



## MASS TIMES

### Saturday 30 May

5:30 pm Rosary  
6 pm Laidley

### Sunday 31 May

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

#### Children's Liturgy

### Tuesday 2 June

4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill

### Wednesday 3 June

8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gatton

### Thursday 4 June

5:30 pm Gatton

### Friday 5 June

8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Laidley  
10 am Tabeel Liturgy  
7 pm Gatton  
**Holy Hour**

### Saturday 6 June

6 pm Laidley  
**First Holy  
Communion**

### Sunday 7 June

7 am Glenore Gve  
9 am Gatton

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

before Vigil Mass every  
Saturday from 5:30pm

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – (Year A)

31 May 2026

### *Eternal Exchange of Love*

**The Golden Legend** in English, became one of the most widely read books in medieval Europe, second only to the Bible. Among the stories included in this collection is a well-known legend about Augustine. According to the story, Augustine was walking by the sea while reflecting on the **mystery of the Trinity** and came across a young boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was running back and forth between the sea and the hole, pouring seawater into the hole using a seashell. Augustine asked, "What are you doing"? The boy explained, "I'm emptying the ocean into this hole". Augustine, somewhat taken aback, replied, "You will never empty the ocean into that hole, even if you keep running back and forth for a thousand years. The sea is so vast, and your hole is so small"! According to the legend, the boy replied, "I have as much of a chance of doing this as you have of explaining the vast mystery of the Holy Trinity".

The message of the story is not that thinking about God is useless. After all, Augustine had spent many years writing his great work **De Trinitate**, exploring the mystery of the Trinity with remarkable intellectual depth. The point is that the **mystery of God exceeds even the greatest human intellect**. As Augustine famously said, "If you have understood, then what you have understood is not God".

St. Thomas Aquinas said much the same when he wrote: "Whatever can be known or understood is less than God himself". God is not a problem that can be solved; **God is a mystery** that we encounter. The mystery of the Trinity is revealed in the most concrete way in **God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ**. According to Christian theology and the Catechism, the inner life and mystery of the Trinity is ultimately defined as an **eternal exchange of love** between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*Blessings,  
Father Emmanuel*

### Responsorial Psalm: The Most Holy Trinity

Glory and praise for ever!

## Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Saturday<br><b>30 May</b>  | 4:30pm        | <b>SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY</b><br><b>First Holy Communion – Workshop 2</b><br><b>St Patrick's Church, Laidley</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sunday<br><b>31 May</b>    | 10:30am       | <b>MULTICULTURAL MASS PLANNING</b><br><b>Gatton Community Centre</b><br>A Multicultural Mass (5 July) planning meeting is to be held after Mass. The Liturgy and Communities Celebrations teams should attend, and anyone else who is interested in participating on the day. |
| Wednesday<br><b>3 June</b> | 3:30pm        | <b>SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY</b><br><b>First Holy Communion – Family workshop and Rehearsal</b><br><b>St Mary's Church Gatton</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>* Note date change</b>  |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Thursday<br><b>4 June</b>  | 9:00am        | <b>LAIDLEY CATHOLIC LADIES CLUB</b><br><b>Laidley Parish Hall, Laidley</b><br>All Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Saturday<br><b>6 June</b>  | 6:00pm        | <b>SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY</b><br><b>Sacrament of Eucharist</b><br>St Patrick's Church, Laidley                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Sunday<br><b>14 June</b>   | 9:00am        | <b>LAUNCH OF THE PASTORAL PLAN</b><br><b>St Patrick's Church, Laidley</b><br>During this Mass the Pastoral Plan will be launched, and all ministry team members will be commissioned, together with members of the Parish Finance Council.                                    |
| Saturday<br><b>20 June</b> | 7:30am        | <b>GATTON COMBINED CHURCHES</b><br><b>Prayer Breakfast - Withcott Church of Christ</b><br>42 Biggs Road, Withcott<br>All welcome                                                                                                                                              |
| Saturday<br><b>27 June</b> | 2:00 – 5:00pm | <b>ANNUAL PLANNING DAY</b><br><b>St Mary's Church, Gatton</b><br>An important day to come together as a team, a time to be focused on those strategies and outcomes that are in the new Pastoral Plan and how they will come to fruition.                                     |

### WEEKLY THURSDAY MASS AND MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

Beginning on Thursday, 4 June, there will be a weekly Thursday Mass at St Mary's in Gatton at 5:30pm and from Friday, 5 June, on the first Friday of every month, there will be a Holy Hour at 7pm, alternating monthly between Gatton and Laidley. The first Holy Hour will be on Friday, 5 June at St Mary's Church, Gatton at 7pm.

## COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

### TIME – TIEMPO – WAKTU – ORAS – TYD – TIJD

Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realise that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spirituality. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?

In this first week of exploring what it means for us to be stewards of God's gifts, we are focusing on **TIME**. Stewardship ought to find expression in all aspects of our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ and as members of His Church. It is fundamentally spiritual: the first response Jesus asks of us is love in return for love: we are impelled to make a faith filled response to the gift of faith that we have received from God through Jesus.

We live in an era where time is increasingly regarded as a commodity and its value measured in terms of what can be achieved or attained or earned. Yet the most fruitful use of time surely comes from appreciating time as a gift of God to us, a gift that we cultivate by giving back to God through prayer and through building loving and enduring relationships in family life.

We do well to give time to God - and to ourselves - in personal prayer, in family prayer, and in community prayer. Through prayer we deepen and strengthen our relationship with God, build up family life and through moments of communal prayer we give to praying with each other in the liturgy, is time we give to being with Christ who assures us that "*where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*"

**Without prayer**, without giving **time** to just be with God, whether alone or as families or as the gathered Church, all our other efforts and endeavours in our discipleship are diminished. Without prayer it is easy to lose our way and become disillusioned.

**With prayer**, our sight remains more wholly fixed on Christ, our way becomes clearer. **With prayer** we learn that we are not alone when trials come. So as we enter into these weeks of deepening our understanding of living as stewards of God's gifts, you are encouraged to give time to prayer, because in so doing you are giving time to God - and to yourself.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

#### Together we can keep the faith alive

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend we **welcome to our parish**, Ora Duffley an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



Aid to the  
Church in Need



## OUR PARISH

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## WE PRAY FOR...

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

Shirley Deberg, Jan Maltry, 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:

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS

**TIME:** Maria Schultz, Bryan Grant, Maree Congdon, Margaret Jordan, Mary Schultz, Eileen Gallagher, Elizabeth Pomeranke, Nancy Awty, Mary Burke, Paul Dionysius, Margaret Davidson, Alphonsus Kraut, Gloria White, Neil Hughes, Sr Karen Bourke, Hermann Eberle, Thomas O'Brien, Peter Joseph, Bryan Fletcher, Paul Schultz, Cecil Liffin, Bernice Flanagan.

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL



### PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

#### An Act of Praise

I praise you, Father all-powerful.

I praise you, Divine Son, our Lord and Savior.

I praise you, Spirit of Love and Consolation.

One God, three Persons, Triune Unity,  
be near me in the temple of my soul.

Draw me to share in your life and love.

In your kindness  
grant to me and to my family  
the riches of your mercy,  
and a share in your blessing,  
that we may come to the glory of your Kingdom  
and rejoice in loving you for all eternity. Amen.