



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
2 Kings
4:42-44

Psalm
144
10-11, 15-18
*The hand of the Lord
feeds us;
He answers all our
needs.*

Second Reading
Ephesians
4:1-6

Gospel
John
6:1-15

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 25 July, 2021

'Give them Something to Eat'

As the manna was rained down from heaven to feed the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness, Jesus provides the food in abundance for the people.

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is well set off by the brief First Reading, 2 Kings 2:42-44, recalling the similar miracle of the prophet Elisha.

The prophet tells his servant to feed the crowd with the twenty barley loaves, just as Jesus will insist that his disciples feed an even greater multitude with even less.

It is not a question of "buying" anything but rather of becoming instruments of the divine generosity. The Eucharistic celebration continues Jesus' ministry of the hospitality of God, as He communicates a sense of His true status and of the gift to the world.

In a world faced with hunger on a global scale, the challenge of Jesus, "give them something to eat" remains.

It could be something to consider in our own faith-living lives, like how far we are able to become one with the mission of Jesus- in feeding the hungry in various levels.

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10.17).

Blessings,
Fr Noy

Sacramental Journey - Reconciliation

This week, 14 children have begun preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for them as they continue their journey. Sacramental families, please take note of the following important dates:

24th and 25th July	Welcome Mass
July 28th	Class session
31st July & 1st August	Parish Mass
7th and 8th August	Parish Mass
12th August	Reconciliation 11:00am Gatton 1:30pm Laidley



Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 27th July

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 24th July

6:00pm Gatton

Sunday 25th July

7:00am Forest Hill

9:00am Laidley

Monday 26th July

No Mass

Tuesday 27th July

4:30pm Rosary

5:00pm Mass Forest Hill

Wednesday 28th July

7:30am Rosary

8:00am Mass Gatton

Thursday 29th July

No Mass

Friday 30th July

9:00am Mass

St Mary's School
Grandparents
Day

Saturday 31st July

6:00pm Laidley

Sunday 1st August

7:00am Glenore Grove

9:00am Gatton

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—25 July 2021

Please note: Seat allocations at Laidley this weekend

Please only use the one door located near the monitor to enter and exit.

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.

Of course, **if you are unwell, please DO NOT come to Mass.**

NOTICE!

FACEMASKS



REQUIRED

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

'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'

John 6:1-15

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness?

(Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Baptism of Tanner Raymond Vanstone



Congratulations to Zac and Rebekah as gorgeous little Tanner is baptised at Laidley this weekend. May our loving God always bless and strengthen him as he journeys in faith throughout his life, and may the Holy Spirit guide and protect Zac and Rebekah always.

Retiring Collection - Peter's Pence

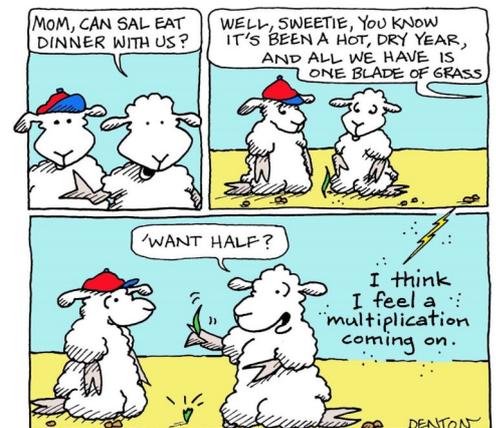
The annual Peter's Pence collection is taken up this weekend. This collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. Your gift allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy in the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

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.



"They shall eat and there shall be some left over."

Sheepish Question:

How can what I have to offer possibly change the world?

NEWS FROM OLG SCHOOL

This term, schools across Queensland celebrate Catholic Education Week. It is an opportunity for all 309 Catholic schools across the state to celebrate and promote their distinctiveness and ethos. We look forward to celebrating the 2021 theme of 'A Spirited Tomorrow' at Mass in Week 3.



NEWS FROM INCLUSION AND OUTREACH TEAM

How hard has it been! COVID times have meant that we have had to be resourceful to maintain our momentum to remain connected with community, family and friends. The Inclusion and Outreach group has been active in seeking out ways to combine our mission with practical service to the community, and we invite you, our Catholic community, to join us.

In August and October, the Inclusion and Outreach will be having a working meeting from 8 to 10am at the St Vincent De Paul shed, 9 Byrne Street, Gatton. The first working meeting will be held on Saturday August 14. We will be helping the St Vincent De Paul members to sort clothing and helping in whatever way we can on the day. Afterwards we will have a cuppa and cake with Nellie and her team of helpers. If you wish to join us, please contact Jackie on 0400189777.

NEWS FROM ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Please come and support the events that we are preparing for you! The Liturgy and Adult Faith Formations teams are working together to bring events to our parish that nourish our spiritual growth. Just as Pope Francis has written to the grandparents and elderly in our community (see back page) he calls all of us into an "outward" journey, of sharing our faith with others, and being the *hands and feet of Christ* in our community.

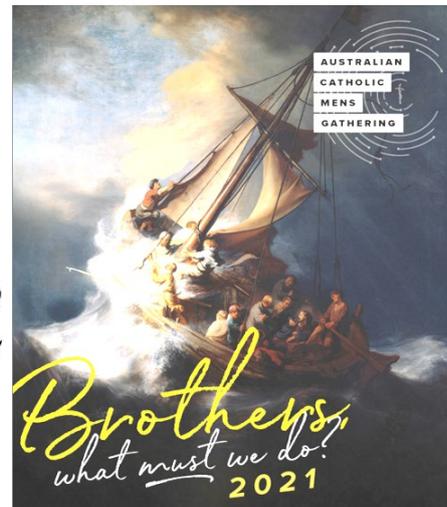
Often times people say they don't know how to talk to others about their faith ... actually many times it is what you do that matters most! People see Christ in you in your actions and how you live FOR Christ each day.

you're invited

Sadly the **Peter Kearney concert** scheduled for 7th August has been cancelled due to the border closure between Queensland and NSW. Hopefully we will be able welcome him on another occasion.

Ladies, please mark your diary for a heart-enlarging women's day retreat on **Saturday 16 October**. Already we have two delightful guest speakers confirmed to come and share their wisdom and passion for seeing the people of God flourish.

Next weekend, is the Australian Catholic Mens Gathering "**Brothers ... what just we do**". This is just one example of how you can share your faith with others, just by inviting them to come along. Many people are finding these ever-changing COVID requirements rather stressful - bring yourself and bring a friend to these events to be strengthened ... and have a great time too!



Saturday 31st July
Gatton Community Centre

15 Maitland Street, Gatton
9am - 2 pm

\$ 10 includes morning tea & lunch

Bookings essential

Phone 5465 3131

This Sunday 25 July - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

www.catholic.org.au/grandparents
#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

OUR PARISH

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M Antony MCBS
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Complaints/Disclosures
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1300 304 550

PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

Gatton QLD 4343
Phone: 5460 2999
Principal: Nathan Haley
APRE: Naomi Boyle

OLGC Kindergarten

Gatton QLD 4343
Phone: 5462 4810
Director: Donna Marriott

OLGC OSHC

Phone: 0487 001 722
Coordinator: Jayde Nesbitt

St Mary's Catholic School

Laidley QLD 4341
Phone: 5465 1240
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, David Curry, Catherine Dormer, Lil Warland, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lorraine Sells, Priscilla Pianko, Angela 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:

Esme Allen, John Joseph O'Dea

ANNIVERSARIES:

Geoffrey Richard King, Violet Litfin, Albert Wheatley, Patrick Leahy, Patrick John Linnan, Mona Ziebarth, John James Murphy, Owen McGinley, Dorothy Ivy Brennan, Keith Marsh, Alfred Haines, Catherine McNamara, Mary Bugler, William O'Mullane, Eileen O'Keefe, Gerald Dever, John & Margaret Donnellon, James Stanislaus Browning

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.*



Extract from Pope Francis's Message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 25 July 2021

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, and Elderly Friends,

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. **"I am with you always"** are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send *angels* to console our loneliness and to remind us: **"I am with you always"**. He says this to you, and he says it to me. At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us.

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand. **Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets!** We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"** (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones.

At this crucial moment in history, you have a **renewed vocation**. You may wonder: *How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live?* It can happen, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: **"I am with you always"**! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2021, FRANCIS

Link to the whole message: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event_dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2021/6/22/messaggio-giornata-nonni.html