



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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Readings for this Week

First Reading
Zephaniah
3:14-18

Psalm

*Cry out with joy
and gladness; for
among you is the
great and Holy one
of Israel*

Second Reading
Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

16 December 2018

LISTENING LEARNING PRAYING

Part 3 of the Advent Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

By the influence of the Holy Spirit, the Year of Youth in Australia has coincided with preparations for the Plenary Council in 2020. The Plenary Council is about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia – the whole Church, which is what the unusual word “plenary” means. Pope Francis often speaks of the need for us to become a “synodal” Church. That’s another unusual word, but it means a Church where God speaks not just to some of the bishops some of the time but to all the baptised all the time. In that sense, the Plenary Council has already begun, because it’s more a process than an event. The process has three phases – preparation, celebration and implementation; and the first phase of preparation is well and truly under way.

A Plenary Council isn’t just a talkfest or a political jamboree. It’s the whole Church gathered by the Holy Spirit in order to make decisions about the future according to the mind of God. This means we’re on a journey of discernment, seeking to listen to the voice of the Spirit to see what the Spirit is saying to us about the future.



KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

What can you do this week?

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be frantic with so many school, social and work commitments and end of year celebrations.

May these few suggestions help you and your family to take a few minutes and focus on the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Third Sunday of Advent Dec 16th

Light three candles including the rose candle
Read Luke 3:10-18

Monday Dec 17th

Say thank you to as many people as possible today

Tuesday Dec 18th

Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees.
Pray for immigrants and refugees

Wednesday Dec 19th

Create a special grace to say before your Christmas lunch or dinner

Thursday Dec 20th

As a gift for someone, make good-deed cards that promise you’ll do something helpful for them

Friday Dec 21st

Make a list of as many things as possible that you want to thank God for

Saturday Dec 22nd

Pray for safety for all who are travelling this Christmas

PARISH MASSTIMES

Saturday 15 December

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 16 December

7 am Glenore Grove

9 am Gatton

Monday 17 December

No Mass

Tuesday 18 December

4.30pm Rosary

5pm Forest Hill

Wednesday

19 December

7.30am Rosary

8am Gatton

Thursday 20 December

2pm Amaroo

6pm Adoration &
Reconciliation
Gatton

Friday 21 December

10am Tabeel

Saturday 22 December

6 pm Gatton

Sunday 23 December

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 15 December

5:15 - 5:45pm Laidley

Saturday 22 December

5:15 - 5:45pm Gatton

SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS

This Weekend 15/16 December 2018	Glenore Grove 7am	Gatton 9am	Laidley 6pm
Welcomers			Jill Crellin
Readers	Marie Linnan Michael Sippel Clare Hogan	Syd Thomson Margaret O'Brien John Ryan	Aaron Shepley Majella Madigan Helen Haley
Ministers of Communion	Tom Linnan Pat Heenan Margaret Earley	Margaret Stevens Brian Lunn Pat Ziebarth Carmel Turner	Jan Maltry Nathan Haley Aileen Seng
Children's Liturgy		School Holidays	
Morning Tea		Chris Freeman Wilma Hyde	
Altar Society		Muriel Cook	Col & Aileen Seng
Cleaners		16 Dec - 29 Dec: Reg Schimming	Jill & Ron Crellin
Counters			Laidley: Adrian & Margaret Shepley
Next Weekend 22/23 December 2018	Forest Hill 7am	Gatton 6pm	Laidley 9am
Welcomers			Patsy O'Shea
Readers	Ken Moore June Kealy	Pauline Brennan Laurie Didsman Rachel Pingel	Patsy O'Shea Mike Nowlan Bernadette Pinchin
Ministers of Communion	Volunteers needed - please check before Mass	Margaret Turvey Kathy Philp Elaine Kluck Daphne Ryan Joe Stevens	Joy Orrin Aileen Seng Bev Milasas
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays
Morning Tea			Sandra & Deon Herpich
Altar Society			Col & Aileen Seng
Cleaners		16 Dec - 29 Dec: Reg Schimming	Jo Litzow Christine Wilks
Counters		Not required	

RECONCILIATION

Adoration, Reflection and Reconciliation will take place on Thursday 20th December at St. Mary's Church, Gatton starting at 6pm.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

6pm Gatton
8pm Glenore Grove

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7am Forest Hill
9am Laidley



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER

Congratulations again to all the winners of the raffles, competitions and successful bidders for auction items at the Celebration Dinner.

As a result of all the activities on the night, just over \$ 15,000 was raised for our Parish and a contribution of \$ 1,000 was given to Vinnies to assist with their purchase

of Christmas hampers.

A list of all the winners has been placed at each of the 4 Church's so hopefully your name is on list! Huge thanks to everyone who attended the evening, just you being there and supporting your Parish made this event an outstanding success, thank you!!

It is wonderful to hear everyone still talking about the positive aspects of the evening, and a huge thank you to the organising team who worked so hard behind the scenes...

Thank you Father Noy, Clare Webster, Anita Lyne, Michael Hagan, Matt Hogan, Nathan Haley, Derek and Chris Pingel.

God Bless you all,

Derek Pingel Chair: Organising Team

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS

Special Christmas Giving Envelopes will be available at all four churches on both the Vigil and Christmas Day Masses. Please give generously to assist our parish renewal, and also the replacement and maintenance of our parish buildings and equipment.

The Collection from St. Mary's Church, Gatton will be reserved towards the purchase of a new organ.

BUILDING AVAILABLE FOR REMOVAL

The Finance Council have applied to the Archbishop to offer the old Laidley presbytery for removal.

If you have any interest in acquiring this building, please contact the Parish office for more information.

2019 ST PATRICK'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

- please share your
inspiration

Celebrating
100
YEARS

Thank you to everyone who attended the community gathering after Mass last Sunday. Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated, and this will be an opportunity for people across our parish to come together and celebrate.

Please share your ideas on the form provided at each church and pop them in the box.

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

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 will be available at each church over the next few weeks to provide the details of you or your family's milestone event for 2019.

Please help us to plan a wonderful event.



FANTASTIC HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH ...

**Immaculata Mission School 2019 -
this will be amazing!**

What is it: A ten-day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise, worship, fun & fellowship & lots more!

When: 1-10 January, 2019

Where: The Glennie School, Toowoomba QLD

Who: 15-35 year olds

How much: \$420 (cost includes all accommodation, food, speakers and activities)

For more info or to register: Phone: 0406 372608

www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims

THE MOST ENDURING GIFT THIS SEASON

- A Gift in Your Will

Please prayerfully consider including a gift in your Will to our Parish (otherwise known as a bequest) to strengthen the future of our faith and pass on the Gospel message to the next generation.

It is important to include the correct reference to our Parish when updating or creating your Will.

For an information kit, please contact Anna Herbert, Donor Relations Manager - Bequests, Archdiocese of Brisbane on 3324 3211 or email: herberta@bne.catholic.net.au

More information is available at:
www.catholicfoundation.org.au



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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic School

20 Maitland Street
Gatton QLD 4343

Phone: 5462 2675

Principal: Nathan Haley

APRE: Fiona Drew

OLGC Kindergarten

30 Maitland Street
Gatton QLD 4343

Phone: 5462 4810

Director: Jennifer George

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next meeting is in St Mary's Community Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 19th December.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE



There will be a hymn practice for the Christmas Mass on Monday 17th December at 9.30am at St Patrick's Church, Laidley.

If you can assist with your presence and contribute to the choir, it will be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

LAIDLAY

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next meeting is in the Parish Office at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd January 2019

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

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.



COLUMBAN

CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Laidley Catholic Ladies have new Columban calendars and Christmas cards available for sale at the Piety stall.

Columban Calendars are also available for sale at the Vinnies store, Railway Street, Gatton. Only \$9.00 each. Christmas cards also available.

GATTON

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

You are invited to come along on Monday 17th December 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.



CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL NATIVITY SCENE

Children wishing to be part of the Nativity Scene at the Christmas Vigil Mass at Gatton this year, please contact the Parish office on 5465 3131 or arrive a bit earlier on the day and see Daphne Ryan. We encourage all children to please be involved.

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



On the weekend of the 9/10th February 2019, our parish will be holding facilitated discussions to develop a submission to the Plenary Council.

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

Visit the website <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



We Pray for ...

THE SICK: Sjaan Van Ansem, 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: Frank Davitt, Glenn Baker, Jane Borg, William Fricke, Ann Dwyer, Brendan Weiss, Sylvia Conduit, Ross Leslie Kamp, John Frederick Kowaltzke

ANNIVERSARIES: Leslie Roessler, Marlene Ford, Vincent MacGinley, John Harrison, Anne McDougall, Timothy Harm, Eileen May Logan, Julia Holcombe, Paul Brett Dolley, Evelyn Hurcombe, Anne Radke, Vincent Litfin, Clement Schulz, Thomas Hennessy, Valerie Joan Pepi, Laurie Nugent.