



Mass Times

Saturday 26 August
6 pm Gattton

Sunday 27 August
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

Tuesday 29 August
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 30 August
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton

Friday 1 September
First Friday Mass
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley
Benediction

Saturday 2 September
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 3 September
7 am Glenore
Gve
9 am Gattton

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 27 August, 2023

What do you ascribe ultimate worth to?

The bible uses the word idolatry whenever we ascribe ultimate worth to anything or anyone but God. It is idolatry because we are ascribing ultimate worth to something or someone that is created and finite, rather than to the infinite Creator.

Importantly, the Gospel asks us, "**where in reality do I invest my time, talents, money, energy, thought, emotions and enthusiasm? What do I ascribe ultimate worth to?** Is it to keeping fit, to partying, to holidays, to looking after the grandchildren, to playing sport or to discipleship?

In Christian life and discipleship, Jesus should be at the very centre of our lives. Everything else we do in life flows from our relationship with the Lord. He is the one to whom we ascribe ultimate worth to.

'Who do you say I am?' is a very confronting question from Jesus. Because, it is challenging us to ask ourselves, "**Who is Jesus for me?**"

According to Fr. Lawrence Freeman OSB, "*Who do you say that I am is an intimately personal question. If we do not feel its intimacy as disturbing - even intrusive - we have not listened to it. It is a question that summons a response from a silent depth within the heart itself.*"

The Gospel also spreads light on the mystery of the Church. The word church comes from the Greek root, *Ekklesia* which means a body of people who have been called together.

*"Therefore, the Church is a body of people, not so much assembling because they have chosen to come together but assembling because **God has called them to himself**; not so much assembling to share their own thoughts and opinions, but assembling to **listen to the voice of God.**"* -William Barclay.

Today's reading tells us, that as Catholics, we are people who proclaim that Jesus is the anointed, Son of the living God. And we are called into the community founded by Jesus the Christ, and built upon Peter the rock.

Blessings Fr Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm: Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 29 August **Parent and Child Information Session**
For Confirmation and First Holy Communion
6pm St Mary's Church Gatton
- Friday 1 September **Laidley Catholic Ladies Meeting**
Parish Hall – Laidley 9:30am
- Saturday 30 September **Visit by Bishop Tim Norton SVD**
Sunday 1 October Bishop Tim will be celebrating all the weekend Masses.
This will be his first visit to our parish since his episcopal ordination last year. He is a very down to earth man, and he is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible over a cup of tea or coffee after every Mass.
6pm Laidley
7am Glenore Grove
9am Gatton
- Saturday 7 October **Baptism Preparation Session**
10:30am Gatton Community Centre (15 Maitland St)
- Sunday 15 October **"Something Beautiful"** women's retreat
10am Gatton Community Centre (15 Maitland St)
Each year we invite the ladies of our parish to put aside a day from their busy schedule, to allow themselves to focus on their encounter with Christ.
Bookings will open soon.
- Friday 20 October **Sacrament of Confirmation**
6pm St Mary's Church Gatton
- Sat/Sun 25 & 26 Nov **First Holy Communion** – Gatton and Laidley

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – ST MARY'S CHURCH

Last weekend, we welcomed **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** to our parish to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the new St Mary's Church in Gatton and the Rite of Installation of Fr Emmanuel as Parish Priest. Thank you to the volunteers who worked hard to prepare the church and gardens and provided the delicious morning tea. It was wonderful to see several previous parishioners return to celebrate this special occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER KERRY CROWLEY

This Saturday night, we welcome back to our parish, Fr Kerry Crowley. Fifty years ago, he was ordained at St Mary's Church in Gatton and has served God in the Diocese of Cairns. He currently serves as the Diocesan Administrator of Cairns following the retirement of Bishop Foley. When asked about his fifty years as a priest, he replied ***"I'm thankful I've got health and fire in the belly. And I like to still see my work as planting seeds."***

Come and welcome him back to the Valley and stay for supper after the Vigil Mass.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mitchell and Jo Harris as together we celebrate the baptism of Cooper at St Patrick's Church this weekend.

May the love of God strengthen and encourage them every day.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

This annual campaign will be held in our parish this weekend.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports **training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests**, helping local families in dire need **access a Catholic education** and **caring for those suffering physically and emotionally** in our community. Envelopes will be available over the weekend at all churches. Thank you for your kind support.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY – CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST

Applications have just closed for primary school age children who would like to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Attendance at **the Parent and Child Information Session** is essential and will be held: **Tuesday 29th August at St Mary's Church Gatton commencing at 6pm**

Please pray for all families that they will encourage their children to prepare for these sacraments to help them grow in faith and develop their love of God.

LOCKYER VALLEY OSHC

As many people are already aware, Lockyer Valley Outside School Hours Care will be open for business in the very near future. We would like to express our gratitude to the parish for granting us access to the Laidley hall as our primary facility for our service.

We are a small family run business. Our family live, work and are educated within the Laidley community, so we are passionate about providing high quality care for the children of Laidley. Motivating us to pursue this dream was from recognising the very clear need within the Laidley community for additional outside school hours care. Our community is growing, and our families are desperate ... so here we are. Without the support of the parish, we wouldn't be able to meet this unmet need within the community, and we sincerely thank you for that.

Although the hall is our primary facility, we want to express to the parish community that it is a shared facility. With due notice, the hall will always remain available to members of the parish, and we will always do our best to cater to everyone's needs. We will be operating Monday to Friday, during before and after school hours, plus over the school holidays. Our first class equipment is designed to be easily moved to the outer edges of the hall so that parish activities can be undertaken.

We will rely on early advice from the parish as to when the hall will be required for a large event eg catering for a funeral, or special parish event, so that there won't be any inconvenience. There should also be plenty of space for parish morning teas when held on a Sunday morning after Mass. Access to the bathrooms will also not be impeded. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to access quality child care and also for the parish to receive regular income. *Thank you!* Jo and Shay

OUR PARISH

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0487 001 722

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5465 1240

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Judy Shepherd, Jodi Thompson, Jan Maltry, Roslyn Furber, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Mark Wendt, Michael Trail, Edilberta Parcell, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lorraine Sells, 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:

Glen Goos, David Smith, John "Jack" Bachmann, Gavin Reynolds, Peter Jackson, Jo Steffens

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas O'Brien, Leo Schulz, Louis Steffens, Thomas O'Connor, Kevin Breuer, Joseph Buckley, Mary O'Keeffe, Eugeniusz Baranski, Pat Brandon, Don Diete, Doris Marsh, Bernardine Cleary, Margaret Herrmann, Doug Smith, Thomas Upton, Thomas Ford, Theresa Haines, Gregory Reuter, Emily Moran, Thomas Gould, Kathleen Kraut, John "Dyno" Dionysius

*Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or Life, hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this week,
fulfill in them the purpose of your love and bring us all,
with them, to your eternal joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

The safety of our volunteers, and the safety of those we serve are our highest priority and to ensure the Archdiocesan standards are met, all volunteers need to complete paperwork appropriate to their role.

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.

Everyone needs to complete a **Volunteer form, Prior Conduct Declaration, acknowledge the Safe Conduct Standards and complete basic Safeguarding training.**

Blue Cards and Police Checks are also required for some roles, and you can be assisted in your completion of these forms. Both of these forms are valid for 3 years. Teachers and police officers may provide an Exemption Card instead.

Advanced Safeguarding training is also required for people who will be serving children under 18 years and adults who are at risk. Thank you for your co-operation