



MASS TIMES

Saturday 16 May
6 pm Laidley

Sunday 17 May
7 am Glenore Gve
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton
Children's Liturgy
Morning Tea

Tuesday 19 May
4:30 pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 20 May
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Gatton

Friday 22 May
8:30 am Rosary
9 am Laidley
10 am Tabeel Liturgy

Saturday 23 May
5:30 pm Rosary
6 pm Gatton

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

before Vigil Mass every Saturday from 5:30pm

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Gatton Laidley

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – (Year A)

17 May 2026

The Solemnity of the Ascension

The Solemnity of the Ascension is a moment of both awe and challenge. It marks the **completion** of Jesus' visible, earthly ministry and the **beginning** of the Church's mission in the world. In Matthew's Gospel, we hear His final words: "Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and know that I am **with you always**, to the end of time." These are not simply parting instructions; they are a living mandate for every Christian.

The Ascension is not about absence, but about a **new kind of presence**. Jesus returns to the Father, yet through the gift of the Holy Spirit, **He is closer to us than ever before**. No longer bound by geography or time, **Christ is present** in every **Mass**, in the **Scriptures**, in the **sacraments**, and in the **hearts** of those who believe. His going up to heaven opens the way for the Spirit to come down at Pentecost, **empowering us** to be His witnesses in word and deed.

This feast invites us to lift our eyes toward heaven without losing sight of our mission on earth. We are **called to live as people of hope**, knowing that our true home is with God, yet also to work tirelessly for justice, mercy, and peace here and now. Every act of kindness, every word of truth, every moment of forgiveness becomes a **sign of the Kingdom** that Jesus proclaimed.

The Ascension reminds us that **our journey is not yet complete**, but we walk it with the assurance that Christ is with us always, until we are united with Him in glory.

*Lord Jesus,
as You ascended into heaven,
You promised to be with us always.
Lift our hearts to seek the things above,
fill us with hope in Your return,
and strengthen us to share Your love on earth. Amen.*

Responsorial Psalm: The Ascension of the Lord

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday
16 May 4:30pm **SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY**
First Holy Communion – Workshop 1
St Patrick's Church, Laidley
All children making their First Holy Communion on 6 June are to attend this session. The session will be followed by a Welcome Rite for the children at the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Church.
- 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, 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 4:30pm **SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY**
First Holy Communion – Workshop 2
St Patrick's Church, Laidley
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.
- Saturday
30 May 10:00am **BAPTISM PREPARATION**
St Mary's Church, Gatton
Please register your interest with the Parish office.
- Tuesday
2 June 3:30pm **SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY**
First Holy Communion – Family workshop and Rehearsal
St Mary's Church, Gatton
All children making their First Holy Communion on 6 June are to attend this session.
- 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**

COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This week we celebrate the birthdays of **Pat Foster** and **Dave Thompson**. Both these wonderful parishioners are kind and gentle to everyone they meet, helping those in need, and bringing the joy of Jesus to those around them. *Happy Birthday!*

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We joyfully celebrate with **Stephen Feeney** and **Camille Mullins** as they begin their new life together in the covenant of marriage on Saturday, at St Joseph's Church. Your union is a beautiful reflection of God's love, rooted in faith, strengthened by grace, and blessed with hope for the future.

As you walk hand in hand through life's journey, may the Lord be the foundation of your home, the light in your path, and the joy in your hearts. Our Parish family surrounds you with prayers for a marriage filled with peace, laughter, and unshakable love.



BE FLOCKNOTE FRIENDLY

Have you got two minutes?

Signing up for Flocknote, our new parish communication tool, takes less than 2 minutes!

We have a lot of amazing things going on here in Our Lady of the Valley parish. We are helping and serving those in need in many ways right here in our local community. And we have so many other **ministries and events to help you meet people, share your talents, improve your relationships, answer life's toughest questions, discern the plan and purpose for your life, and to grow closer to God.**

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. You just take a couple of minutes to sign up, and it lets you receive **email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose**. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner. Your info is kept totally **private** and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from here at Our Lady of the Valley parish. So, you can choose things like faith formation events, Alpha, social activities, visiting the sick and housebound, children's activities

In addition to **regular group and ministry communication**, we'll also use this to send you important updates about special events coming up, annual appeals, inclement weather announcements, and invitations to participate in fundraising opportunities. Most weeks we will only send one to two emails or text messages to you to let you know about the most important things going on in our community that week. And it's important for you to know that you can **update your communication preferences or unsubscribe** from any of these updates at any time!

Thanks for signing up – we look forward to walking with you in your journey of faith.

OUR PARISH

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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:

Leslie Williams, Bernard Yore, Frank Doherty, Patrick Reynolds, William Fitzpatrick, Neil Bichel, Charles Bichel, Bertha Luck, Cels Conroy, Tom Friend, Wayne Samuelsen, Carmel Panzram, John Davidson, Robert Hall, Sr Pat Crowley, Joan Panzram, Felisa Cordora, Elizabeth Ebert, Sr Margaret O'Keeffe, Leonie Boland, Henry Bauer, Bernard Connolly, Sr M Thaddeus, Caroline Bugler, John Craig, Josephine Kraut, Albert Senior, Anthony Ajax.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS!

The St Mary's community joyfully welcomes **Luna Freitas-Kirk** and **Lainey Nolan** as they are baptised this weekend. Congratulations to their parents and families, as together they guide Luna and Lainey in their journey of faith.



FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST – Awaken in Christ

Where: Church of the 12 Apostles, 111 Yallabee 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.

Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849 Audrey 0435 558 390

DAY BY DAY WITH THE CATECHISM

It is Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, makes His Church one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, and it is He who calls her to realise each of these qualities – CCC811.

Reflection: People form groups and gather themselves into communities for many different reasons. When people go to their local church or participate in parish activities, there is only one reason, one motivation, and one source of inspiration or accomplishment, and that is Christ.

Prayer: Jesus, bless our parish community and by your presence make us worthy of your name.