



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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Mass Times

Saturday 7 May

6 pm Gattton

Sunday 8 May

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

Tuesday 10 May

Liturgy Word w/Comm

5 pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 11 May

Liturgy Word w/Comm

8 am Gattton

Saturday 14 May

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 15 May

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gattton

Mass Centres

St Joseph's

Forest Hill

St Mary's

Gattton

St Therese's

Glenore Grove

St Patrick's

Laidley

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year C

8 May 2022

WHY do we have a DREAM ...

Our parish leadership and ministry teams invite you to fully engage in our parish mission.

Below is the second part of our parish vision statement – may these words connect with your spirit as you live out this vision each day as we fulfil our baptismal promises; and find out why and how our ministry teams want to help you deepen your faith and be a disciple of Jesus.

We have a dream ... that parishioners are seen to be fully engaged in worship, completely guided by the Holy Spirit and seek an encounter with Jesus each time we gather;

The Liturgy ministry team are focussed on your worship experience, on writing prayers that resonate with your heart and soul, on providing training for readers to proclaim the Word of God in a way that restores your hope, on providing the best musical selection to connect to the Mass and draw you into a closer relationship with Jesus. You can be part of these ministries, as a reader, a choir member ... look for upcoming workshops to engage.

We have a dream ... where all members feel empowered to live out their baptismal promises as they serve one another and nurture each other's gifts and talents for the sake of service in the community;

When we follow Christ, we accept the invitation to spread the Good News to all around us. The gifts we have been given are part of the unique plan that God has for each of us, and how we can make a difference. Think for a moment about your gifts – *absolutely everyone*, regardless of age, size or personal circumstances, can do *something* that serves another. Is your gift helper, giving, service, hospitality, teacher, administration, leadership? There are many more gifts that He has given, and many opportunities to use those gifts.

Look for an opportunity to be of service to another ...

Responsorial Psalm: Fourth Sunday of Easter

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS – SUNDAY 5 JUNE

This year the Multicultural Mass will be held at **OLGC School in Gatton on Pentecost Sunday 5th June**. Many thanks to everyone who attending the planning meeting last Sunday. Over the next few weeks there will be requests for help in the newsletter from the four teams. If you can assist in any way, it will be greatly appreciated. If you have a **favourite dish** that is traditional for your heritage, please have a think about being part of the hospitality team, or if you have a song or dance that reflects your cultural background, there will be an opportunity to participate in the **entertainment** after Mass. Thank you in advance for being part of this special celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Sacrament of Marriage unites couples to God, and makes them a sign of his covenant with his people. It identifies couples with Christ who have made their marriage a sign of his faithful and unbreakable love for his Church.

This weekend we congratulate **Mike and Lynn Nowlan** as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their love and commitment to each other exemplifies the joy of Christ in their lives. Congratulations Mike and Lynn and we look forward to celebrating this milestone with you both at our Special Anniversaries and Milestone Birthdays Mass later in the year.

*Lord, we thank you for Mike and Lynn
and for all of the years that they have had together.
This weekend, as we celebrate their anniversary,
our prayer is that You will continue to bless them.
Let their testimony of love and forgiveness
be a help to other couples as they start
on their own journeys into married life.
Lord, we pray that You will honour their commitment
to each other and to You by granting them
many more years of happiness together.
Amen*



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Our best wishes to all the mothers and those who take a motherly role in families. Let us thank God for our dear mother who gave us life.

Let us offer them all of our love and gratitude.

Let us be grateful for the love that has been shown to us to provide a continuous source of encouragement throughout our life.

Let us thank our mothers for their faithfulness and loving example.

Let us pray for them, that their hearts will overflow with blessings from our loving God.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our FAITH Circle gathering is **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)

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY – EUCHARIST WELCOME MASS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we ask you to pray for the 14 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion that they will eagerly engage in the preparation, and that the faith of their families will be nurtured and deepened at this time. Please make welcome Zoey, Molly, Thomas, Taylah, Lionel, Lilly, William, Cooper, Montana, Bodhi, Abbigail, Ike, Tara and Kiko.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Pope Francis continually calls us to holiness, to consider how we live our lives, and how we can allow the Holy Spirit to lead us on this path. In this month of May, traditionally, our devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a **committed “Yes” to the will of God**. Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his or her mother.



We can also consider her virtues, and how we can live those virtues, to assist us in our path to holiness.

What are those virtues? Consider her deep humility, her lively faith, her obedience, her unceasing prayer, her constant self-denial and surpassing purity, her ardent love and heroic patience, her angelic kindness, and heavenly wisdom!

What can you and I do in this month of May to embrace these virtues?

St. Louis teaches us: *“The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them.”*

Mary, Mother God, pray for us!

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, **“Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest”** (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

OUR PARISH

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5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Hobbs, Don Piper, Morgan O'Reilly, Sr Mary Virgilius, Mary Dwyer, Isabella May Liffin, Dan Dwyer, Thomas Myles, Lilly Schultz, Cecilia Kavanagh, Andrew "Jack" Allan, Elizabeth Quade, Arthur Smith, Lex Braban, Bernard Schultz

*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!

Another group of East Timorese will be arriving soon in our community to work in our area. They too will need your support.

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: Gatton

Next weekend: Laidley

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeals during Lent for both Project Compassion and the Holy Lands. Your generosity makes a big difference.

Holy Lands \$ 1509.75

Project Compassion \$ 3966.40