



# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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## Readings for this Week

**First Reading**  
**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Psalm**

**Lord, every nation  
on earth will adore  
you**

**Second Reading**  
**Ephesians 3:2-3,  
5-6**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

## 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 Epiphany of the Lord

6 January 2019

### 'Presents and Presence'

During Christmas time we give presents. Giving and receiving presents is a good feeling. We see at the very first Christmas the wise men (Balthazar, Melchior and Gaspar) going to Bethlehem, falling down on their knees, and offering the best gifts they could afford to the Baby King. "May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service." (Psalms: 72:10-11)

The wise men were completely single-minded and sincere in their gift-giving. Their gifts were expressions of their respect, reverence, gratitude and love for the child. Their gifts were given with no strings attached, no conditions, and no mixed motives.

In celebrating the Epiphany we are celebrating the greatest proof of goodness there has ever been, of God's deeply personal love for us. His present to us is nothing less than the divine presence in our lives.

Let us continue our journey in the New Year with warmth, affection and sincerity. Let the divine smile of Infant Jesus brighten up all our new endeavours!

*Loving Regards,*

*Fr. Noyíchan MCBS*



### The Epiphany of the Lord

The celebration of the Epiphany speaks of Christ's revelation or 'manifestation' to the Gentiles. While Christianity grew out of a tiny group of Jewish people, it soon became apparent that the gift of salvation was intended for all people, all nations of the world.

The story of the Magi, foreigners from the East, illustrates the universality of the Good News message.

### Epiphany Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who now you know by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



**PARISH  
MASSTIMES  
THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 5 January**

6 pm Laidley

**Sunday 6 January**

7 am Glenore Grove

9 am Gatton

**Monday 7 January**

No Mass

**Tuesday 8 January**

4.30pm Rosary

5pm Forest Hill

**Wednesday 9 January**

8am Gatton

**Thursday 10 January**

9am Karinya

2pm Amaroo

**Friday 11 January**

10am Tabeel

**Saturday 12 January**

6 pm Gatton

**Sunday 13 January**

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 5 January**

5:15 - 5:45pm Laidley

**Saturday 12 January**

5:15 - 5:45pm Gatton

**SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS**

<b>This Weekend 5/6 January 2019</b>	<b>Glenore Grove 7am</b>	<b>Gatton 9am</b>	<b>Laidley 6pm</b>
Welcomers			Norma Lyne
Readers	Marie Linnan Mary Heenan' Rita Bichel	John Ryan Pat Ziebarth Margaret O'Brien	Margaret Shepley Jan Maltry Patsy O'Shea
Ministers of Communion	Tom Linnan Michael Sippel Pat Heenan	Nellie Schimming Joan Reimann Kathy Thomas Pauline Brennan Michelle Meara- Fletcher	Cathy Harrison Bev Milasas Adrian Shepley
Children's Liturgy		<b>School Holidays</b>	
Morning Tea		Jacoba Stevens Tinie Van Ansem	
Altar Society		Wilma Hyde Kathy Robinson	Jan Maltry
Cleaners		30 Dec - 12 Jan: Nora Ring Mary Hawkins	Aileen Seng Joy Orrin
Counters		Gatton: Terry O'Sullivan Carol Scott	
<b>Next Weekend 12/13 January 2019</b>	<b>Forest Hill 7am</b>	<b>Gatton 6pm</b>	<b>Laidley 9am</b>
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			<b>School Holidays</b>
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: Adrian & Margaret Shepley



**CONGRATULATIONS**

*We would like to take this opportunity to send our very best wishes to Rita Bichel who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday and to Moira Beckman who will be celebrating her 70th Birthday during the week.*

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



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish.  
The total collection was \$4,024.35, which includes \$2,229.40 collected from Gatton towards the new organ.

**DATE CLAIMER:**

**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 held 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.

**PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER**



Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

**Amen.**

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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



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.



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.

**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

### Parish Priest:

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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 & 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 along 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### PARISH PRAYER FOR RAIN

God of compassion,  
we wait and watch for your gift of rain to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again.

We wait and watch for the gift of salvation to free us from hatred, greed and fear so that we may live again as people of faith, hope and love.

We make this prayer in the name of our Saviour who comes to be with us. **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  
More information is available at: [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

## We Pray for ...



**THE SICK:** 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, Glenn Baker, Jane Borg.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter McNally, Agnes Myles, Thomas Myles, Elizabeth Reynolds, Barry Williams, Barry Liddicoat, Lilian Josephine Liffin, Cecil James O'Brien, Desmond John Samuelsen, Vincent Joseph Ward, Ann Friend, Florence Elizabeth Thom. Warren Jaenke, Jessica Lily-Ann Keep, Bridget Catherine Carmody, Gloria Joyce Pierpoint, Queenie Mehegan, Tony Bourke, Michael George Falconer, Philip Pomerence, Kathleen Frances Hauser.



### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH COMMUNITY GATHERING

Please come and join us for a community gathering of St. Patrick's Church, Laidley on Sunday 27th January after the 9am Mass.

Everyone is welcome.