



## Mass Times

### Saturday 28 October

5:30 pm Rosary

6 pm Laidley

### Sunday 29 October

8:30 am Rosary

9 am Gatton

4:30 pm Rosary

5 pm Glenore Gve

### Tuesday 31 October

4:30 pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

### Wed'sday 1 November

#### All Saints Day

8:30 am Rosary

9 am Gatton

### Thursday 2 November

#### All Souls Day

11:30am Laidley

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Gatton

### Friday 3 November

#### First Friday

9:00 am Laidley

Benediction

### Saturday 4 November

6:00 pm Laidley

### Sunday 5 November

7:00 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gatton



# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (Yr A) 29<sup>th</sup> October '23

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,  
and you shall renew the face of the earth.*



**Responsorial Psalm:  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wed'day 1 November **All Saints Day**  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Mass Gatton
- Thursday 2 November **All Soul's Day**  
11:30am Mass Laidley  
5:30pm Rosary  
6:00pm Mass Gatton
- Wed'day 22 November **Workshop & rehearsal for Eucharist canaiaares**  
3:30-5:30pm St Mary's Church Gatton  
At least one parent and child must attend.
- Saturday 25 November 6pm Mass First Holy Communion Gatton
- Sunday 26 November 9am Mass First Holy Communion Laidley
- Saturday 2 December **Advent reflection morning**  
The first in a series of meditative sessions led by Father Emmanuel. Please contact the office to **register your interest** as some background information will be provided before the session.  
9am Gatton Community Centre followed by morning tea
- Saturday 9 December **"A Night of Thanksgiving"**  
An opportunity to celebrate together to recognise the many special occasions of 2023. This year will be a multicultural Christmas theme as we encourage our parish families to decorate a tree in their traditional style.
- Friday 15 December **Carols by Candlelight**  
Outside St Patrick's Church Laidley  
From 5:30pm Markets, Face painting, Sausage Sizzle and Coffee Van  
6:30pm Carols



## SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST – First Holy Communion

Please continue to pray for **Rose, Oliver F, Miki, Brannan, Makayla, Mitchell, Oliver B, Beau, Stella H, Sofia, Kristen, Kendrix, Milton, Ben D, Dominic, Caleb, Benjamin L, Hudson, Stella M, Lily, Sasha and Hayden**. The next preparation session for First Holy Communion is on Sunday 5 November at Gatton during the 9am Mass. Thank you to Clare for leading the sessions and to all the volunteers for their assistance every weekend. It is deeply appreciated.

## CONSIDERING BECOME CATHOLIC?

Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. **The next RCIA group will commence on 19<sup>th</sup> November** - If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic, please have a chat to Father Emmanuel.

## Praying with all the Saints

*"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep"* (1 Thes 4:14)

November is a month when the Catholic Church and Christian Communities take time to remember all those who have died. With Catholics throughout the world, we commemorate all the faithful departed — those who died this week, the beloved deceased members of our families, those who have died of natural causes as well the victims of war, violence and genocide, those who have died of hunger, disease and neglect, the infants who have died in miscarriages or who have been killed through exposure or abortion, the seniors who have been tragically killed through euthanasia, the Christians who have died for the faith in persecution, the anonymous who rest in common graves, and those forgotten by the world and whose names are known only by God.

Throughout this month there are different ways we can call to mind our loved ones who have died. We can pray for them, attend Mass, visit their graves and be comforted in the hope that Jesus gives us through his death and Resurrection.

It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving, and all the families who have lost loved ones in the past year.



People often find comfort in practical ways, and creating a Sacred Space is a point of focus for prayer. It is a centre for reflection. It helps us to **become still, to allow God to speak to us in the quiet of our hearts.** A simple Sacred Space can be placed somewhere in the house and during November the family can gather around it, light a candle and pray for their loved ones who have died.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen*

Catholics have long recognized that stories of the saints are a great way to connect faith to everyday living. We must recognise that the saints were still human beings who **cooperated with God's grace** as best they could each day. God also asks that **we** do the best we can—in our own space, our own time, our own way. We look to the saints because they teach us what it means to live as disciples of Christ. They give us a model to follow. A simple way to recall their wisdom is to remember a quote from your favourite saint. If you don't have a favourite, look beyond those whose name you easily recognise and explore the lives of other saints. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you to find new hope and strength through the intercession of the Saint you choose.

*"Pray, hope, and don't worry."* Padre Pio

*"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."*

Clare of Assisi

*"As I hope in thee, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence, which brings me to thy holy mountain."* Agnes of Assisi

## OUR PARISH

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## WE PRAY FOR ...

### THE SICK:

Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Maurice Crowley, Judy Shepherd, 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

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kim Phillips

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Forrest, Alice O'Brien, Josephine O'Brien, Irene Reynolds, Lawrence Talbot, Sr Mary Loman RSM, Melanie Moriarty, Daisy Cliffe, Stephen Balaam, Dulcie Hennessy, Daniel Nolan, Patrick Schulz, Eleanor O'Brien, Alex MacAndrews, Dorothy Cannan, Wilhelmus Van de Weyer, George Laffey, Johanna Schmidt, Ronald Rogers, Maureen Kowaltzke-Wood

## 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

Columban calendars for 2024 are now available at Vinnies shop in Railway Street Gatton – great value at \$ 10 each. These always sell out, so don't miss out!

## NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER

The season of Advent begins in a few weeks. This liturgical season helps us to **prepare our hearts** for the birth of Jesus Christ. This is the season in which we recall that this God who loves each of us so much that He becomes one of us. To assist in **preparing our hearts, minds and spirits**, there is a daily resource available for Advent that includes a daily scripture reading, reflection, prayer and reflection questions.

**"With Expectant Hearts"** will take you on a journey where God will take you deeper and deeper into the meaning of the season. Available from next week at all churches: \$ 5 each

***"If today you hear God's voice,  
harden not your hearts." Ps 94:8***

Each year, the Society of St Paul produces **"God's Word"** as a book of daily reflections. You are encouraged to use this book each day, to pray and to listen carefully to God's words, helping you to be still and to know God, to be still and listen to God speaking.

We hear and read so many words every day, **"God's Word"** is a blessing as it calls us to listen carefully for what God is saying to us each day. Available from next week at all churches \$ 15 each