



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 11 April

6 pm Gatton

Sunday 12 April

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley
Morning Tea

Tuesday 14 April

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

Wednesday 15 April

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

Friday 17 April

10 am Tabeel Liturgy

Saturday 18 April

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 19 April

7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gatton



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – (Year A)

12 April 2026

Jesus, I trust in You

Divine Mercy Sunday was instituted by **Pope St John Paul II** in 2000, following the canonization of **St. Faustina Kowalska**, the Apostle of Divine Mercy. St. Faustina, a humble Polish nun, received revelations from **Jesus Himself**, urging the world to **turn to His mercy with trust and repentance**. Pope John Paul II had much to say about Divine Mercy and even wrote an encyclical (**Dives in Misericordia**) on God's mercy (he was known as the Mercy Pope).

This Sunday is a perfect time to remember some of his many words about Divine Mercy. In St John Paul II's homily on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001, the Holy Father was describing the meaning of the image of The Divine Mercy: *"The Heart of Christ! His 'Sacred Heart' has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. St. Faustina saw coming from this heart, that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. 'The two rays,' according to what Jesus himself told her, 'represent the blood and the water' (Diary, p. 132). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit"*. (John 3: 5; 4: 14).

When he was in Poland on Aug. 17, 2002, for the dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow-Lagiewniki, he said in his homily: *"Like Saint Faustina, we wish to proclaim that apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind. We desire to repeat with faith: Jesus, I trust in you! There is no such darkness in which man would need to lose himself. If only he will put his trust in Jesus, he will always find himself in the light. Praised be Jesus Christ!"*.

He also reminded us of something Christ in his Divine Mercy messages said we must do: *"Christ has taught us that 'man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called' to practice mercy toward others: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy'"*. (Matthew 5: 7)

Responsorial Psalm: Divine Mercy Sunday

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love is everlasting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Saturday
25 April | 7:30am | ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
New Hope Lockyer
Senior Citizens Centre
13 North Street, Gatton
All welcome, please support this event that raises money for chaplains in the State Schools. |
| Wednesday
6 May | 5:00pm | SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY
Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation
Information Session
St Mary's Church, Gatton |
| 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 <i>Come to the Water</i> , a quiet, prayerful night to rest in God's presence . A space to lay things down, to breathe deeply, and to let Him gently renew your heart. " <i>Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...</i> " (Isaiah 55:1)
No pressure. No expectations. Just an invitation to be with Him. Come as you are. There is more for you here. |
| Wednesday
27 May | Date
Claimer | BIGGEST MORNING TEA
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 and complete and return all paperwork prior to this session. |
| Weekend
6 and 7 June | TBA | SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY
Sacrament of Eucharist |
| Friday
24 July | | Sacrament of Confirmation |

COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to **Carol Scott**. May the Lord bless you abundantly for the love and dedication you've poured into serving His church. Your faith in action inspires us all. May this year bring you deeper joy, renewed strength, and countless moments of God's grace.

A PRAYER AND ENCOUNTER EVENING

Friday, 8 May at 6:30pm, St Mary's Church, Gatton

Come and step away from the noise...

Come and be still...

Come to the Water.

In the midst of busy schedules, constant demands, and the pace of everyday life, it's easy for our hearts to become weary and distracted. This is an invitation to pause—to breathe—to return.

Join us for a special prayer night, **Come to the Water**, an evening set aside to encounter God's presence in a gentle and renewing way. Through Scripture, reflection, worship, and simple, symbolic moments with water and light, we will create space for God to refresh, restore, and speak.

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..." (Isaiah 55:1)

This night is for anyone longing to:

- Reconnect with God in a deeper way
- Lay down burdens and receive peace
- Be renewed in heart, mind, and spirit
- Prepare their heart for what God is doing next

Whether you're feeling full of faith or simply running on empty, you are welcome.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

To prepare for these Sacraments, children must already be baptised, and should be committed to regular attendance at Mass. In the first instance, please email an expression of interest to gatton@bne.catholic.net.au. Thereafter, a link will be sent to you, so you can register electronically.

An **information session** will be held on **Wednesday, 6 May 2026 at 5pm** in St Mary's Church, Gatton. The dates for the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation will be:-

Eucharist – The weekend of 6 & 7 June

Confirmation – Friday, 24 July

FATHER EMMANUEL ON LEAVE

Father Emmanuel will be on leave after this weekend's Masses. He will be back with us to celebrate Mass on the weekend of 16/17 May. We will have Father John Madden celebrating Mass on 18/19 April and for the rest of the time we will have Father Bavin Clarke. Please see the front of the newsletter for celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with Communion at Gatton and Forest Hill during the weekdays.

OUR PARISH

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WE PRAY FOR ...

FOR THE GOOD HEALTH, STRENGTH AND HEALING OF:

Tom Mulcahy, Mick and Pauline Brennan, Rita Ilka, Bill and Moya Beckman, Patricia Potbury, Brian Smith, Ellen Bachmann, Peter Blanch, Maddison Cutler, Rodney Cutler, Herpich family, 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:

 Zofia Korta, Pamela Ryan (Sim), Rita Diete

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:

Frances Fitzgerald, John Roessler, Timothy Brosnan, Thea Connolly, Kathleen Ziebarth, Patrick Murriny, Edna Ball, Shirley O'Sullivan, Barty Luck, Joan Linnan, Kathren Daidone, Patrick Brett, Georgina Edwards, Moran Daly, Lester Hornery, David Bulpin, Mabel Reynolds, Ernest Pickford, Msgr Edward Concannon.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH FLOCKNOTE?

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to register your details with the Parish. This will help us keep up-to-date with your contact information. Parishioners and visitors are asked to register using the link below or by scanning the QR code with your phone. In time, we hope to use this platform to send out Newsletters and other parish information.

<https://olvcatholic.flocknote.com/register>



DAY BY DAY WITH THE CATECHISM

All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by His Resurrection has given the definitive proof of His divine authority, which He had promised. CCC651

Reflection: By His resurrection from the dead, Christ “**earned our trust**” so to speak, so that we may embrace even the most difficult of His teachings. It makes no sense to believe the Resurrection but question His power to work miracles, the Eucharist, or hard teachings like “love your enemies”.

Prayer: Lord, let the truth of your Resurrection take root in our hearts. Amen