



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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Mass Times

Saturday 16 April

6 pm Gattton

Sunday 17 April

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Laidley

Tuesday 19 April

Liturgy Word w/Comm

5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 20 April

Liturgy Word w/Comm

8 am Gattton

Saturday 23 April

6 pm Gattton

Sunday 24 April

Divine Mercy Sunday

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

Mass Centres

St Joseph's

Forest Hill

St Mary's

Gattton

St Therese's

Glenore Grove

St Patrick's

Laidley

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION Year C 17 April'22

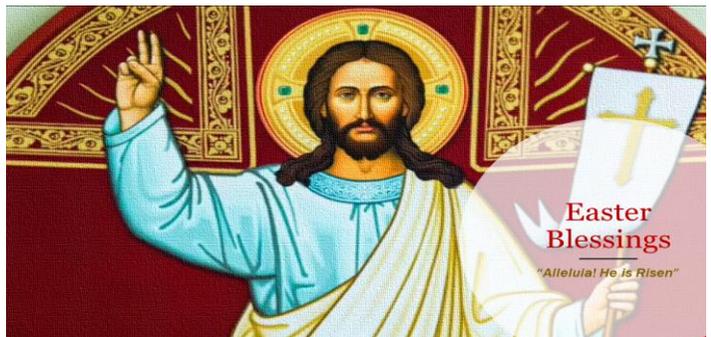
"Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever" (Hebrews 13:8)

Celebrating the Easter Triduum (The THREE Days) is the highlight of the JOY of Easter for a Christian. **Easter is all about PEACE and JOY that is coming out of the HEART of the Risen Christ.** Once again we realise that we are not God, and God is bigger than us. We need to open ourselves up to this truth and embrace it to lift our life to the **real FREEDOM of the Holy Spirit.** We experience a **new MOVEMENT** of the Spirit within and around us during EASTER. We move towards God because we are drawn to truth, drawn to love.

The true delight of the **CELEBRATION is the RENEWAL of our Baptismal PROMISES** - once again we **proclaim WHERE we BELONG.** It is talking about our Christian IDENTITY- **WHO WE ARE,** regards to our Faith.

"All are invited to the feast: "Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord! Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day. All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith! All enjoy the riches of His goodness. For forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let none fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free". (John Chrysostom)

"Christ is Risen. and life is set free. Alleluia"



Responsorial Psalm: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

FROM POPE FRANCIS ...

“Rejoice and be glad.” With these words from Matthew’s Gospel (5:12), Pope Francis begins his apostolic exhortation “**Gaudete et Exsultate: The Call to Holiness in Today’s World,**” released four years ago this week.

In this exhortation, the Holy Father reminds us that the Lord calls each of us to holiness and that the entirety of our lives should be seen as being on a path of personal sanctification in communion with the whole of God’s people (Id., 6, 10, 19). “At its core,” he says, this “holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life,” and letting ourselves be transformed into Christ who is love incarnate (Id., 20, 24). In other words, “**we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves**” – and such holiness grows even in small gestures (Id., 14, 16).

The Holy Father highlights the signs or attitudes that are necessary to the holy life of loving God and neighbour. These include: **trust in God** who loves and sustains us, which gives the grace and strength of perseverance and patience in avoiding evil and doing good; **Christian joy and good humour; boldness and fervour of the Holy Spirit; community and caring** for one another; and “**habitual openness to the transcendent, expressed in prayer and adoration**”. These qualities are not only preferable, but essential in this world which presents so many negative challenges to a holy life. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us in our call to holiness.

Breathe in us O Holy Spirit
That our thoughts may all be holy.
Act in us O Holy Spirit,
That our work, too, may be holy.
Draw our hearts O Holy Spirit,
That we love but what is holy.
Strengthen us O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that us holy.
Guard us, then, O Holy Spirit,
That we always may be holy. Amen.



FATHER NOY GOING ON WELL EARNED LEAVE

Immediately following the Easter celebrations, Father Noy will be taking a well earned break. It is three years since he has had the opportunity to fully rest and rejuvenate, and to visit his family. During this time, Fr Bavin Clarke will be celebrating the weekend Masses and there will be **Lay Led Liturgies of the Word with Communion** during the week. Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to be part of this life giving ministry. Please remember Father Noy in your prayers, that he has safe travels, spiritual refreshment and lots of joy-filled family time.

COME AND JOIN US AFTER MASS AT ST PATRICK’S LAIDLEY – SUNDAY 24th APRIL

The **Inclusion and Outreach Ministry Team** invite you to join them for morning tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday 24th April. All welcome!
This will be the first weekend that Father Bavin is at Laidley, and he looks forward to catching up with familiar faces and also meeting the many new people in our community.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU

Last weekend was a wonderful celebration across our parish with many people joining in Masses for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who prepared the churches, cut palms, organised people, made palm crosses and participated in the reading of the Passion.

This week, the Holy Week, the celebrations that affirm our faith and love of God, our promise of salvation; as a community we are so thankful to the many volunteers who participate in ministries, prepare liturgical spaces, provide hospitality, offer financial support, clean the churches and grounds ... and so many other things that make a difference to the joy of our Easter celebrations. Your efforts in serving God and our community are appreciated. **Thank you!**

HOLY LAND COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land generally takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as **health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres** throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. **Please take home an envelope this weekend** and return it anytime in the next two weeks. *Thank You!*

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of this year's Project Compassion appeal. There are still a few envelopes available at the churches for your kind donation for the work of Caritas in Australia, and around the world.

Please return your donation boxes and envelopes before the end of April so that these funds can be remitted to Caritas to start making a real difference.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT ... National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3 – 9 July 2022.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the members who will gather and also for ourselves and for the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. We will be sharing resources through the newsletter and praying together during Mass.

You can access more resources for your personal reflection at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

FAITH Circle

Do you play the guitar? The Liturgy and Music Team are co-ordinating the next FAITH Circle and would love to have a guitarist play during the gathering. Please contact Kaylene Lyne (Liturgy Team Leader) or Chris at Parish Office. The next FAITH Circle will be on **Friday 6th May** at Community Centre Gatton. More details available soon.

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Michael Trail, Shannon Gilchrist, John Pomerence, Annette Peacock, Barry Crosby, Leslie & Barbara McLellan, Edilberta Parcell, Lucy Luck, Robert Litfin, Myrla Prianes, Biddy Dwyer, Judy Shepherd, Murrell Kowaltzke, Marilyn Didsman, Catherine Dorney, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lorraine Sells, Tahlia Utz, Lucy Kimmings, Carolyn Curry, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Steven Campbell, Georgina Edwards, Pat Pingel, Joan Egan, Elisabeth Maltry, Sienna Beutel

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 can request more time.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Richard Lutz, Phyllis Deering, Therese Mahon, Leanne "Lucy" Hoger

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mabel Reynolds, Ernest Pickford, Msgr Edward Concannon, John Brett, John Richard Murphy, Cyril Cutler, Frank Panzram, Clare Fitzpatrick, Catherine Ross, Max Luck, Mary Ryan, Joy McDonald, Evie Keller, Evelyn Harrington, John Harrington, Matthew Setch, Ray Forrest, Eileen Cahill

OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY ... we need your help!

Can you be the hands and feet of Jesus for a newly arrived group of East Timorese in our community, and provide some food items please?

For the next two months we will be helping our new parishioners to get established with the most basic of needs until they are on their feet and can navigate their way in their new environment.

Boxes will be available at Laidley and Gatton churches – **please give jasmine rice, noodles, eggs, bread, milk, tea, coffee or gift vouchers for Aldi, IGA or Coles** so they can buy meat and fresh milk.

Please check the expiry dates of any food before donating.

If you can help, please leave your donation before or after weekend Masses with Nora, Joseph Kohani (Gatton), Jackie, Steph or Joan (Laidley) or any member of the Ministry team.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Updated COVID information

17 April 2022

Due to the high number of COVID cases in our community, it is **recommended that you wear a mask** when you are not socially distanced when arriving and leaving church. The use of sanitiser is also highly recommended.