



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton 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
Acts
4:8-12

Psalm
117:1, 8-9, 21-23,
26, 28-29

*The stone rejected by
the builders has
become the corner
stone.*

Second Reading
John
3:1-2

Gospel
John
10:11-18

Mass Centres

St Joseph's Church
10 Hunt Street
Forest Hill

St Mary's Church
Cnr Spencer
& Maitland Streets
Gattton

**St Therese's
Church**
8 Brightview Road
Glenore Grove

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

25 April, 2021

"My Sheep hear my voice; and they follow me" (John 10:27)

It is always inspiring to reflect on God's love through the image of the good shepherd, which is Jesus Himself. Love brings in the flavour of care and that is the core of loving someone - you will always care for them. The care can go to the extent of sacrificing one's own life to protect the other - we find that kind of love mostly in parents. The sacrifices they make help to build the bond of family life. That is why they are thrilled to adjust, compromise and suffer in the context of a family. Jesus talks about a clear contrast between the shepherds and hired men. The shepherds will stay, face and suffer when there is a threat, whereas the hired ones would flee to protect themselves.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, as we see Him offering Himself up for us in the cross. There is no greater love than laying down one's life for others - in the same way, we reflect today as we remember the Anzacs and the Veterans - Lest we forget. As Christians we received that command from Jesus centuries ago - **'Do it in memory of me'. He was willing to sacrifice Himself so that we may have life in fullness.**

(John 10:10). He didn't let suffering and death deter Him from caring for us. He continues to break Himself for us in the Holy Eucharist where we find life through His love. As he continues to nourish us, we are called to inspire and build those around us with the same love. Let the true spirit and determination of the Anzacs inspire us to give our life to build up a new community, where everyone is cared for and nourished, all finding purpose and meaning for their lives and deepen their commitment.

Many Blessings
Father Noy

Sacramental Journey 2021

This weekend, we specially welcome all our Confirmation Candidates and their Families, within the Masses, as they commence their sacramental journey for 2021. Please join us in welcoming our children and please pray for them as they take part in the sacramental journey to receive the sacraments of Confirmation.

How important are the Sacraments in your life?

Over the next few months, we will be asking some parishioners for their answer to this and other questions. It is important to recognise how active God is in your life.

"I cannot imagine my week without spending quality time with God. Not just a fleeting prayer in a moment of desperate need, but the heartfelt connection that almost takes your breath away. The Holy Eucharist is such a nourishment, a sacrament that fills my heart like nothing else can and where possible, I like to attend a weekday Mass to especially strengthen me through the challenges of life. So how important? Life giving!" CP



Reminder: Act of Kindness Campaign

Thank you for your support with this project! This initiative continues to run until the end of May. You can still help by donating chocolates/treats, small pot plants, stationary items, gift vouchers, blank cards (for Chappy to write words of encouragement to students).

If you wish to donate food items, or have further questions about this initiative, please contact any of our team members at your church.

Gattton: Nora Ring
Laidley - Jackie Buckingham

Glenore Grove - Joan Jackson;
Forest Hill - June Kealy and Krishna



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 April

6:00pm Gatton

Sunday 25th April

7:00am Forest Hill
9:00am Laidley

Monday 26th April

7:30am Rosary
8:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday 27th April

4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 28th April

7:30am Rosary
8:00am Mass Gatton

Thursday 29th April

No Mass

Friday 30th April

7:30am Rosary
8:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Gatton

Saturday 1st May

6:00pm Laidley

Sunday 2nd May

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—24/25 April 2021

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 ask.

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**



Keep your distance



Smile and wave!



Wash your hands regularly



Cover coughs and sneezes

Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you to everyone who has chosen to use the Planned Giving envelopes this year. A **reminder to all that you need to ensure you write your envelope number** onto your envelopes before placing them into the collection basket. We have received some envelopes without a number on, and unfortunately we cannot record your generous gift. If you think this may have been you, please phone the Office to check. Many thanks.

Men's BBQ- Thank You

OLV recently hosted its first Men's BBQ, facilitated by Michael Hagen from the Adult Faith Formation team. The efficiency with which the idea was presented and then realised is a testament to the effectiveness of the Parish's Strategic Plan.

The event was a success with eighteen men from across our four communities attending. Michael gave a thought-provoking address, highlighting the many tensions in society today and the need for us as men to step up and take responsibility to do something. That message has never been more urgent especially at a time when our men are disappearing from our churches! I was pleased to hear from the men that they were interested in a regular event of this sort: a social gathering with some spiritual message to take away: an event with physical, social and spiritual nourishment! A faith journey is blossoming among the men and I feel privileged to be part of it going forward.

**God Bless
Deacon Francis**



SWEEPING, SHINING, SERVING!

Do you have a spare hour once a month, to **help clean at the Gatton Church**? It's not too strenuous – just a bit of sweeping, vacuuming and mopping.

Could you please help?

If you were on the roster pre-COVID, please advise if you are happy to restart.

Thank you so much!



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"I am the good shepherd and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

Sheepish Question:

Where is Jesus guiding me that other leaders or advisors are not?

News from the Inclusion and Outreach Team

The Inclusion and Outreach Team have been working on two activities for April and May.

Firstly, we have embarked on an “**Acts of Kindness Campaign**”, a community initiative to support

UQ Gatton Chaplaincy.

We have placed a donation box at each Church in the Parish for the next four weeks.

The donations will be collected and given to the Chaplain at UQ Gatton Campus to distribute to Students.

Items requested by the Chaplain are **chocolates, blank greeting cards, stationary**

items, gift vouchers and small potted plants. The gifts will give needy students who are far from home, a boost when the going gets tough, especially at exam time.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the Students.

Chappy has already acknowledged the generosity and kindness of Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners for the “Acts of Kindness” Parish involvement.

Secondly, we are preparing for “**Our Lady of the Valley Multicultural Mass**” to be held at **Laidley on Sunday 23rd May at 9am.** The Multicultural Mass will be a celebration for all. We are fortunate to live in a culturally diverse community where we will celebrate the joy of sharing our languages, music and cultures with each other.

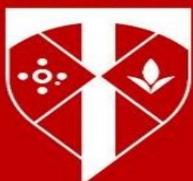
We are putting a **call out** for anyone with **decorating ideas** to help **decorate** the church. If you have cultural items from your birthplace, pictures and other items of interest, please bring them along on the day for display.

We invite you all to join us after Mass for a **Multicultural Morning Tea.**



News from Sophia College

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COLLEGE**



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CLOSE

1 FEBRUARY 2022

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Mark Your Diary (Very Important)

Saturday 29th May 2021

Our parish has invited **Michael Mangan, renowned songwriter** and lover of liturgy, to present two workshops next month. The first workshop will be for anyone involved in **parish music ministry**, and the second workshop for anyone currently on the **reader** rosters or who would like to be part of this ministry in the future. These workshops will be **provided at no charge** - please come along and support this initiative.

It is anticipated that everyone in these ministry areas will attend these workshops.

We have some amazing readers and musicians in our parish, and even though you may have been serving in these ministries for many years ... **come and learn new techniques to make your special gifts even more powerful and effective.** For new people, come and hear about ways to gain confidence, to project your voice, to proclaim the Word of God!



OUR PARISH

Parish Priest:

Father Noyichan
M Antony MCBS
After Hours: 5462 5374

Deacon:

Francis Fernandes

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Safeguarding:

Complaints/Disclosures
Phone: STOPLINE
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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

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

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: Clare Hogan

Sophia College

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

We pray for ...

THE SICK:

David Curry, Catherine Dormer, Bill Stevens, Lil Warland, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lorraine Sells, Priscilla Pianko, Angela Curry, John O'Dea, Bill Lansdown, Tahlia Utz, Marie Coleman, Mark Liesch, Rachel Bennett, Vivian Moore, Jillian Hall, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Albert Hall, Judy McGlade, Joel Thiele, Clara Hutchinson, 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:

Stasiu Kaminski

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Therese Bennett, Fr William Joseph Henry, Kathleen Francis McCartney, Doreen Martha Panzram, John Murrhy, Milagros Braga, Emma Jane Brett, Leslie Charles Thiemann, Ned Lyne, Elfriede Katharina Wenner, Lucy May O'Brien, Mary Margaret Butler, Beryl Nea Whittle, Christina O'Sullivan, Victor Reginald Holtz

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.*



Lest we forget ... Anzac Day Sunday 25th April



Gracious and loving God,
the cross of Christ is the sign
of your desire for justice
and peace for all.

Open our minds to your vision
as we remember all
who suffered through Australia
and New Zealand's involvement
in wars, conflicts
and peacekeeping operations.

Grant all servicepersons
who sacrificed health and life
for the good of all,
the gift of your deep peace.

May we who inherit the freedom
for which they fought
become instruments of your peace
in our homes,
workplaces and world.

We ask this prayer
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

CWCI Safari Ministry - Laidley Morning Tea and Encouragement

Hosted by the Baptist Ladies. All men and woman welcome!

When: Tuesday 4 May'21 at 9:30am - 11:30am
Where: Baptist Church House
7 Breuer Street Laidley 4341

Guest Speakers: Linda Robertson and Chris Keith.

If you have any enquiries, you can contact Jeanette Dunlop on 0408483823.

Light refreshments will be provided.