



## MASS TIMES

### Saturday 9 May

5:30 pm Rosary  
6 pm Gatton

### Sunday 10 May

7 am Forest Hill  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Laidley

### Morning Tea

### Tuesday 12 May

4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill  
Liturgy of the Word  
with Communion

### Wednesday 13 May

8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gatton  
Liturgy of the Word  
with Communion

### Friday 15 May

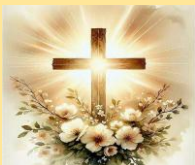
10 am Tabeel Liturgy

### Saturday 16 May

5:30 pm Rosary  
6 pm Laidley

### Sunday 17 May

7 am Glenore Gve  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gatton



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

before Vigil Mass every  
Saturday from 5:30pm

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – (Year A)

10 May 2026

### *Pastoral Care Team: Sharing Christ's Compassion in Our Parish Community*

As a parish family, we are called to reflect the heart of Christ—especially toward those who are suffering, isolated, or in need of gentle support. Our Pastoral Care team holds a clear and hope-filled vision: to share Christ's compassion by caring for the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of parishioners experiencing illness, infirmity, grief, or loneliness. Through prayer, presence, and service, we seek to ensure that every person in our community knows they are seen, valued, and never alone. In the year ahead, the Pastoral Care team will continue to deepen this mission by listening attentively to the needs of our parishioners. We recognise that the pastoral needs are always changing, and we are committed to responding with sensitivity, respect, and genuine Christian love. Whether someone is navigating a new diagnosis, grieving the loss of a loved one, or simply feeling the weight of isolation, we want them to know that their parish walks alongside them.

A particular focus of our ministry is supporting those who are experiencing grief and loss. We aim to offer loving, inclusive care that honours each person's unique journey. As part of this commitment, we will be training volunteers to assist with funeral preparation and to accompany families through the difficult days surrounding bereavement.

Another key priority is ensuring that no parishioner feels isolated, whether in their home, hospital, or care facility. Over the next 12 months, the team will be formalising and strengthening many of the practices already in place. This includes aligning our work with the safeguarding guidelines of the Archdiocese and improving communication within the team and across the parish. To support this, we will be establishing a confidential database to record pastoral visits, ensuring transparency, continuity of care, and the highest standards of safety.

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### Responsorial Psalm: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday  
**8 May** 6:30pm **A PRAYER AND ENCOUNTER EVENING**  
**Come to the Water**  
**St Mary's Church, Gatton**  
Come away for a moment...Step out of the noise, the rush, the constant doing—and come be still. You're invited to *Come to the Water*, a quiet, prayerful night to **rest in God's presence**.  
**Please bring a plate for Supper**
- Saturday  
**23 May** 6:00pm **PENTECOST VIGIL - OCIA Sacraments**  
**St Mary's Church, Gatton**  
We are excited to welcome **Elizabeth, Conor, Heather, Emily, Takira, Mabeng, Lucia, Miracle and Matilda** into our faith family. Let us celebrate together the gift of the Holy Spirit and the continuing growth of our parish community. Mark your calendars and join us for this joyful occasion!
- Wednesday  
**27 May** 9:00am **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**  
**Laidley Hall, Laidley**  
Hosted by the Laidley Catholic Ladies Club – add this date to your diary now. Always an amazing morning with great food, wonderful friendships and lots of prizes!
- Saturday  
**30 May** 10:00am **BAPTISM PREPARATION**  
**St Mary's Church, Gatton**  
Please register your interest with the Parish office.
- Saturday  
**6 June** 6:00pm **SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY**  
**Sacrament of Eucharist**  
St Patrick's Church, Laidley
- Friday  
**24 July** 6:00pm **Sacrament of Confirmation**  
St Mary's Church, Gatton

### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

We recognise that this day brings a variety of emotions. We celebrate those with close relationships, support those with heartache, and remember those who have lost their mothers. We honour the "mother heart" that reflects God's love. We wish all mothers and expectant mothers, a day filled with joy, love and peace.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of motherhood, a reflection of your own creative love. We especially thank you for the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son and our spiritual Mother, who showed us the way of faith and sacrifice. We ask your blessing upon all mothers today. Strengthen them with the grace of the Holy Spirit to guide their families with wisdom, patience, and love. May they find joy in their children and comfort in times of trial. Amen.

## COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

### PASTORAL CARE TEAM – continued from page 1

We are also looking to expand our volunteer base so that we can reach more parishioners who are housebound or in hospital. With more hands and hearts involved, we hope to offer regular visits, prayer support, and companionship to those who need it most. Additionally, we would love to develop a small team of volunteers who can provide transport for parishioners who wish to attend Mass but are unable to get there on their own. As we prepare for the implementation and launch of the Parish Pastoral Plan in June, we warmly invite parishioners to consider whether they might be called to assist in any of these areas. Whether you can offer time, a listening ear, a compassionate presence, or practical support, your contribution could make a profound difference in someone's life. Together, let us continue building a parish where Christ's love is lived, shared, and felt by all. If you feel drawn to help or would simply like to know more, please contact the parish office or me. Blessings to all, *Nellie Schimming – Pastoral Care Team Leader.*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This week we celebrate the birthdays of two musically minded parishioners, **Helen McQuirk** and **Vince Pageff**. Wishing a very Happy Birthday to **Helen**, a true blessing to our church family! Thank you for the countless melodies of grace you have gifted us over the years. We also wish a very Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our talented Laidley musician, **Vince**. Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us. May the Lord bless you and keep a song in your heart all year long. May you both feel enveloped in the love of Jesus on your special day.

### PLANNED GIVING

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Our Lady of the Valley is renewing our **Planned Giving Program**, a vital step as our last renewal was in 2010. While our funding needs have grown, actual contributions have diminished. To address these realities, Father Emmanuel will share his thoughts on the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure on his return from leave. We seek your involvement and prayerful commitment to participate, and would ask that if you have not already registered on **Flocknote** please take the time to register prior to the commencement of the campaign. There will be forms available at Mass this weekend for parishioners to complete and return to Anne or Chris at the office, or alternately digital registration options will be available to those who are more tech savvy. We seek your commitment to help secure the future of our parish. Soon, you will also receive a formal letter from Fr Emmanuel regarding the program's launch. In the meantime, please pray for guidance on how you can contribute to the **renewal of our planned giving program**. God bless,

*Father Emmanuel & the Parish Finance Council (Derek, Dan, Anita, Ian and Tracey)*

### OCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

At the Vigil of Pentecost, we will celebrate the completion of the OCIA journey for our catechumens and candidates, **Elizabeth, Conor, Heather, Emily, Takira, Mabeng**, and **Lucia. Miracle** and **Matilda** will receive the Sacrament of baptism. These individuals have dedicated themselves to learning and growing in faith, and they are soon to be ready to enter fully into the life of the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. We invite all parishioners to **join us in prayer and support**, as they prepare to encounter Christ more deeply.

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

Father Emmanuel  
Ayankudy CMI  
A/ Hrs: 5462 5374

### Parish Manager

Christine Pingel

### Parish Secretary

Anne Jung

### Parish Office:

37 John Street  
South, Laidley

Mon: 8am - 4pm

Tue: Closed

Wed: 8am - 4pm

Thur: 8am - 2:30pm

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## WE PRAY FOR ...

### FOR THE GOOD HEALTH, STRENGTH AND HEALING OF:

Mick and Pauline Brennan, Rita Ilka, Bill and Moya Beckman, Patricia Potbury, Ellen Bachmann, Peter Blanch, Maddison Cutler, Rodney Cutler, Isaiah Joseph, Graham Henneberry, Peter Das, Nikki McLay, Paddy Boyd, Toshikatsu Konishi, Shirley Myles, Sienna Beutel, James Earley, McGregor-Shaw family, Michael Trail, Therese Thompson, Theresa Jones, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Purcell, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade

### FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED THAT THEY MAY REST IN

**PEACE:** Brian Smith, Peter Shepley, Norrish Waroa

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT

**THIS TIME:** Don Piper, Morgan O'Reilly, Maureen Smith, Sr Mary Virgilius, Mary Dwyer, Maisie Liffin, Dan Dwyer, Des Schimming, Thomas Myles, Ron Weier, Robert Laffey, Lilly Schultz, Cecilia Kavanah, Jack Allan, Elizabeth Quade, Thelma Howe, Arthur Smith, Lex Braban, Thomas Brosnan, Bernard Schultz; Alfred Halstead, Edward Goltz, Thomas Steele.

### FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST – Awaken in Christ

**Coming together as one Current of Grace to praise, pray and be inspired by the Holy Spirit...**

**Where:** Church of the 12 Apostles, 111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee

**Speakers:** Fr Nev Yun, Pat Keady, Steffanie Le and Len Airey

**When:** Saturday, 23 May 2026 - 9.30am to 4.30pm

BYO Lunch. Morning Tea Provided.

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### DAY BY DAY WITH MARY

Thus do I look up to you...that I may behold your power and your glory. For your kindness is better than life; my lips shall proclaim your praises. Ps 63:3-4

**Reflection:** In Mary's name, I say this to each one of you:

She loves you, each and every one of you. She loves you very much. She loves you at every moment and without any exceptions.  
*St. Maximilian Kolbe*

**Prayer:** O Mary, I offer you deep thanks for your great love for all those redeemed by your Divine Son. Help me to respond to that love by loving my neighbour for the love of you and Jesus.