



## MASS TIMES

**Saturday 23 May**  
6 pm Gatton

**Sunday 24 May**  
7 am Forest Hill  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Laidley  
**Morning Tea**

**Tuesday 26 May**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill

**Wednesday 27 May**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gatton

**Friday 29 May**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Laidley –  
**St Mary's  
Reconciliation Mass**  
10 am Tabeel Liturgy

**Saturday 30 May**  
5:30 pm Rosary  
6 pm Laidley

**Sunday 31 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

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## PENTECOST – (Year A)

24 May 2026

### *One in the Spirit*

Today's feast of Pentecost brings the **Easter season to a conclusion**. Pentecost was the feast that marked the completion of the harvest and, in Jewish tradition, the giving of the Torah at Sinai. It was already a day associated with God's self-giving and thus with **covenant** and the **formation of a people**. Just as the traditional Pentecost marked the formation of Israel, the **new Pentecost** becomes the moment when a new community is formed and sent into the world, **the Church**.

Paul describes the consequences of Pentecost in the life of the Church: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. *"There are different kinds of gifts",* Paul says, *"but the same Spirit; different forms of service, but the same Lord"*. Diversity is not a problem to be solved; it is the very form the new creation takes. Just as at Pentecost many languages were spoken yet one Gospel was proclaimed, so now many gifts are given, yet one body is formed. This is where Paul's image of the body becomes decisive. *"In the one Spirit"*, he says, *"we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free"*. The divisions that once defined identity and status no longer have the final word. **Babel's scattering is undone**, not by uniformity, but **by communion**.

Difference remains, but it is held together by the Spirit who **creates unity** without erasing distinction. Acts of the Apostles proclaims the outpouring of the Spirit; St. John reveals the life-giving and reconciling power of that Spirit; St. Paul shows us the shape of the new community formed by grace and animated by the Spirit. **Pentecost** is not simply the memory of a dramatic day long ago. It is the **ongoing work of God's new creation**. The Church does not live by its own energy or cleverness, but by the **breath of God**— a breath that creates, heals, forgives, and sends forth.

*Blessings,  
Father Emmanuel*

### Responsorial Psalm: Pentecost

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

## Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Saturday<br><b>23 May</b>  | 7:30am           | <b>GATTON COMBINED CHURCHES</b><br><b>Prayer Breakfast</b><br>Hosted by Peace Lutheran Church<br>85 Spencer Street, Gatton<br>All welcome  |
| Wednesday<br><b>27 May</b> | 9:00am           | <b>BIGGEST MORNING TEA</b><br><b>Laidley Hall, Laidley</b><br>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<br><b>30 May</b>  | 10:00am          | <b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b><br><b>St Mary's Church, Gatton</b><br>Please register your interest with the Parish office.   |
| 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><br>All children making their First Holy Communion on 6 June are to attend this session. The session will be followed by the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Church. |
| 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><br>All children making their First Holy Communion on 6 June are to attend this session.  |
| <b>* Note date change</b>  |                  |  |
| 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>27 June</b> | 2:00 –<br>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.  |

## COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing **Maureen Lyne** a joyous **90th Birthday!** Your steadfast faith, generous spirit, and willing hands have been a tremendous blessing to our parish for so many years. We thank God for your hard work, your endless kindness, and the love you pour into our parish. Congratulations **Maureen** on this beautiful milestone!



A Happy Birthday also to **Joe Stevens**, thank you for your many years of joyful service to our parish. Your dedication and faith continue to inspire us all. May God bless you with good health, peace, and an abundance of His love.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

At all Masses next weekend, 30 and 31 May, we will hear from a representative of **Aid to the Church in Need**. They won't be asking for a special collection, but it is more about helping people know what they do. From its inception, the Catholic Church has provided for those in need. As part of her mandate to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ, the Church is deeply committed to social assistance, education and healthcare.

What many do not know though, is that the Church herself often requires urgent help in countries affected by displacement or catastrophe. In addition, more than 200 million Christians cannot freely exercise their faith; they suffer persecution and oppression for their love of Christ. Unlike charities which exist primarily to provide humanitarian and social relief, 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.

Today, Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. The need to keep the flame of faith alive is greater than ever. Aid to the Church in Need will continue to pray and work that the Lord Jesus Christ can be known and loved the world over.

They will have a stall set up with items to purchase. Many of us are familiar with their Christmas catalogue.

### BIGGEST MORNING TEA – ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The Laidley Catholic Ladies Club would be grateful for some assistance in helping set up tables etc for their Biggest Morning Tea event. Please come and **help set-up** on **Tuesday, 26 May from 1:00pm** at the Laidley hall.

### BE FLOCKNOTE FRIENDLY

**Signing up for Flocknote, our new parish communication tool, takes less than 2 minutes!** - We have a fantastic community here. And we want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and connected to it all. So, we've adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. Like Fr Emmanuel sending a "note" to his "flock". Flocknote. This is all totally **free** for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. Your info is kept totally **private**. Thanks for signing up – we look forward to walking with you in your journey of faith. You can find registration slips in the various Churches.

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

Father Emmanuel  
Ayankudy CMI  
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### Parish Manager

Christine Pingel

### Parish Secretary

Anne Jung

### Parish Office:

37 John Street  
South, Laidley

Mon: 8am - 4pm

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St Mary's Laidley  
5465 1240

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5411 3400

## 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:

John Bugler, Claire O'Connor, Otto Prenzler, Vincent Luck, Agnes Talbot, Bridget Cahill, Genevieve Ryan, Mary Laffey, John Roache, Nathan Turner, Gloria O'Shea, Mary Fitzpatrick, Colin Matthews, Kathleen Talbot, Robert Gillespie, Valma Howe, Frank Broksch, Andres Cordora (Jnr), Rodney Dodds.

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.  
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen."



## POPE LEO'S REFLECTION

In Pope Leo's Wednesday address this week, he said:-

*"The unity life, the unity of Pentecost, according to the Spirit, is achieved when one makes the effort to put God, not oneself, at the centre. Christian unity is built in this way too: not waiting for others to reach us where we are, but moving together towards Christ. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us be instruments of unity and peace."*

## ZERO TOLERANCE

*We have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse, and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.*

**If you think it's wrong ... report it.**

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