



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
Isaiah
35:4-7

Psalm
145:7-10
*Praise the Lord,
my soul!*

Second Reading
James
2:1-5

Gospel
Mark
7:31-37

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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

5 September, 2021

Ephphatha - 'To Be Opened'

In the ceremony of baptism, there is a beautiful prayer - as the celebrant blesses the mouth and the ears of the child they pray - *"May the Lord soon touch your ears to open it to listen to His voice and your mouth to proclaim His words"*.

Isaiah prophesied: 'Look your God is coming. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed'. (Isaiah 35:6). "Lord, late have I loved you, for behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside ... You were with me and I was not with you. You called and cried to me and broke open my deafness". (St. Augustine in his Confessions, Book 7).

Someone without the ability to speak and hear would be experiencing some deep depression since they can't communicate what they want or can't enjoy the music of the nature. In our spiritual life, people may face the same inability to hear when God speaks to them - it could be because of the many noises or frustration or mental illness.

Listening to the Word of God is one of the great ways to assess our life. Most of the time we may be passive listeners. **Faith is all about the active response to the voice of God.** We find most of the time the inability of the world to hear or respond to God's Word because it is drifting from the culture of life and love. Through faith, we are encouraged to listen to God, as we continue our journey building the culture of friendship and belonging. Let us get plugged into the music of God which is **love, joy and peace.**

As we celebrate Fathers' Day this weekend, let all our wonderful fathers, grandfathers, guardians and foster fathers in this Year of St. Joseph - may get inspired by the humility and sincerity of St. Joseph as they continue to be part of the creative will of God.



Many blessings and prayers!

Noyichan MCB.S.

Sacramental Journey - Reconciliation

Children attending St Mary's School Laidley

Sacrament of Penance will be at **12 noon on 16th September**
at St Patrick's Church

Children attending Our Lady of Good Counsel School Gatton

Sacrament of Penance will be at **9am on 15th September**
at St Mary's Church

Mass dates:

Laidley - Saturday 4th September, Sunday 12th September
Gatton - Sunday 5th September, Saturday 11th September

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office to advise and discuss.



Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 6th September 2021

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 4th September

6:00pm Laidley

Sunday 5th September

7:00am Glenore Grove
9:00am Gatton

Monday 6th September

No Mass

Tuesday 7th September

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

Wednesday 8th September

7:30am Rosary
8:00am Mass Gatton
11:00am Funeral
Douglas Smith
Laidley

Thursday 9th September

No Mass

Friday 10th September

11:00am Funeral
John Dionysius
Gatton

Saturday 11th September

6:00pm Gatton

Sunday 12th September

7:00am Forest Hill
9:00am Laidley

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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Parish News and Notices

Welcome to Mass—**UPDATED INFORMATION**—5 September 2021

Please wear your mask when arriving and leaving the church.
If you can remain 1.5 metres from people not in your household, you may remove your mask during Mass.

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.**



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.

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'He makes the deaf speak and the dumb speak.'

Mark 7:31-37

The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

(Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002", accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/

Ladies be prepared for "Something Beautiful"

Saturday October 16 - an all day retreat for all ladies.

Even though we may not feel beautiful at times in our lives, it is important that we are reminded of those facts daily. In Him and through Him, we are beautiful.

Staying close to our community, through our day-to-day activities as well as attending retreats such as this, is a wonderful ways to achieve that goal.

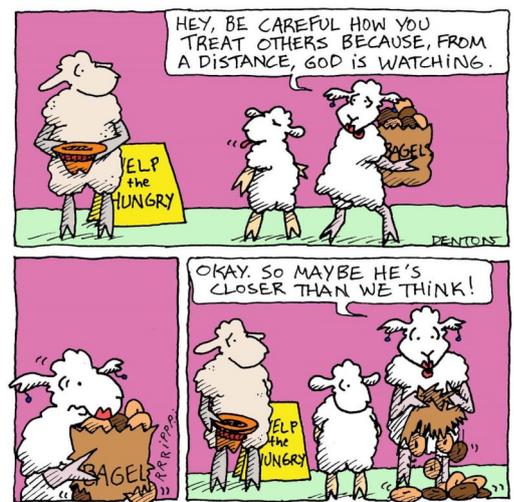
More information and booking details coming soon.

Do you like to sing?



Come along and join us on
Monday 6th September
Gatton Church from 7pm for
Singing Practice.

Phone Kaylene on 0418 628 976
for more information.



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"Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...
he comes to save you."

Sheepish Question:

What is my part in the work of God's grace?

NEWS FROM ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM

"A reminder for our remaining events for 2021:

Saturday 16th October, an all day retreat for all ladies based on the theme of "Something Beautiful", as mentioned last weekend.

There is also an Advent Retreat to be held just prior to the beginning of Advent and finally, our New Year's Eve gathering, 31st December.

These were the two most popular events mentioned in the survey earlier in the year. Information to follow."

-Jan Maltry

NEWS FROM SOPHIA COLLEGE PLAINLAND

Each year since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th.

While the Season of Creation is not an official liturgical season like Lent or Advent in our Catholic liturgical calendar, Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to make this a special time of prayer and action, in common with others, in caring for our common home. As a school inspired by *Laudato Si'* the Season of Creation is an important time for Sophia College to reflect and take action as a community.

Throughout the Season of Creation staff and students will engage in a variety of activities to reflect on their call to care for our common home. This will include a photography competition with four categories: animals, plants, landscapes, and people in creation. We look forward to seeing the entries and announcing the winners at the beginning of term four. **-Margareta Lemon, Assistant Principal Religious Education**

Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other. You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, and to be nourished by our Mother Earth. Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
(A prayer inspired by the papal encyclical 'Laudato Si' by Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM LOCKYER VALLEY COUNCIL

Laidley Pfizer Vaccination Hub Opening Hours:

Laidley - located at the Laidley Sports Centre
 Thursday 9 September 7am - 5pm
 Friday 10 September 10am - 7pm
 To book: Please phone 07 4615 0932



Residents without a Medicare card, including farm workers and those not born in Australia, will also be eligible for the free vaccination.

There was an opportunity at Gatton but it was already fully booked by the time this newsletter was printed.

A VOCATION VIEW: WHAT IS YOUR PART IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith.

So, take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

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




Happy Father's Day!

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things.

May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

Bless them that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

OUR PARISH

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Our Lady of the Valley
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Complaints/Disclosures
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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: Patrick Finch

Sophia College

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

We pray for ...

THE SICK:

Shirley Myles, Judy Shepherd, 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, 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 Dionysius, Douglas Smith, Kathleen Kraut, Daniel Fitzgerald

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alice Mabel Teis, Mary McCarthy, Eileen Murphy, John Mehegan, Mary Carmel Bronkhurst, Veronica Bridget Bunting, Hazel Friend, Robert Ryan, Kathleen Joan Doonan, Rob Lee, Greg Pomerence, Thomas Hennessy, May Thiemann, Annie Panzram, Patrick Joseph Ring, Lawrence Kachel, Kenneth Redinger, Edward Cheetham, Patrick McNamara, Bernard Charles Heenan, Kenneth Graham Perkins, Mary Carmel Bennett, James Gregory Fox, Bruce James Brown, Jack Luck, Evan Robert Gowdy



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.*

Date Claimer - Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25th September commencing at 11.30am.

The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered.

Bookings will be available from **Monday 13 September** and can be made by telephoning the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030 or via the following link:

<https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au>

Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office on 5465 3131 to make your booking



Word of God alive in Our Lady of the Valley

Over the coming weeks, parishioners will be invited to respond to a couple questions. If you are asked, please accept this opportunity to share your heart and encourage others in their faith journey.

Question One: Do you find that faith and spiritual values plays a role in your work, day, marriage and if so how?

Yes absolutely, in everything and in every day, faith and spiritual values have been the rock in my life to found decisions and direction. Having Spiritual values developed through a lifelong faith, gives me peace and comfort in facing challenges and adversity.

As a husband and father, I have always relied on my faith and values to guide me in being the best example I can be to my family and community in the likeness of our Father in Heaven. Failed often, yes!! Given in and given up, never!! I am thankful each day to have been born into the Catholic faith which continues to provide me an unshakable foundation for life.

Question Two: If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

That's a tough one... life has a way of throwing up daily questions which can sometimes lead thoughts into doubts. There is so much noise in our world and so many opinions, but in my view, it boils down to what I can do and what I have any control over. My question then to God ...

God, what is it that I need to change to fulfil the destiny you have set before me?

Derek Pingel