time.

It will commence at **11:00am** for the meeting and then together we can go to the World Day of Prayer service at the Laidley Cultural Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a time of faith and friendship.

60th ANNIVERSARY ST MARY'S CHURCH GATTON

2023 marks the 60th anniversary of the current church in Gatton.

As a parish community, what would you like to do to celebrate this occasion?

Would you like to be a part of a team organising an event?

We have confirmation that the Archbishop or a Bishop is available to visit our parish for the 9am Mass on **Sunday 20th August**. Please let Fr Emmanuel or Chris know if you would like to help organise something special for this occasion.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone who has offered to be part of our volunteer teams – your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

Morning Tea Roster - Laidley

Would you like to serve our parish through providing hospitality after the 9am Mass in Laidley? We already have several amazing volunteers – but there is always room for more! Before the roster is finalised, please contact Chris at the office to register your interest or find out more information. *Thank you!*

OUR PARISH

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St Mary's Laidley
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5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Laurie Didsman, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Warren Forbes, Mark Wendt, Michael Trail, Shannon Gilchrist, Barry Crosby, Colleen Scheiwe, Edilberta Parcell, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Catherine Dormer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lucy Kimmings, Lorraine Sells, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Pat Pingel, Sienna Beutel

If parishioners would like a sick person prayed for, please ask their permission. Names will be included for ONE MONTH.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Panzram

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ursula O'Connor, Kathleen Roache, Frank Hobbs, Bridget Dwyer, William Redmond, Kevin Thomas, Curtis Sutton, Cecily Ward, Charles Francis, Fred Gowdy, Gregory Elliott, William Friend, Maxwell Martin, Joseph Robeck, Annie Gough, Brian Upton, Myrtle Friske, Julie-Anne McNeill, Harold Woodbine, Maria Mertens

*O Lord, the God of mercies,
grant unto the souls of Thy servants
the anniversary day of whose passing we are keeping,
a place of solace, of peaceful rest, of glorious light.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box or **set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season** and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**



THANK YOU SO MUCH

From Fiona Ho ...*Thank you so much to everyone at Our Lady of the Valley parish. You made me feel so welcome over the past six years as I studied at the Gatton UQ campus. I have now moved to the South Burnett area to work, and I am so thankful for all you did to support me in my faith journey. God bless you and thank you!*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

There are times when the office will be unattended, and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Please email your enquiries wherever possible.

In addition to all Thursdays, the office will

also be closed on the following days:

Tuesday 28th February – Wednesday 1st March

