



Mass Times

Saturday 28 September
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 29 September
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattin

Tuesday 1 October
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wed'day 2 October
8:00 am Adoration
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattin

Friday 4 October
9 am Laidley

Saturday 5 October
5:30 pm Rosary
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 6 October
6:30 am Rosary
7 am Glenore Gve

8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from
5:30pm each
Saturday afternoon.

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29 Sep'24

Detachment for Discipleship

In today's Gospel we are with Jesus and the disciples on their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. On this journey Jesus tells his disciples about his passion and death in Jerusalem. But the disciples failed to understand what he said. In this context, Mark frames Jesus' teaching of discipleship.

'Cut it off, tear it out' – the words we hear in the Gospel are clearly not intended to be carried out in a literal sense. Jesus is talking about the **supreme value of life in the kingdom of God**. God's kingdom is of such **overriding importance** that we **must** be prepared to **act vigorously** against anything in our lives that would **jeopardise** our life in God's kingdom.

The tough demands of discipleship used in today's Gospel have to be understood as the image of letting go. **What must I let go of?** The traditional word of letting go is detachment. In other words, we renounce, cut off or tear out anything that is a **stumbling block** to our call to discipleship.

It is not money or possession that are the root of the problem, but **our attachment** to them, and the way that conditions our thinking. **'The problem is not that people own things, but the problem is the things own people.'**

In the course of our life, we leave and are left, and let go much that we love. **Losing is the price we pay for living. It is also the source of much of our growth and gain.**

Making our way from birth to death, we also have to make our way through the pain of giving up, and giving up of some portion what we cherish. We have to deal with our necessary losses.

"And when you pray for me, all I ask that you pray for is that above all, I should completely forget my own will and completely surrender to the will of God, because this is all I want to do."

Thomas Merton.

Blessings, Fr. Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday
October 12 **Rosary in the Garden**
10am Please meet at the Mary Garden at St Mary's Church Gatton
Kindly bring a plate of food to share afterwards.
- 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
To nominate a team, please contact Dan Flanagan 0407 583 228
- Sunday
November 17 **Special Anniversaries and Milestone Birthdays Celebration**
9am St Mary's Gatton
If you have not yet advised the Parish Office of your special
anniversary or milestone birthday, please do so as soon as possible.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS...

Are you ever amazed at God's plan and how His Word is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow? When we allow Him to speak to our hearts through sacred Scripture, the words may have been written only yesterday. Each word of His Word in the Bible is so relevant and pertinent to us and how we live out each day.

A call of encouragement ... from Esther 4:14

"God is not surprised by our circumstances or the state of our world and calls us to love and serve Him where we find ourselves, and according to our state in life. It is by God's grace and through His strength that we can, with confidence and boldness, go forward and be His witness "for such a time as this".

From Hebrews 11:1-2

"What is faith? It is that which gives substance to our hopes, which convinces us of things we cannot see."

A message of encouragement from St Catherine of Siena to each of us ...

"Be who you are called to be, and you will set the world on fire!"

We all must discern our path in life. When we see what others get to do in order to be part of building God's kingdom and compare it to our role, we may feel that what we are doing doesn't matter. We may not have a prominent role, but the unique seed that God has given us has the capacity to change hearts and bring others to Christ. **Knowing and faithfully using our giftedness**, however hidden, in the service of others, is putting our light on a lampstand.

Those who visit the sick with joy, parents who lovingly care for children with a disability, cleaners who do their work diligently and with a smile and students who listen respectfully to their teachers, are letting their light shine by **bringing God's love** to birth in simple, but powerful ways.

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

This week we celebrate the birthdays of **Rita Ilka** and **Bob Laffey**. We give thanks for the gift of faith that Rita and Bob share with our communities – their ready smiles and thoughtfulness bring hope and healing. This quote below comes from a Good Samaritan Sister ... ***"As we age, we become more aware that each person's value lies in who that person is, rather than what they do. This journey of ageing is often the passage from doing to being. It is a profound spiritual journey of finding God at the heart of one's life."*** We wish Rita and Bob a very happy birthday and celebrate the many gifts they share with us in Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL AT MARIAN VALLEY

The Feast of St Faustina Kowalska is on **Saturday 5th October**.

You are invited to attend the blessing and opening of the newly built Divine Mercy Chapel.

The day will begin at 10am with Holy Hour, Exposition, Rosary and Confession.

Mass will be celebrated at the new chapel followed by lunch at the Shrine.

There will be Eucharistic Procession to Fatima Grotto at 1:30pm followed by Divine Mercy hour at 3pm. The Celebrant for this day will be Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE from Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.

DO YOU FIND IT HARD TO FOCUS DURING ADVENT?

Many of us will have a daily prayer routine. Depending on our style of prayer and worship, and how we communicate with God, it can be good to change a few things during the liturgical seasons of Lent and Advent. Lent seems to be easier to focus, as each week we can attend Stations of the Cross, we remember to fast on Fridays and the readings lead us through this period of preparation for Easter.

Advent can be a bit harder to focus – already the secular world is beginning to bombard us with advertising relating to buying gifts and feasting with family and friends. This is where it is extra important to prioritise time with God – to silence the noise of the secular world, and spend time with Him.

Thankfully, we help you and I focus, Evangelisation Brisbane will be launching their daily Advent reflection book later this month.

Limited copies will be available at all churches in early November for \$ 6 each.

Pope Francis has declared the theme entering into the Jubilee Year beginning on Christmas Eve, 24 December, to be "Pilgrims of Hope".

This year's Advent resource, **Hope Reigns**, seeks to help prepare you for the birth of Emmanuel, *God with us*. Guest writer Br. Damien Price cfc (Christian Brother of the Oceania Province) has written the 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. 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>

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Maurice Crowley, 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, Nicholaas Bakker, Corina Thompson, Theresa Joseph,

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vyvian Wilks, James Crowley, Martin Panzram, Joyce Sayers, William Holcombe, Paul Friske, Mervyn Litfin, Kathleen Crowley, Ronald Griffin, John Buhse, Patricia Murphy, Dorothy Jeffes, Mary Stormonth, Arnold Van Ansem, Hazel Fogarty, Laura Schmierer, Maud Crowley, Margaret Ann Dionysius, Betty Chalmers, Thelma Schilling, Joan Trebbin, Catherine Elliott, Thomas Howe, Denis Morrissey

*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

Fifteen children have commenced their preparation for Confirmation.

Please pray for **Brodie, Kyleigh, Laura, Andrew, Samantha, Alkina-Pearl, Makayla, Michael, Austin, Grace, 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?

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not – nobody is! **But still, God calls.** There is enough ministry for many more. **Answer God's Call.**



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