



Mass Times

Saturday 26 October Confirmation Mass

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

Tuesday 29 October

4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wed'day 30 October

8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton

Friday 1 November

Feast of All Saints

8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley

Saturday 2 November

All Souls Day

10 am Gattton
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 3 November

7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from
5:30pm each
Saturday afternoon.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27 October'24

“Kyrie Eleeson”

Lord, have mercy on me.

In today's Gospel Jesus and his disciples are leaving Jericho to Jerusalem. On their way a blind man by name Bartimaeus prays to Jesus, “**Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me**”. In Greek this is, ‘Yesu, Eleeson’. The blind man's plea in the Gospel has passed in to Christian liturgy as part of the Penitential Rite of the Mass as *Kyrie Eleeson*.

People asked Bartimeus to be quiet, but he prayed even louder, which shows the **depth of his faith and trust in the Lord**.

When he is told that **Jesus is calling him**, he jumps up and goes to Jesus. This response of Bartimaeus puts a question to us. “How often do I hear the call of Jesus, and instead of responding to the call, I say ‘wait until I have done this or finished that. I am too busy at the moment.’”

Jesus asked Bartimeus, “**what do you want me to do for you?**” This question is addressed to us as well. What is that “**something**” (not necessarily a physical ailment) that we know is getting in the way of our being the person that God wants us to be, the person that God has created us to be?

Bartimaeus replied, “*Rabbunie, let me see again*”. Jesus says to him, “**Go, your faith has saved you.**” Here the underlying spiritual insight is, it was Jesus' power that healed Bartimeus along with his deep faith. **Faith is the channel through which Jesus' power can work in us.**

Faith is more than an intellectual ascent, an emotional involvement and commitment to Jesus. Bartimaeus trusted in power of God working through Jesus.

In a deeper reflection, this is more than a physical healing. The whole miracle tells us that the **key to salvation is faith**. Bartimaeus was healed and he followed Jesus on his way discipleship, as a great example and encouragement to every disciple of Christ.

Blessings, Fr. Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

We all like to arrive at church and find everything clean and tidy, ready to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Volunteers have worked during the week to clean and prepare the church – vacuuming, dusting, mopping, sweeping and tidying.

Cleaners truly embody the two key values of Christian vocation – humility and service. **St Patrick's Church at Laidley is urgently in need of additional cleaners.**

Would you be able to commit to serving God in this way, and if so, you would be on the roster three or four times a year. Please prayerfully consider and contact Chris at the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP TIM NORTON

Pope Francis has appointed Brisbane auxiliary Bishop Tim Norton as the third Bishop of Broome. *"The Diocese of Broome has been very troubled in recent times, and Bishop Tim has the gifts and experience to take the process of healing and renewal that has already begun."* Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

Bishop Tim is a missionary by vocation, and he will be able to draw upon the resources of the Divine Word Missionaries who are already a presence in the diocese. We are all deeply grateful for all that Bishop Tim has brought to the Archdiocese of Brisbane in his time among us; and we join many others in praying for him as he prepares for this new and challenging mission.

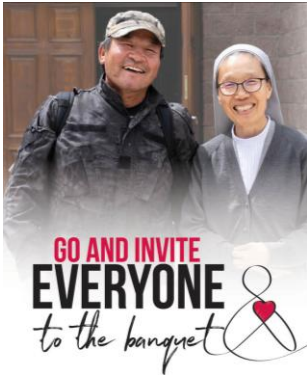
**"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can all do small things with great LOVE".**

St. Teresa of Calcutta

2025 PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who expressed their interest in journeying through the sacred places of Europe next year. Unfortunately, there was insufficient interest for the pilgrimage to go ahead. We will consider other dates in the future.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest news.

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THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation completes Baptism, by which, in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus, and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely. This weekend, thirteen children will be confirmed by Fr Emmanuel. Two children will be confirmed in December.

Thank you to Nelia Manansala and Cheryl Whitehouse for their great work in preparing the children.

Please pray for **Brodie, Kyleigh, Laura, Andrew, Samantha, Alkina-Pearl, Michael, Makayla, Austin, Grace, Phillip, Lara, Mia Chinee, Jack S and Jack W.**

BIRTHDAYS ARE A REMINDER OF GOD'S GRACE

By the Grace of God, this week we celebrate the birthdays of some amazing people in our parish. Did you know that ultimately, the biblical meaning of birthdays lies in using the occasion to grow closer to God, to seek His guidance, to express gratitude for His faithfulness, and to pursue righteousness in all aspects of life.

Congratulations and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to **Jane Heenan, Daphne Ryan, and Therese Thompson.**

*"May the Lord bless them and protect them.
May the Lord smile on them and be gracious to them."*

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KUMAR FAMILY

Congratulations to Charles and Sarah, siblings Frankie and Gigi, as little **Leni Mya** is baptised this weekend at Forest Hill. Congratulations also to Krishna.

In baptism, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and we become the beloved children of God. The beautiful thing about infant baptism is that from the very beginning we are adopted into God's family. Our parents and Godparents promise to guide us and teach us the Catholic faith. As we grow up, the graces and gifts of baptism remain with us, helping us to grow in our faith, and eventually take responsibility for our baptismal promises at Confirmation.

OUR PARISH

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Margaret O'Brien, 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:

Anne Long, Cecilia Hickey, Helena King, Michael Sippel, Melanie Moriarty, Brian O'Dea, Mary Forrest, Alice O'Brien, Josephine O'Brien, Irene Reynolds, Lawrence Talbot, Sr Mary Loman RSM, Daisy Cliffe, Stephen Balaam, Dulcie Hennessy, Daniel Nolan, Patrick Schulz.

*We pray for the souls gone before us, priests, religious, family and friends -
those who have taken their vocation of Christian service seriously.
May the Lord's merciful love purify them completely,
that they may look upon the face of God, and rejoice forever.
Amen*

NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of the **CATHOLIC LEADER** are available for you to borrow from Laidley and Gatton churches. These copies have been provided for you to read and bring back for someone else to enjoy.

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 available is the popular daily resource for everyday in 2025. **God's Word 2025** is available 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 available.