



# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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## MASS TIMES

**Saturday 18 April**

6 pm Laidley

**Sunday 19 April**

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gattton

**Morning Tea**

**Tuesday 21 April**

4:30 pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

Liturgy of the Word  
with Communion

**Wednesday 22 April**

8:30 am Rosary

9 am Gattton

Liturgy of the Word  
with Communion

**Thursday 23 April**

**10:30 am Laidley**

Requiem Mass –  
Peter Shepley

**Friday 24 April**

10 am Tabeel Liturgy

**Saturday 25 April**

6 pm Gattton

**Sunday 26 April**

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – (Year A)

19 April 2026

### *Children and Families Ministry Team*

Our vision is to nurture the faith of children and walk alongside families as they discover the love of Jesus and grow together in Christ. As a community, we seek to be strengthened in prayer and formation, bringing the joy of the Gospel into family life and beyond. This vision reflects a shared commitment to building strong, visible relationships between parish and school, inviting parents, children, teachers, and friends to welcome God into everyday life—trusting that Jesus is with us. As parents, we often ask how we can help our children lean on God and discover His purpose. The answer begins with us. We are called to walk the journey of faith with them, modelling a deliberate reliance on the Lord, especially in times of struggle. When children see this lived out, it becomes instinctive in their own lives. Prayer should be central—praying with them and for them, encouraging an inner dialogue with God, and trusting His guidance. Faith is not primarily formed by schools or programs, but within the home. By making God a priority, serving together as a family, and reflecting on why we serve—following Christ's example—we cultivate a lifestyle of faith. Children observe more than we realise; they notice our prayers, our worship, and our trust in God. Without pressure, but through example, we create an environment where faith can take root and grow. Our hope is that long after they leave home, their hearts will echo God's voice: "This is the way; walk in it".

The parish is pleased to invite parents to an Information Night on Wednesday, 6 May at 5:00pm for the 2026 **Sacramental Journey**, which includes preparation for Confirmation, and Eucharist for their children. **Applications close on 24 April 2026.** Please see the back page of this newsletter for further information.

*Blessings,*  
*Petrina - Children & Families Ministry Team Leader*

### **Responsorial Psalm: Third Sunday of Easter**

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Saturday<br><b>25 April</b>    | 7:30am  | <b>ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST</b><br><b>New Hope Lockyer</b><br>Senior Citizens Centre<br>13 North Street, Gatton<br>All welcome, please support this event that raises money for chaplains in the State Schools.   |
| Wednesday<br><b>6 May</b>      | 5:00pm  | <b>SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY</b><br><b>Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation</b><br><b>Information Session</b><br>St Mary's Church, Gatton  |
| Friday<br><b>8 May</b>         | 6:30pm  | <b>A PRAYER AND ENCOUNTER EVENING</b><br><b>Come to the Water</b><br><b>St Mary's Church, Gatton</b><br>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 <b>rest in God's presence</b> . 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)<br>No pressure. No expectations. Just an invitation to be with Him. Come as you are. There is more for you here. |
| 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 and complete and return all paperwork prior to this session.   |
| Weekend<br><b>6 and 7 June</b> | TBA     | <b>SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY</b><br>Sacrament of Eucharist   |
| Friday<br><b>24 July</b>       |         | Sacrament of Confirmation  |

## COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

We are very blessed in our Parish to have three catechumens, Elizabeth, Conor and Miracle who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and five candidates, Heather, Emily, Takira, Lucia and Mabeng who will complete their Sacraments of Initiation by receiving the Eucharist and Confirmation. This will occur at the Pentecost Vigil Mass on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 at Gatton. Please keep them in your prayers as we walk the journey with them.

### 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.

### MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL

**Aid to the Church in Need** is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. The situation is especially dire for Christians in the South of Lebanon, who are among more than one million people displaced by airstrikes and facing the threat of destruction of their villages, churches, and homes. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)



God of peace, bearer of hope,  
we seek your help for the  
peoples of the Middle East.  
Quiet the clamour of war and  
guide us towards peace. Where  
there is hatred and division sow  
seeds of calm and openness.  
Where there is destruction help  
us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring  
an end to tears. Shelter your  
peoples and protect them.  
Guide them and keep them from  
harm. Show us how to break  
down the barriers of history  
and fear and breathe  
whispers of hope.  
Amen

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

Father Emmanuel  
Ayankudy CMI  
A/ Hrs: 5462 5374

### Parish Manager

Christine Pingel

### Parish Secretary

Anne Jung

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may vary – please  
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5460 2999

OLGC OSHC  
0487 001 722

St Mary's Laidley  
5465 1240

Sophia College  
5411 3400

## 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:

Peter Shepley, Zofia Korta, Pamela Ryan (Sim)

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:

Pope Francis, John Brett, John Murphy, Cyril Cutler, Frank Panzram, Clare Fitzpatrick, Catherine Ross, Max Luck, John Pomeranke, Mary Ryan, Joy McDonald, Evie Keller, Evelyn Harrington, John Harrington, John Edyvean, Matthew Setch, Ray Forrest, Joan Egan, Eileen Cahill, Elsie Pomeranke, John Dwyer, Stan Brown, Kenneth Parker, Henry Gavin, Iris Qualischefski

## 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 our records up-to-date. 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://olvatholic.flocknote.com/register>



## SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY EUCHARIST 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](mailto:gatton@bne.catholic.net.au). Thereafter, a link will be sent to you, so you can register electronically.

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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**