



# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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4th Sunday of Advent

23 December 2018

## Readings for this Week

### First Reading

Micah  
5:1-4

### Psalm

*Lord, make us turn  
to you; let us see  
your face and we  
shall be saved*

Second Reading  
Hebrews 10:5-10

### Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

## Mass Centres

### St Joseph's Church

10 Hunt Street  
Forest Hill

### St Mary's Church

Cnr Spencer  
& Maitland Streets  
Gattton

### St Therese's Church

8 Brightview Road

### St Patrick's Church

1-3 John Street Sth  
Laidley

*Thank  
you*

A very big **Thank You** to all our wonderful Volunteers who have supported and worked hard to bring our Parish together in 2018.

The community of St Mary's Gattton would also like to acknowledge the generous donation of the Nativity Scene and the new Sanctuary bells. The bells help to focus us and remind us of the importance of the different parts of the liturgy.

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

## CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL NATIVITY SCENE



All children are welcome to be part of the Nativity Scene at the 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Gattton this year.

Please arrive a bit earlier and come to the Community Centre before Mass and see Daphne Ryan, Beatrice Webster or Fiona Drew to find a costume for the pageant.

We encourage all children to please be involved.

## LISTENING LEARNING PRAYING

*Part 4 of the Advent Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge*

As we prepare for the Plenary Council, we're offered an opportunity to enter more deeply into dialogue with one another. In the Gospels, Jesus knows what is in a person (cf John 2:24) and how to listen to what the heart of the other is saying. Jesus doesn't begin with a big pronouncement; he takes time to engage with people and usually starts with a question.

We too need to be a people who know how to engage with others as Jesus did, to listen before we speak, lest we talk at people rather than with them. As one theologian has said: "This pilgrim Church will be most faithful to its truest identity when all the baptised acknowledge the wisdom of listening before speaking, of learning before teaching, of praying before pronouncing" (Richard Gaillardetz, Jamison, 2013, p. 55).

So as the Year of Youth comes to an end, we remain faithful to the path traced by the Holy Spirit through these twelve months, listening before we speak, learning before we teach and praying before we pronounce. Following that path, we will come to recognise and adore the Child who is God-with-us, the newborn Saviour who is "joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10).

## PARISH MASSTIMES

### Saturday 22 December

6 pm Gatton

### Sunday 23 December

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

### Monday 24 December

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm Vigil Gatton

8pm Glenore Grove

### Tuesday 25 December

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

7am Forest Hill

9am Laidley

### Wednesday

#### 26 December

No Mass

### Thursday 27 December

No Mass

### Friday 28 December

1pm **To be Confirmed**  
Funeral Service  
Sjaan Van Ansem  
St. Mary's Church, Gatton

### Saturday 29 December

6 pm Laidley

### Sunday 30 December

7 am Glenore Grove

9 am Gatton

## RECONCILIATION

### Saturday 22 December

5:15 - 5:45pm Gatton

### Saturday 29 December

5:15 - 5:45pm Laidley

## SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS

This 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			<b>School Holidays</b>
Morning Tea			Sandra & Deon Herpich
Altar Society			Col & Aileen Seng
Cleaners		16 Dec - 29 Dec: Reg Schimming	Jo Litzow Christine Wilks
Counters		Not required	
Next Weekend 29/30 December 2018	Glenore Grove 7am	Gatton 9am	Laidley 6pm
Welcomers			Jan Maltry
Readers	Brian Earley Rita Bichel Anita Lyne	Margaret Grant Clare Webster Margaret Stevens	Majella Madigan Aaron Shepley Jan Maltry
Ministers of Communion	Ken Moore Michael Sippel Pat Heenan	Bridget Webster Bernadette Fitzgerald Margaret Brandon Patrick Webster Nora Ring	Adrian Shepley Cathy Harrison Bev Milasas
Children's Liturgy		<b>School Holidays</b>	
Morning Tea			
Altar Society			Col & Aileen Seng
Cleaners		30 Dec - 12 Jan: Nora Ring Mary Hawkins	Maria Larkman Norma Lyne
Counters			Not required

Happy  
50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary!

### CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Bob and Evelyn Laffey on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently. May God bless you both always.



### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

6pm Vigil Gatton  
8pm Glenore Grove

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7am Forest Hill  
9am Laidley

**FUNERAL NOTICE - to be confirmed****(A notice will be placed in each Church during the week)****REST IN PEACE - Sjaan Van Ansem (late of Forest Hill)**

Family and friends of Sjaan, her loving parents Shane and Sandy, and her brothers Brendan and Alex are invited to attend a Requiem Mass on Friday 28th December at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maitland Street, Gatton commencing at 1pm with burial to follow at Gatton Cemetery.

*Sjaan lived life to the fullest in her 21 years, may she now rest in the arms of Jesus.*

**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.

**REDRESS SCHEME**

You would be aware that earlier this year the Catholic Church in Australia committed publicly to joining the Redress Scheme. Last week the Archbishop signed the Deed of Participation on behalf of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, which was another step in bring-ing healing to those who have been wounded by abuse in the Church. Claims for re-dress will be made against the Corporation rather than an individual parish, so you need not be concerned about financial implications at a local level. You might wish to make your parishioners aware that the Archdiocese has signed on and encourage them to entrust survivors to the intercession of St Mary MacKillop as we have done in the Cathedral.

*Peter Pellican – Private Secretary to the Archbishop*

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY**

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy states:

***The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured nurtured and safeguarded from harm by all.***

*(A copy of the full policy can be obtained from the Parish office)*



**2019 ST PATRICK'S  
CENTENARY  
CELEBRATIONS**  
*- please share your  
inspiration*

*Celebrating*  
**100**  
YEARS

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

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.

**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.

*Let's  
Celebrate!*

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Priest:

Father Noyichan  
Mamoottil MCBS  
After Hours: 5462 5374

### Parish Secretary:

Jenny Hatcher

### Finance Manager:

Chris Pingel

### Parish Office:

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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 16th January 2019.

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

#### 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.



#### PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVELS

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul.

Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love.

**Amen.**

## 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](mailto:herberta@bne.catholic.net.au)

More information is available at: [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)



## We Pray for ...

**THE SICK:** 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:** Sjaan Van Ansem, Frank Davitt, Glenn Baker, Jane Borg.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Betty Noonan, Judith Ryan, Michael Dever, Bernadette Dwyer, Shirley Dolan, Charlie Ebert, Josephine Hall, Ken Boyd, John McCarthy, Elizaabeth Condon, Mary Dolan, Alice Schulz, Stephen Hunter, Alfred Staatz, Tess O'Shea, Patrick White, Jack Bourke, Mary (Susan) Bauer.



PlenaryCouncil2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## 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](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Merry  
Christmas**