



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year C

1 May 2022

Mass Times

Saturday 30 April

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 1 May

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gatton

Tuesday 3 May

Liturgy Word w/Comm

5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 4 May

Liturgy Word w/Comm

8 am Gatton

Friday 6 May

Liturgy Word w/Comm

8 am Gatton

Saturday 7 May

6 pm Gatton

Sunday 8 May

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

Mass Centres

St Joseph's

Forest Hill

St Mary's

Gatton

St Therese's

Glenore Grove

St Patrick's

Laidley

We have a DREAM ...

Our parish leadership and ministry teams invite you to fully engage in our parish mission. Thank you to everyone who participated in the celebrations during Lent and Holy Week. Below is the first part of our parish vision statement – it is not just a lot of words, written one day and forgotten the next.

This vision is lived each day through each one of us as we fulfil our baptismal promises. Let the words rest on your heart, and take the time to consider how you can be an integral part of this vision ...

We have a dream ... that our parish becomes an irresistible witness of the face of Christ to the wider community;

The Adult Faith Formation ministry team are focussed on creating opportunities for you to deepen your faith and relationship with our loving God, so that your JOY overflows into the wider community as you feel the strength of God within you.

You are invited to participate in these events like Men's and Women's Retreats, Lenten groups, Men's BBQ's, New Year's Eve ... look for upcoming dates in the newsletter.

We have a dream ... that we have a community where disciples spread the joy of the gospel and are constantly nourished by the Eucharist;

Pope Francis has given clear direction in his 2013 exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel" as he calls for our Church to thrive by choosing the missionary option in everything we do to spread the Good News. Sometimes people are nervous about sharing their faith – is this you? Our new initiative, **FAITH Circle**, is a great way to share your faith, learn ways to express the joy of your faith to others, and to also grow in faith. Come along on Friday night and see! The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian lives – it is our strength and nourishment. Our parish offers regular weekday Masses and also lay led Celebration of the Word and Communion in the absence of Father Noy. *Come and be strengthened ...*

Responsorial Psalm: Third Sunday of Easter

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

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WEEK DAY LITURGY – Celebration of the Word and Communion

Please note there will be **Lay Led Liturgies of the Word with Communion** during the week on every Tuesday at Forest Hill, and every Wednesday at Gatton while Fr Noy is on leave. There will also be a liturgy on First Friday (6 May) at Gatton.

SATURDAY 30 APRIL – CHERISH LIFE March for Life

Commencing at 3pm, **Cherish Life** will hold their annual **March for Life**.

Cherish Life are working towards a life-valuing Australia, **where every human life is cherished and protected from conception until natural death**. Please meet at Speaker's Corner outside Parliament House, George Street Brisbane for a rally, followed by a march. It will be a family friendly event. Please wear white.

For more information visit www.cherishlife.org.au

MULTICULTURAL MASS – PLANNING SESSION – SUNDAY 1 MAY

This year the Multicultural Mass will be held at OLGC School in Gatton on **Pentecost Sunday 5th June**. If you would like to be a part of the planning team, or offer assistance on the day, please come along to the morning tea and planning session after the 9am Mass at Gatton on **Sunday 1st May**.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation is about to begin for children enrolled for the Sacrament of Eucharist. This year there are 13 school aged children who will be having sessions at school, workshop opportunities for both children and their parents, and also attending our parish Masses. *How can you help?*

Your smile and welcome to children and families is so important – help them to feel at home in the Church. Invite them to morning tea when it is available. Offer families a newsletter and invite them to any of our parish activities.

Please PRAY for the children and their families. PRAY that they will grow in their desire to grow closer to Christ through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. PRAY that their families will also increase the depth of their faith by engaging in the Mass and working with their children through the family activities. PRAY that they know the LOVE of GOD within them and feel His presence in their daily lives.

Please PRAY for Zoey, Molly, Thomas, Taylah, Lionel, Lilly, William, Cooper, Montana, Bodhi, Abbigail, Tara, Ike and Kiko.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Every year during the month of May, we are requested to record the number of people attending all weekend Masses in our parish. These numbers provide the Archdiocese with a sense of the trends in the Church in 2022. This enables the Church to understand who it is engaging, who isn't engaging, and where it might place resources into the future. The numbers can also be helpful at a parish level to provide valuable insight into the growth or decline of a community.

WEEKEND RETREAT by Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries

The Gifts of Visitation God visits us, we come to know God; we come to know ourselves; we come to know each other. A weekend of learning to be open to visitation and the gifts it brings us. Friday 15 June (6pm) - Sunday 17 June 2022 (3pm)
To register or enquire contact: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAITH Circle – “He or she who sings, prays twice.”

The next FAITH Circle will be on **Friday 6th May** at Community Centre Gatton. Our theme “He or she who sings, prays twice” will explore prayer in both its spoken and sung form. **Commencing at 6pm** it will be an opportunity to share your faith, to go deeper into your relationship with God, to discover how much He loves you. We will conclude the evening with a light supper. (Donation appreciated)

THANK YOU

On Sunday 24th at St Patrick's, the ladies made a special effort to help **Lynn Nowlan** celebrate her birthday. A lovely cake and some nibbles were produced to be enjoyed by everyone. As the Filipino girls were at the hall for singing practice, they came as a group to join morning tea and sing an extended “Happy Birthday” to Lynn. Thank you to Ellen for announcing at the end of Mass that it was Lynn's birthday. Lynn had a wonderful morning, for which we are extremely thankful to the members of the Parish who facilitated this. She topped this off by going out to lunch with a couple of old friends and by mid- afternoon was tired but very cheerful. Thank you to everyone. MN



CONGRATULATIONS

With great joy, our parish community celebrates with **Michael and Mary Heenan** on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!! Your faith in God, and your love for each other, inspires us. We pray for God's blessings and strength for **Lynn Nowlan** and **Brian O'Sullivan** as they too celebrate their birthdays. Congratulations, and may you both enjoy many more special occasions.

SOPHIA COLLEGE TWILIGHT TOURS

On **Thursday 12 May** Sophia College will be opening its doors from **3.30pm – 6.30pm** for prospective families to tour the College. We invite all Catholic families in the Lockyer Valley to join us on this evening for a tour of the College. Please contact College Reception by calling 07 5411 3400 to book your tour.

SOPHIA COLLEGE Parent Evening with Brett Lee – Internet and Cyber Bullying

Sophia College invites all Catholic parents in the Lockyer Valley to join with us on **Monday 23 May starting at 6.00pm** for an information evening regarding Cyber Safety. Our presenter is Brett Lee, a former Child Exploitation detective. Brett aims to empower parents to take control of technology, set rules and boundaries in their home and work hand in hand with teachers.

If you would like to register, please contact the College Reception by calling 07 5411 3400 before Friday 20 May.

WELCOME

This weekend we especially welcome Marlie Swan and her family to St Mary's Gatton. Marlie will be baptised on 15th May. Please keep the Swan family in your prayers.

OUR PARISH

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OLGC OSHC
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St Mary's Laidley
5465 1240

Sophia College
5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Michael Trail, Shannon Gilchrist, Annette Peacock, Barry Crosby, John & Barbara Myles, Edilberta Parcell, Lucy Luck, Robert Liffin, Myrta Prianes, Biddy Dwyer, Judy Shepherd, Murrell Kowaltzke, Marilyn Didsman, Catherine Dormer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lorraine Sells, Lucy Kimmings, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Steven Campbell, Pat Pingel, 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:

Joan Egan, Elsie Pomerence, John Pomerence,
Georgina Edwards, Therese Mahon, Leanne Hoger,
Sr Genevieve Davey ibvm, Jeanne Hatley
Simon Thornton, Warren Overmyer



ANNIVERSARIES:

Christina O'Sullivan, Victor Holtz, Kathleen Luck, Clyde Teis,
William O'Keeffe, Archibald McNeil, Aubrey Bennett, Harold Trebbin,
Peter Osborne, Hope Sippel, Frances Kavanagh, Valentine Thom,
May Brandon, Celia Glennie, Rebecca Mallon, Florence Christopher,
Anna Sertic

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

Thank you so much from the beautiful East Timorese people in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Boxes are still available at Laidley and Gatton churches – **please continue to give jasmine rice and noodles and gift vouchers for Aldi, IGA or Coles** so they can buy meat and fresh milk. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Bavin will be available from 5:00pm to hear Confessions before the weekend Vigil Mass in both Gatton and Laidley.

This weekend: Laidley

Next weekend: Gatton

COVID information

1 May 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, and when arriving and leaving church. The use of sanitiser is also highly recommended.