



Mass Times

Saturday 4 November
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 5 November
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton

Tuesday 7 November
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wed'sday 8 November
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gattton

Friday 10 November
No Laidley Mass

Saturday 11 November
6:00 pm Gattton

Sunday 12 November
7:00 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



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Gatton Laidley

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (Yr A) 5 Nov 2023

Feet on the Ground

In the first reading prophet Malachi instructs us **not to stray away from the way of the Lord** and not to cause others to stumble by our teaching, and the second reading presents St. Paul as a true model of preaching of the Gospel. Today's Gospel makes a threefold indictment on the Scribes and the Pharisees - they do not practice what they preach, they lay heavy burdens on people while failing to act themselves and they act for wrong reasons; to make an impression on others.

Jesus does not condemn the use of religious symbols by the Scribes and the Pharisees. Signs and symbols play an important role in all religions. In our Catholic tradition we use many signs and symbols in our worship, such as water, oil, bread and wine, candles and fire, ash, palms, bells and vestments, incense and the laying-on of hands. Jesus is not condemning the use of symbols, but he criticizes the use of symbols when they are employed solely for the purpose of making an impression on others.

The heart of today's Gospel is, "**anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.**" The word humility comes from the Latin word 'humus' means soil. Etymologically, humility means someone who has their feet on the ground, someone who is grounded on reality, not in a world of fantasy or unreality. Christian humility is not thinking of ourselves as: "*I am useless, I am a nobody, I am a waste of space.*" "**Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.**"

In today's Responsorial psalm, it gives us a powerful image of Christian humility. The psalm teaches us that humility is not becoming proud in in heart, it is not to have eyes of arrogance, it is neither going after great things, nor exalting oneself.

"Humility is truly setting our soul in silence and peace as a like a child is weaned to its mother's chest."

Responsorial Psalm:
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed'day 22 November **Workshop & rehearsal for Eucharist candidates**
3:30 – 5:30pm St Mary's Church Gatton

Thursday 23 November **Live Nativity & Carols**
6:00 – 7:30pm Sophia College
BYO Blanket or chair
Free event – please book incl food.
Bookings close 3pm on 15 November
www.trybooking.com/CLMSB



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. There will be a shared supper as we invite people to bring traditional foods for others to enjoy.

Friday 15 December **Carols by Candlelight**
Outside St Patrick's Church Laidley
5:30pm Markets, Face painting, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks
6:30pm Carols
Invite the families and friends around you to come and join at this special time as we prepare for Christmas.

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 12 November at Laidley during the 9am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to Corey, Wanny and Connor as their daughter and sister, **Maisy Inoc Doeblien** is baptised this weekend in Gatton. May God continue to guide and bless them, give them strength and hope as they continue this journey of faith. We pray for this beautiful family that our prayers and support will encourage them to continue to be a part of our parish community.



Praying with all the Saints

November is a month when the Catholic Church and Christian Communities take time to remember all those who have died. 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.



Last week we started looking at the different Saints and their words of wisdom. 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 on our path to holiness. A simple way to recall their wisdom is to remember a quote from your favourite saint.

“Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak.”

Anthony of Padua

“Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must.

And Love says let it be!” Elizabeth Ann Seton

“The most deadly poison of our times is indifference.

And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits.

Let us strive, therefore, to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers.”

Maximilian Kolbe

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Congratulations to Maureen Smith, Tom Linnan and Reg Thompson as they celebrate their birthdays around this time. May God bless them with strength and courage as they trust in His mercy and love. Happy Birthday! You are all amazing!

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 19th November** - If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic, please have a chat to Father Emmanuel.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed from Friday 3rd November until Monday 20th November. In case of emergencies during this time, please phone Father Emmanuel on 5462 5374. For general enquiries, please see Father at any of the Masses, or email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au

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5411 3400

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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marian Covers, Jack O'Reilly, Peter Scott, May Laffey, Valerie Hughes, Cory Leathern, Kevin Panzram, Robert McCarthy, Mary Steffens, Patrick Lyne, Noreen Lund, Reg Jackson, Ventura Misagel, George Kanofski, May Banbury, James Quade, Dorothy Byrne, Cody Waldie

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 NOW AVAILABLE

The season of Advent begins in a few weeks. 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"** is a daily will take you on a journey where God will take you deeper and deeper into the meaning of season.

Available now at all churches: \$ 5 each

"Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5

Another favourite parish resource is the annual **"God's Word"**- filled with practical reflections to help you connect to God in a meaningful way as we live out our mission. Now available \$ 15

LEAVING A LEGACY

THANK YOU to the kind parishioners who have recently increased their weekly or monthly planned giving. It is truly appreciated.

Another way to support our parish is to become an Eternal Guardian of our parish and **remember our parish in your Will**. Your gift can be a general gift for the parish to use as it deems fit or for a specific parish program/ministry. It is important that the correct legal entity is referenced in your Will including the parish name and official address of the Parish Office.

For the example wording, please contact our Parish office.