



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

Our Parish Mission:

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish exists so that all generations come to develop an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ, become his hands and feet in the community, and live and spread the Word of God to bring fullness of life to all.

Readings for this Week

First Reading
Jeremiah
23:1-6

Psalm
22
*The Lord is my
shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.*

Second Reading
Ephesians
2:13-18

Gospel
Mark
6:30-34

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
Glenore Grove

St Patrick's Church
1-3 John Street Sth
Laidley

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 18 July, 2021

'We are called to Follow Jesus'

Once again we are reminded that we are called for a mission and we share the same mission of Jesus - **inviting everyone** to see and taste the Kingdom of God. We live in a noisy world, and some times we wish to have quietness of heart to reboot the mind and heart. **Prayer** is always the best medium to settle down to **peace** and **joy**. Especially these days of uncertainty, we may be quite anxious about things or people, but praying in a group or in person always encourages us to see things as it is. We have an opportunity to **encounter God** and listen to Him in prayer. The Apostles were '*called to be with Him*' before they were sent out (Mark 3:14). Prayer is the moment to explore the *beauty* of being with God.

The disorientation and fear provoked by the international crisis - COVID19 - is damaging lives and hopes, but we are strengthened by the love of God. Our trust in God helps us to move forward with confidence and we collectively develop an attitude of care for the other. We realise once again that our Master Jesus died on the Cross to lift us up to the next level of hope and joy. Holy Father Pope Francis would say that our 'call- vocation' is rooted in the fact that 'we are sons and daughters' of God in the Church. **Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call.** Prayer helps us to make that discernment really deeper and clearer.

Let us include in our prayer everyone who is struggling these days due to sickness of any kind, and by the impacts of the pandemic. Let us **pray for strength and clarity of our mission** that we are called to embrace. Let us not forget that we journey together and supported and encouraged by the kindness and love of the other. **Keep the smile** and **share the joy** as we journey together to build God's kingdom.

Blessings
Noyichan

Sacramental Journey - Reconciliation

Next week, we have a group of children who will begin preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for them as they continue their journey. Attendance is essential at all the weekend Masses.

Sacramental families, please take note of the following important dates:

July Introduction to Penance Workbook at schools
- parents not required to attend

24th and 25th July Welcome Mass

July Class session

31st July & 1st August Parish Mass

7th and 8th August Parish Mass

12th August **Reconciliation**
11:00am Gatton
1:30pm Laidley



Mass Times

Please note that bookings are preferred for all Masses. Your contact information is required at the time of booking for COVID tracing purposes.

Saturday 17th July

6:00pm Laidley

Sunday 18th July

7:00am Glenore Grove
9:00am Gatton

Monday 19th July

No Mass

Tuesday 20th July

4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Mass Forest Hill

Wednesday 21st July

7:30am Rosary
8:00am Mass Gatton

Thursday 22nd July

No Mass

Friday 23rd July

No Mass

Saturday 24th July

6:00pm Gatton

Sunday 25th July

7:00am Forest Hill
9:00am Laidley

Reconciliation

Generally available every **Saturday afternoon** before the Vigil Mass.

Please phone the office if you wish to book a specific time.



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Parish News and Notices

Welcome to Mass—UPDATED INFORMATION—18 July 2021

FACE MASKS ARE STILL MANDATORY THIS WEEKEND

Please note: Seat allocations at Laidley and Gatton



Please only use the one door located near the monitor to enter and exit. Please phone 5465 3131 or email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au to **book your seat/s.**

Permanent bookings are also available.

Please **come early**—at least 15 minutes before Mass.

This allows enough time to sanitise your hands and have your name checked from the list by the monitor.



The **Check In Qld** app is **REQUIRED** our Parish Churches & Venues

This will enable our parish to easily comply with the Public Health Directions by enabling parishioners to self-check-in at Church and have their information directly stored with Queensland Health for contact tracing (if required).

Please be advised that you will still need to book in for Mass as per our usual process as we remain limited with numbers able to attend.

Preparing for the Plenary Council - Fan the Flame of Faith

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' *Mark 6:30-34*

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of *dadirri* (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

(Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Roes Foundation, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri/>.)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Baptism of Frankie Hazel Kumar



Congratulations to Charles and Sarah as beautiful little Frankie is baptised at Forest Hill this weekend. May our loving God always bless and strengthen her as she journeys in faith throughout her life, and may the Holy Spirit guide and protect Charles and Sarah always.



Congratulations and best wishes to **Ian Lyne** as he celebrates his special birthday during the week.

May our merciful and loving God grant Ian good health, wisdom and much happiness in the years ahead.



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"His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd."

Sheepish Question:

So why might this "vacuum" be a looming concern for me—or my loved ones?

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Come and Celebrate Grandparents Day

St Mary's School, 30th July at 9am



It is that time of year again when we celebrate the feast day of St Anne and St Joachim, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

St. Anne and St. Joachim's parenting and grand-parenting character is an example of the importance to lead by example and influence on the family. The impact that grandparents have on the younger generations is tremendous from their presence and sharing their past experiences. Their stories, perspective wisdom, accomplishments, sense of humour and faith have a daily impact that, with time I, too, will share with our children, future grandchildren and onward.

St Mary's would love to invite everyone to celebrate this special day on 30th July at 9am in our Undercover Area. We would like to invite **all grandparents to pack a picnic** with their grandchild and enjoy a morning on the grass. If you don't have a grandchild attending St Mary's, our students will make sure you are cared for with light refreshments. Please check in using the side gates, and don't forget **BYO comfy chair**. We look forward to celebrating this special day with all of you.

NEWS FROM LITURGY TEAM

The Liturgy Team is working alongside the Adult Faith Formation Team for some important upcoming Parish events which we believe will assist and enrich the Parish community in its faith journey.

Following on from our Michael Mangan workshop, another accomplished composer, singer and guitarist, **Peter Kearney** is doing a tour in August 2021 and has kindly offered a concert in Gatton on **7th August prior to the 6pm Mass**. It would be wonderful to see as many parishioners as possible attend as Peter and his wife give of their time to spread the word of Christ. Peter's concert theme is **SIGNS OF HOPE – PEOPLE OF FAITH**.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for more details on these richly rewarding opportunities.

Thank you to all the new parishioners who have joined in the roster for the **PowerPoint preparation** and operation at Laidley and Gatton. We are planning on further developing the skills of those involved and anyone who would like to be included, is invited to let the Parish office know.

NEWS FROM ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM

All men in our parish are invited to this half day gathering. Bring yourself ... and bring a friend!

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering aims to **inspire and encourage** all men with a vision for **personal discipleship, service** and **mission** in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

In this **Year of St Joseph**, please join thousands of men across Australia as you listen and learn, reflect and share, pray and recognise how God is shaping your life for the mission of the Church. There will be an opportunity to join others in a Novena: a preparatory prayer in the lead-up to your event for you and your community.

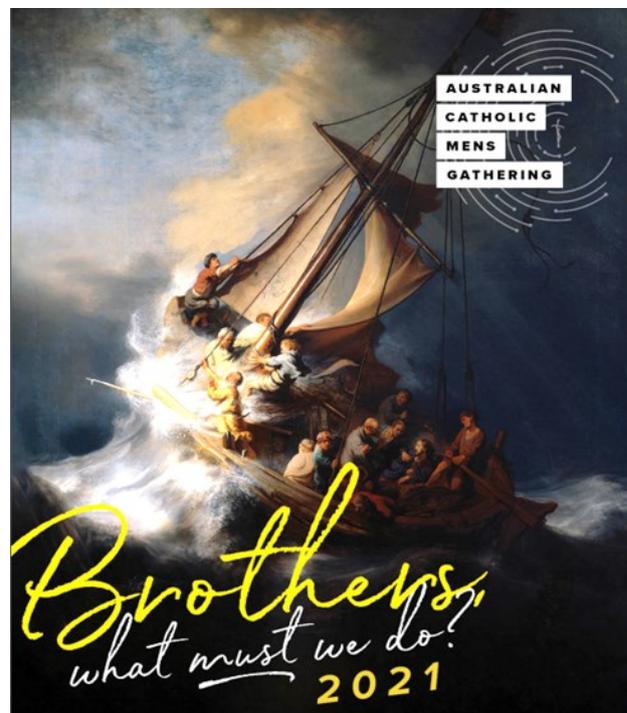
The day will commence with the celebration of Mass at 9am, followed by three sessions that have been pre-recorded, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to hear some excellent speakers who will inspire you in your faith journey.

3 great sessions:

- * **Man of Character**
- * **Man of God**
- * **Man of Service**

There are flyers available this weekend - *take one for yourself and one to share*.

Any questions, please ask one of our team. Bookings are necessary and will close on Tuesday 27th July.



Saturday 31st July 2021

Gatton Community Centre

15 Maitland Street, Gatton

9am - 2 pm

\$ 10 includes morning tea and lunch

Bookings essential

Phone 5465 3131

OUR PARISH

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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

Gatton QLD 4343
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APRE: Naomi Boyle

OLGC Kindergarten

Gatton QLD 4343
Phone: 5462 4810
Director: Donna Marriott

OLGC OSHC

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Coordinator: Jayde Nesbitt

St Mary's Catholic School

Laidley QLD 4341
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Principal: Zoe Stewart
APRE:

Sophia College

Plainland QLD 4341
Phone: 5411 3400
Principal: Narelle Dobson
APRE: Margareta Lemon

We pray for ...

THE SICK:

Murrell Kowaltzke, Marilyn Didsman, Peter Jackson, Ray Woodward, Tom O'Keeffe, David Curry, Catherine Dormer, Lil Warland, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lorraine Sells, Priscilla Pianko, Angela Curry, Carolyn Curry, Bill Lansdown, Tahlia Utz, Marie Coleman, Mark Liesch, Rachel Bennett, Vivian Moore, Jillian Hall, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Albert Hall, Judy McGlade, Joel Thiele, Steven Campbell, Georgina Edwards, Helen Colley, Pat Pingel, Joan Egan, Elisabeth Maltry, 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 can request more time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Joseph O'Dea

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Kinnane, Cecil Dolan, Ted Mahaffey, John Van Ansem, Kevin John Cavanagh, George Didsman, Anastasia Henderson, Dorothea Emilia Kraut, Dorothy Hanlon, Hugh Charles Carroll, Bevan Ahearn, Gertrude Agnes Knowles, Edward Stys, Anne Hennessy, Kym Vohland, James Boland, Dig De Berg, Col Barr, Robert Francis Graves, Kenneth Patrick Ilka, Errol Arthur Bachmann (Jnr), Cathy Powell, Martin O'Dea, David Crowley, Florence Upton, Irene Ziebarth, Mary Shanahan, Francis Staatz

Immaculate Heart of Mary

*we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love
and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.
Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life
until we share eternal life with God. Amen.*



Thanksgiving Masses - Fr Francis Fernandes

Thank you to everyone who attended these special celebrations, and especially to those hard working volunteers who provided such delicious refreshments after each Mass.

Also, through your great generosity of gifts towards Fr Francis's vestments, he has received sufficient funds to buy another chasuble!



Is your Blue Card due for renewal?

It is three years since many volunteers completed their paperwork for a Blue Card. This was at a time when the Archdiocese required these for almost everyone, including readers at Mass and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. While a Blue Card is still required for many volunteer roles and ministries, it is no longer a requirement to read at Mass or be an Extraordinary Minister. If you receive a renewal notice, and these are your only ministry roles, you will not need to renew your card. Any queries, please don't hesitate to call the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Update

From Monday 5 July 2021, Queensland will introduce new laws targeting sexual offences against children. These changes should be noted by all Queenslanders, including those within our parishes and schools and similar institutions.

The new laws focus on two areas, as described by the State Government:

- "Adults in an institutional setting must protect children from the risk of a sexual offence being committed against those children."
- "All adults must report sexual offending against children to police unless they have a reasonable excuse."

In summary, the changes include:

S.229BB: Failure to protect child from child sexual offence

Under this new offence, an adult will commit a crime that is liable for up to five years jail if they:

- know that "there is a significant risk that another adult will commit a child sexual offence"; and
- they have the power to remove or reduce that risk; and
- they do not remove or reduce the risk; and
- the offender is associated with an institution.

There is further reading available on these legislative changes:

A summary of the changes, as published by the State Government, can be found here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/types-of-crime/sexual-offences-against-children/failure-to-report>