



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

Our Parish Values:

Joyful ... Inclusive ... Inspirational ... Loving ... Christ-centred ... Authentic
Our values determine our behaviour ... our behaviour helps create our parish culture

Readings for this Week

First Reading
Jeremiah
33:14-16

Psalm
24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
*To you, O Lord,
I lift my soul.*

Second Reading
I Thessalonians
3:12 - 4:2

Gospel
Luke
21:25-28, 34-36

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C

28 November, 2021

“Prepare Hearts to Welcome Christ Jesus”

As we come to the last month of the year, we realise this is going to be a busy time. We try our best to meet the demands of this huge celebration. We know Christmas is all about **'relationship'** and that it is the reason why we celebrate our friendship with God and one another. Life takes its shape when we enter into positive relationships. Every life begins in the Heart of God and so, every relationship as well. Anything that doesn't have a connection to God will not last. So, let us be conscious of our connection to God and each other. This is a time to find more ways to come together, to celebrate our love for God and one another.

That is why observing the **ADVENT** properly is essential. If we miss to **PREPARE** ourselves for this **BIG FEAST** - we will miss the point. Let us be aware, that we may lose lots of our time and patience during shopping sprees, decorating our homes and surroundings last minute and we may not have the energy to find time for God.

We may need to amend our lives or its attitude to find space for God. When life is messy and out of order, we feel overloaded with incomplete works. This is a time to pause, to readdress a few of those issues and to post it in the right direction. God comes to help us regain our energy to explore life in a profound way. He is ready to support us in our impatience, lack of initiatives and he gives us courage to move forward with a heart filled with **GRATITUDE** and **JOY**.

***Faith makes all things possible, Hope makes things work properly,
Love makes everything beautiful!***

Let us be **ADVENTUROUS** going in **SEARCH** of God.

*Have a blessed season of **PREPARATION!** Noyichan*

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH ... HOPE

*Loving God, we thank you for the **HOPE** you give us.
Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming
by being open to seeing the light of Christ in others.
We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AT ST PATRICK'S

The Inclusion and Outreach Team are hosting a morning tea after the 9am Mass this **Sunday 28 November**. Everyone is very welcome - have a chat with Father Paul before he leaves our parish. We are very grateful for his ministry to our parish during November.

An invitation to men of our parish - **MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

8th December

You are invited to a lunch time gathering - to connect with men from across our parish to share lunch and make plans for 2022. There is some exciting news to reveal, and your input is going to be important. **Be a mate and bring a mate!**

WHEN: Wednesday 8th December from 12noon to 1pm

WHERE: Old Convent, 30 Maitland Street, Gatton (meet in carpark)

WHAT TO BRING: BYO Lunch

Mass Times

Saturday	27th November
3:00pm	Gatton Community Cntr Volunteers Afternoon Tea
6:00pm	Gatton
Sunday	28th November
7:00am	Forest Hill
9:00am	Laidley
Monday	29th November
7:30am	Rosary
8:00am	Gatton
Tuesday	30th November
4:30pm	Rosary
5:00pm	Forest Hill
Wednesday	1st December
7:30am	Rosary
8:00am	Gatton
Thursday	2nd December
7:30am	Rosary
8:00am	Gatton
Friday	3rd December
7:00am	Rosary
7:30am	Gatton
NB: Change of time	
Saturday	4th December
6:00pm	Laidley
Sunday	5th December
7:00am	Glenore Grove
9:00am	Gatton

Reconciliation

Generally available every **Saturday afternoon** before the Vigil Mass - booking required.

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



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CHRISTMAS CORNER

Brought to you by the
Children and Families Ministry Team
Throughout the Season of Advent

Hello Families,

Welcome to the **Christmas Corner** - a space especially dedicated to celebrate this **Season of Advent!**

There are lots of ways to celebrate Christmas! As **Catholics**, we don't just celebrate for one day, but for the whole season!

Lets come together this Advent Season and have some **FUN** with enjoyable activities to celebrate Jesus' birthday and the whole season of Christmas!

Follow the **ADVENT CALENDAR** below, with some great **Daily Tasks** to help you and your family, get ready for the birth of Jesus!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	28th
	Nov
MONDAY	29th
TUESDAY	30th
WEDNESDAY	1st
	Dec
THURSDAY	2nd
FRIDAY	3rd
SATURDAY	4th



Set up a nativity scene in your house - but don't add baby Jesus just yet

Learn how to make origami stars and place at Nativity

Collect toiletries & non perishables to donate to Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Pray for the people who have helped you this year - teachers, doctors, nurses, family, friends

Share a smile and say hello to as many people as possible today

Read the Christmas story with a friend

Look for ways around home where you can be extra helpful

Oh Holy Night!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Friday - 24 - December

5:00PM FOLLOWED BY CAROLS AND MASS

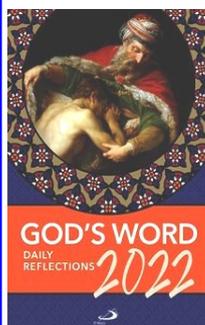
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CNR MAITLAND AND SPENCER STREETS, GATTON

Calling all Shepherds, Angels, Wisemen and Future Acting Stars!!!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST TO THE PARISH OFFICE AT
GATTON@BNE.CATHOLIC.NET.AU OR 5465 3131

Resources to help adults PREPARE WELL this Advent

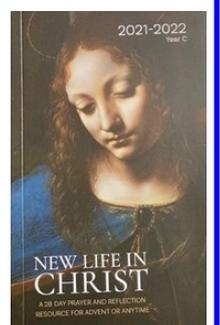
Our daily habits prepare us ... a dietician would say that what you eat determines your health and vitality. The same for our spiritual health ... what



you read, how often you pray and spend time in reflection, may determine your spiritual vitality and strength. These two resources are simple to follow and very enjoyable. Both available now at all the churches.

God's Word 2022 \$ 15 - daily readings and reflections for all of 2022.

New Life in Christ \$ 5 - Reflections suitable for Advent and through the year.



NEWS FROM LITURGY TEAM

Prayer of the Faithful by Elizabeth Harrington

The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Prayer of the Faithful or Universal Prayer, also called 'Bidding Prayers' in the Roman Missal. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains that in the Prayer of the Faithful the people exercise the office of their baptismal priesthood by offering prayers to God for the salvation of all (# 69). The early Church took this so seriously that only the baptised were allowed to be present for this part of Mass.

As the name 'Prayer of the Faithful' indicates, it is the prayer of the gathered members of the assembly, the Body of Christ, not of the presider, nor the person who composed or reads them, nor someone who has provided pre-prepared intercessions. The Prayer of the Faithful is actually not a prayer addressed to God at all but a series of intentions that worshippers are invited to pray for. The General Instruction sets out the sequence of these intentions: the needs of the Church, public authorities and the salvation of the world, those burdened by any difficulty, the local community (# 70).

The petitions only become the 'Prayer of the Faithful' when the people respond to the invitation, formulate their own prayer in their hearts and bring their prayers together in the 'Lord, hear our prayer'. If there is no silence, there is no prayer – just a list of statements. It is vital that those who announce the intentions do so clearly and observe a deliberate pause after each one. The petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful make a connection between the Eucharist and life, so they must flow from the day-to-day lives of people in the community and from what is happening in the universal Church and in the world.

As with all the elements that make up the Liturgy of the Word, the pattern of the Prayer of the Faithful is one of dialogue – between reader and listener, between God and us.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES AND MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION



Everyone enjoyed a great afternoon with family and friends as together we celebrated some significant occasions.

Congratulations to Peter and Eva Kysely celebrating their Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary, Michael and Deb Hagan celebrating their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary and Brian and Andrea Lunn celebrating their Silver (25th) Wedding Anniversary. It is such a privilege to see the love that these couples share, and how they live the joy of the Gospel in our community.



Several wonderful ladies and gentlemen celebrated their milestone birthdays, and congratulations go to Inez, Shirley, Maria, Bernadette, Rita, Michael, Mike, Ian, Anne, Dorrie, Peter and Ernie.

The wonderful emcee was Bill Beckman, and he kept them entertained with games and also led them in singing some favourite old time songs. There was also a special performance by Melody Cunliffe who entertained us with her song and dance routine.

Thank you to the Liturgy and Adult Faith Formation teams who assisted with the preparation and presentation of this event.

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR CELEBRATING MASS - 28 NOVEMBER 2021

Finally ... Mass Bookings are no longer required and we don't have too many protocols for Mass attendance. Let's hope that the situation continues!

Please still 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 use the QR Code. If your phone doesn't work with the App, please advise the monitor who can check you in.

Of course, **if you are unwell, please DO NOT come to Mass ; and if you prefer, you may still wear a mask.**

A VOCATION VIEW ... Start following Jesus NOW

Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season.
Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now!

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane

Phone 1300 133 544 **Email** vocation@bne.catholic.net.au **Web** www.vocationbrisbane.com.au



OUR PARISH

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Our Lady of the Valley
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www.olv.org.au

Safeguarding:

Complaints/Disclosures
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PARISH SCHOOLS

**Our Lady of Good
Counsel Catholic School**
Gatton QLD 4343
Phone: 5460 2999
Principal: Nathan Haley
Acting APRE: Jane Glynn

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: Patrick Finch

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

We pray for ...

THE SICK:

Edilberta Parcell, Lucy Luck, Trevor Potbury, Robert Liffin, Gerry Orrin, Myrla Prianes, Biddy Dwyer, Shirley Myles, Judy Shepherd, Murrell Kowaltzke, Marilyn Didsman, Peter Jackson, Ray Woodward, Catherine Dormer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lorraine Sells, Bill Lansdown, Tahlia Utz, Mark Liesch, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Joel Thiele, Steven Campbell, Georgina Edwards, Pat Pingel, Joan Egan, Elisabeth Maltry, Sienna Beutel, Lucy Kimmings,Carolynn Curry

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:

Pham Quoc Cuong, Dang Thi Thanh Thuy, Christine Bramwell, Cory Leathem, Noreen Lund, Barbara Dwyer

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Reynolds, Herbert Howard Doyle, Aldo Andreo Sceresini, Rose Mary Bartlett, James Martin Ford, John Edward Parish, Catherine Mary McLeary, Michael Luck, Florence Quade, Thomas Kenneth Taylor, Douglas John Pomerence, Josie Martindale, Marjorie Glennie, John Brennan, Dale Maree Bachmann, Stan Nawratzki, Cecilia Luck, Cecilia Crowley, Harry Osborne, Hazel June Liffin, Coral Margaret Brown

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.*



Fundraising Appeal - 60th Anniversary St Mary's Church

Thank you to the generous people who have already contributed to the fundraising appeal for works at St Mary's Church Gatton.

Progress report:

New sign and signage - planned to be in place before Christmas and we are almost half way to our fundraising goal of \$ 9,500.

Bell Tower - redevelopment of an LED lit Cross constructed and fitted to the top of the Belltower with an estimated cost of \$ 12,000. We have received some kind donations towards this project, and it will be the focus of some fundraising in 2022.

Sacristy Cupboards - the repair work is almost \$ 5,000 and we are just under half way with donations towards this essential maintenance work.

A Service of Remembrance and Hope

THURSDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2021 7:00pm St Mary's Church, Gatton

As we approach this Christmas Season, for many families this Christmas will also bring much sadness, because of the absence of a loved one with whom you would normally share this tradition.

On behalf of the **Burstow** Family and Staff, a warm Invitation is extended to you and your family, to attend a special service on Thursday 2nd December commencing at 7pm. This service will include singing songs of hope and comfort, a reflection ceremony and an invitation for fellowship over supper after the service. To assist with catering, please **RSVP to Burstows (07) 5468 2900 by Thursday 25th November** and advise them if you need assistance with transport.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia ACN

Aid to the Church in Need Australia ACN is an International Catholic Charity and they are seeking interested people to work throughout the Archdiocese.

Could you share stories of suffering Christians?

Are you looking for flexible part time work?

Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants, who will deliver monthly presentations in Parishes. The payment rate is \$400 for each weekend of presentations, and the main role is to share the stories of the suffering Church, through the delivery of ten Parish Presentations over the course of a year. For all details, please visit www.aidtochurch.org/work