



## Mass Times

**Saturday 7 September**  
6 pm Mass Gattton

**Sunday 8 September**  
7 am Liturgy of  
Word  
w/Comm  
Forest Hill  
9 am Mass Laidley

**Tuesday 10 September**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Liturgy of  
Word  
w/Comm  
Forest Hill

**Wed'day 11 September**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Liturgy of  
Word  
w/Comm  
Gattton

**Saturday 14 September**  
6 pm Laidley

**Sunday 15 September**  
7 am Glenore Gve  
9 am Gattton

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from  
5:30pm each  
Saturday afternoon.

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8 Sept'24**

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

With today's Gospel reading, we enter into a central part of Mark's Gospel. The section begins with the healing of a deaf man and ends with the healing of a blind man. These are not just miracle stories about Jesus' power; rather, they have a teaching purpose.

The way Jesus heals the man reminds us of the Sacrament of Baptism. It involves a **total commitment** on our part to the way of life that **Jesus calls us to follow**. A basic part of that commitment is a growing **openness to hear** what Jesus says to us, and a growing ability to be able to **share our faith** with others.

If we are honest, many of us are not very good at either listening or speaking, where God is concerned. Some have even stopped hearing. Others, though, are good at listening. They want to know more about the **meaning of Jesus** and his Gospel in the changing circumstances of their lives. But they, too, though good at hearing, may do very little speaking, very little sharing. Yet, to hear the Word of God and not to proclaim it is, in the mind of the Gospel, a contradiction. As Jesus said once, there is not much point in lighting a lamp and then hiding it away. **A light is supposed to share its light.**

So, let us pray today for the gift of hearing - to hear the voice of God calling to us in everything that will happen this day.

Let us pray for the gift of speech - to be so filled with the redeeming experience of **knowing Jesus**, that we simply cannot refrain from sharing that experience with all those around us.

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

This weekend we welcome Fr Peter Wieneke and Fr Gerry Hefferan to our parish to celebrate the 6pm Vigil in Gattton and the 9am Mass in Laidley.

Please pray for Fr Emmanuel and his family on the passing of their mother Theresa Joseph. May she rest in the arms of Jesus.

**Responsorial Psalm: Twenty Third Sunday Ord. Time**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday  
September 28 **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
11:30am Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane  
Couples celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary or more** are invited to attend, together with family and friends.  
**RSVP** By Wednesday 25 September by phone: 3324 3030  
Parking will be available under the Cathedral.

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

There is much to celebrate in our parish this week. Happy Birthday to three people who always support our parish events, and who bring joy to those around them.

Congratulations **Fran Kneen, Teenie Van Ansem** and **Gerry Luck**. May your day be blessed with family fun and loving friends around you.

It is an extra special time for Gerry as he and his lovely wife Beryl celebrate their **60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. In a sacramental marriage, God's love becomes present to the spouses in their total union and also flows through them to their family and community. We thank God for the wonderful example of living their faith through the eyes of God. May He continue to bless them in the years ahead.

## SEEING OTHERS AS JESUS WOULD

In the science fiction film "Avatar," the fictional Na vi people use the phrase **"I see you"** as a greeting. But this phrase goes way beyond a simple greeting and signifies recognising someone's true essence, their feelings, and their connection to the world around them. This phrase embodies themes of empathy, respect, and interconnectedness. It emphasises the importance of seeing others not just on the surface, but also appreciating their individuality and the shared experiences that connect all beings. This aligns with the film's broader messages about harmony with nature and the significance of understanding and valuing different cultures.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks directly to this call, saying, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35, NRSV). This passage challenges us to see Christ in others, especially in the vulnerable and oppressed. Our response to their needs is a true measure of our discipleship and commitment to justice.

We can learn much from the fictional Na'vi people. Their greeting, "I See You," can serve as a powerful reminder in our own lives to see others deeply—to recognise their struggles, their dignity, and their humanity. In a world where people often feel invisible or devalued, this phrase encourages us to engage with others on a deeper level, acknowledging their worth and responding with love and justice. Let us adopt the spirit of **"I See You"** in our daily interactions, living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching by seeing and serving Christ in every person we encounter.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the Parish office will be closed from **5<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>** September while Chris is on leave. As Fr Emmanuel is still away, for **urgent enquiries only**, please phone Derek 0408 716 062.

For non-urgent matters, please **email** as these will be checked periodically over this time. Thank you to Anne, our amazing volunteer, who will be preparing everything for the weekend Masses.

### SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY 2024

Sixteen children have commenced their preparation for Confirmation. Please welcome these families and pray for them to find strength and hope in the sacraments of the Church, and be nourished by the Word of God.



### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

***'Every child in every community needs a fair go'***

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

May we recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

### ARE U OK?

A Catholic Mental Wellbeing morning is held weekly on a Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Steet, The Valley. Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend.

For more details please contact Judy Norris by phoning 3324 3193 or email [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

### FINAL UPDATE ON THE SALE OF THE LAIDLEY PRESBYTERY

The funds have now been received by the parish, and invested with the Archdiocesan Development Fund as required by Canon Law. The sale price, as previously advised, was \$ 100,000 including GST, and from this amount we had to pay for fees and permits for the removal of the building. Once the GST has been remitted in the next BAS return, the balance invested will be \$ 88,855.

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

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Ayankudy CMI  
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OLGC Kindy  
5462 4810

OLGC OSHC  
0487 001 722

St Mary's Laidley  
5465 1240

Sophia College  
5411 3400

## WE PRAY FOR ...

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Maurice Crowley, Nicholaas Bakker, Emile & Patricia Jung, Shirley Myles, Laurie Didsman, 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:** Theresa Joseph, Noel Edwards, Adelle Kaye

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Bronkhurst, Vonnie Bunting, Hazel Friend, Robert Ryan, Kathleen Doonan, Rob Lee, Greg Pomerence, Thomas Hennessy, May Thiemann, Annie Panzram, Patrick J Ring, Lawrence Kachel, Kenneth Redinger, Lillian O'Shea, Edward Cheetham, Patrick McNamara, Bernard Heenan, Kenneth Perkins, Carmel Bennett, Jim Fox, Bruce Brown, Jack Luck, Evan Gowdy, Phyllis O'Connor, Gloria Bates, David Hall, Paul price, Barry Zahnow, Carol Reimann, Johanna Bugler, Mick Panzram, Mary Nawratzki

*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.*

## CAN YOU BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS?

There are a couple ways that you could assist in our parish in the next week ... please consider the following needs.

#1 .... If you can operate a laptop, you might be the perfect person to **operate the Powerpoint** once a month at St Patrick's Church. We **urgently** need a volunteer so that we can continue to have the hymns and responses on the screen each weekend. Training is available. Please advise Anne Jung of your availability.

#2 .... Thank you to the people who have volunteered. While we wait for more volunteers to start a roster, please begin anytime by **offering your smile, a newsletter and greeting** as people arrive for Mass at Gatton Church?

#3 .... During October, we pray the **Rosary** before all Sunday (& Vigil) Masses. If you would like to be **rostered to lead**, please see Fr Emmanuel or email the Parish Office.

## OUR SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.