



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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Readings for this Week

First Reading

Isaiah

40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm

*Oh, bless the Lord,
my soul!*

Second Reading

Titus

2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel

Luke

3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Centres

St Joseph's Church

10 Hunt Street
Forest Hill

St Mary's Church

Cnr Spencer
& Maitland Streets
Gatton

St Therese's Church

8 Brightview Road

St Patrick's Church

1-3 John Street Sth
Laidley

The Baptism of the Lord

13 January 2019

Baptism- A New Beginning

Jesus answered Nicodemus, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born from above." (John.3.3) The sanctifying grace is being conferred to the candidate during the administration of the sacrament of baptism. For Jesus, the moment of his baptism was a moment of decision and identification. He begins his public ministry from there. By being baptised, Jesus although sinless identifies with the very people that he came to serve and save.

Jesus was baptised to fulfil all righteousness. This recalls the same use of the word in Isaiah 42:6 "I have called you in righteousness". In baptism, by faith we are united with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection.

The baptism of Jesus is at the heart of his mission to heal us. Baptism identifies us as God's beloved children and our mission is to follow Jesus to help create the kingdom of God—a kingdom of justice, healing, and liberation.

*Loving Regards,
Fr. Nojichan MCB*



In two distinct ways, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as a bridge. Firstly, it doubles up as the concluding feast of the Christmas season and as the 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Secondly, and much more significantly, it highlights a dramatic transition in Jesus' life. All three synoptic Gospels identify Jesus' baptism as the event which takes him out of obscurity and propels him into public ministry. The Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism are brief but rich in meaning.

They reveal him as God's beloved and envoy; they provoke us to a fresh awareness of the mission to which we are called as the baptised.

IMPORTANT DATES: see inside newsletter for more information

January 27th Community Gathering at Laidley ... Centenary planning

February 7th BCE Meetings at Laidley and Gatton ... New Plainland Secondary School

February 9th Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Session at Gatton

February 10th Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Sessions at Forest Hill and Laidley

**PARISH
MASSTIMES
THIS WEEK**

Saturday 12 January

6 pm Gatton

Sunday 13 January

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

Monday 14 January

No Mass

Tuesday 15 January

4.30pm Rosary

5pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 16 January

8am Gatton

Thursday 17 January

1.30pm Regis Nursing Home

Friday 18 January

10am Tabeel Nursing Home

Saturday 19 January

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 20 January

7 am Glenore Grove

9 am Gatton

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 12 January

5:15 - 5:45pm Gatton

Saturday 19 January

5:15 - 5:45pm Laidley

SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS

This Weekend 12/13 January 2019	Forest Hill 7am	Gatton 6pm	Laidley 9am
Welcomers			Bernadette Pinchin
Readers	Brian Earley Gary Flanagan	Peter Ryan Margaret Grant Tony Fitzgerald	Bernadette Pinchin Jan Maltry Patsy O'Shea
Ministers of Communion	Volunteers needed - please check before Mass	Mary Bauer Brian Lunn Margaret Brandon Rachel Pingel Bev Ryan	Helen Haley Nathan Haley Col Seng
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays
Morning Tea			Ron & Jill Crellin
Altar Society		Shirley De Berg Joan Reimann	Jan Maltry
Cleaners		13 Jan - 26 Jan: Carol Scott Terry O'Sullivan	
Counters			Laidley: Margaret & Adrian Shepley
Next Weekend 19/20 January 2019	Glenore Grove 7am	Gatton 9am	Laidley 6pm
Welcomers			Bernadette Pinchin
Readers	Anne Sippel Clare Hogan Anita Lyne	Clare Webster Derek Pingel Bill Beckman	Bernadette Pinchin Mike Nowlan Majella Madigan
Ministers of Communion	Rita Bichel Michael Sippel Pat Heenan	Shirley De Berg Daphne Ryan Joe Stevens Laurie Didsman Kathy Thomas	Col Seng Nathan Haley Jan Maltry
Children's Liturgy		School Holidays	
Morning Tea		Nora Ring Dorrie Van Ansem	
Altar Society		Muriel Cook	Jan Maltry
Cleaners		13 Jan - 26 Jan: Carol Scott Terry O'Sullivan	Colleen Flanagan
Counters		Gatton: John Ryan Peter Ryan	



CONGRATULATIONS

We send our very best wishes to Shirley De Berg who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday during the week.

May your day be filled with the blessings of love, peace and joy.



**DATE CLAIMER:
February 9th and 10th**

**PLenary COUNCIL
LISTENING & DIALOGUE
SESSIONS WITH CAROLE DANBY**

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Your voice is needed – this will be your opportunity to join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart.

On the weekend of the **9/10th February 2019**, our parish will be holding facilitated discussions with Carole Danby to develop a submission to the Plenary Council. These sessions will be before Mass in Gatton and after Mass in Forest Hill and Laidley.

This weekend was the only one available and we warmly invite members from Glenore Grove church to please come along and be part of these discussions.

“ Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others.” 1 Peter 4:10



How could you use your time, talent and treasure to serve our community in 2019?

Our amazing volunteer teams are always ready to welcome more hands to help—information and training will be provided as required.

There are a couple volunteer roles that need your urgent consideration please:

Hospitality (Morning Tea) Laidley

Prepares morning tea for the gathered community after 9am Mass only 4 times a year

Church Care & Cleaning—Gatton and Laidley

Maintaining the church presentation four to six times a year

Please contact the Parish Office 5465 3131 if you may be able to assist in any way or would like extra information.

**2019 ST PATRICK'S
CENTENARY
CELEBRATIONS**

*Please share your inspiration
on Sunday 27th January*



Together we can make this a very special year of celebrating our whole community.

Please come and join us for a community gathering on **Sunday 27th January** after the 9am Mass. Everyone from our parish is most welcome.

Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated, and this will be an opportunity for people across our parish to come together, share stories and celebrate.

2019 MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Will you have a special birthday or milestone wedding anniversary in 2019?

We are hoping to share in your joy and happiness and celebrate these special occasions at a Mass in May 2019.

A form is available at each church to provide the details of you or your family's milestone event for 2019.



Please help us to plan a wonderful event.

Everyone has questions! We believe everyone should have the chance to explore our Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Consider the opportunity to explore your faith by joining this 12 week series with the next ALPHA Course starting in early February.

Please register your interest by phoning the Parish Office on 5465 3131 by 25th January to help us choose the most convenient session times. Hopefully we can have one session in both Laidley and Gatton, one in the day and one at night.

Could you volunteer for this upcoming Alpha? Every Alpha session starts with a shared meal, then a short DVD, then discussion. *Would you be able to prepare and serve a simple meal for each session? Please phone the Office for more information on this important role.*



OUR PARISH

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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

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Principal: Nathan Haley
APRE:

OLGC Kindergarten

30 Maitland Street
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Director: Jennifer Morrissey

St Mary's Catholic School

37A John Street South
Laidley QLD 4341

Phone: 5465 1240

Principal: Craig Cronan
APRE: Clare Hogan

Around our parish ...

GATTON & LAIDLEY BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next meeting in Gatton will be held on Wednesday 16th January in the Community Centre of St. Mary's Church starting at 7pm.

The next meeting in Laidley will be held on Wednesday 6th February at the Parish Office starting at 7pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for bookings and to arrange a Baptism.

GATTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

You are invited to come on Monday 21st January at 9am in the Parish Community Centre, Gatton for friendship, fun and a game of Euchre. Morning tea will be provided, all ages and denominations are most welcome.

LIGHTHOUSE TALKS

are now available on CD at Gatton and Laidley Churches
Cost \$5.00

A couple of these titles include:

No Turning Back...

How is a diehard agnostic transformed into a fervent apostle of Christ? Fr. Donald Calloway, a former drug dealer, will have you on the edge of your seat as he candidly shares the amazing story of how he was unexpectedly led into the Catholic Faith and to the priesthood by God's grace and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His conversion can be compared to that of St. Augustine.

Saying Yes to God...

With humour and insight, she relates heartwarming personal stories that testify to God's continual presence in the details and challenges of daily life and that like our Blessed Mother, we can trust Him completely.



We Pray for ...

THE SICK: Michael Trail (aged 8), Chris Carroll (Ireland) mother of Clodagh Carroll-Sibbald, Elisabeth Maltry, Dharendra Singh, Joan Egan, Peter Jackson, Sienna Beutel, Lucy Kimmings.

If you would like a sick person prayed for, please ask their permission.

Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or friends can request more time.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Wilfred Dennis, Arturo Fermin, Sjaan Van Ansem, Michael Hanlon, Frank Davitt.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Meharg, Mary Annie Pomerence, Mary Veronica Ferrari, Vera Ziebarth, Madeline Brooker, Patrick Francis O'Connor, Thomas Murrphy, Ellen Gould, Michael Ryan, Johanna Dwyer, Daniel John Kearney, Marie Bourke, Geraldine Margaret Oliver, Mary Cochrane, Mary Gould, Aileen Beryl Filewood.

GATTON PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY WEDNESDAY

Come gather with us to say the Rosary every Wednesday at 7.30am in St. Mary's Church, Gatton. Rosary - Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Hope will then follow after the usual 8am Mass.

LAIDLEY COLUMBAN CALENDARS

There are still a couple calendars available for sale at the Laidley Piety Stall. Only \$9

GATTON GAME OF CARDS (BRIDGE)

Bridge players gather each Tuesday at 8.45am for a game of cards in the Parish Community Centre, Gatton. New players always welcome.

LAIDLEY CATHOLIC LADIES

The next meeting will be held on Friday 1st February in the Laidley Parish Hall commencing at 9am. Come along and share a cuppa and warm fellowship with these wonderful ladies. All very welcome.

LAIDLEY and GATTON Date Claimer:

Thursday 7th February

There will be 3 information sessions by Brisbane Catholic Education about the new Secondary School at Plainland, scheduled to open with Year 7 in 2021.

8:45am St Mary's School
Laidley Performing Arts Room

1:45pm St Mary's Gatton
Community Centre

5:00pm St Mary's Gatton
Community Centre

