



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
Genesis
22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Psalm
115:10,15-19
*I will walk in the
presence of the Lord
in the land
of the living*

Second Reading
Romans
8:31-34

Gospel
Mark
9:2-10

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

28 February, 2021

Listen to Him

In 2016, the seminary took eleven of us to the Holy Land on pilgrimage. One of our stops along the way was Mt. Tabor, the mountain where Jesus transfigured before his apostles. It was a serene mountain surrounded on all sides by flat plains, such as the fertile Jezreel Valley and the plains of Megiddo.

Unlike Jesus and the trio, we did not have to make the gruelling climb on foot, rather the local driver aggressively tore up dangerously through the narrow roads. The top was serene and the ruins of a medieval monastery stood there. The crowning glory was a large basilica where we had mass. Our tour guide explained the Armageddon – the great final battle in the book of Revelations, gets its name from Megiddo. It was seen as a stage for the great and final battle between the forces of good and evil.

Looking back now, it is curious that Jesus took his disciples out so far across plains and up a large mountain. Similar to the desert from last week, **he drew them away from the humdrum of daily life into a retreat where they could encounter him anew.** *What must it have been like coming down the mountain?* The land itself must have prophesied to them: the journey ahead of you will be fertile as the Jezreel, but bloody as the Megiddo. The vision of Jesus in glory must have been a guiding star in the dark months leading up to Jesus' death and the eventually their own martyrdoms. The prophecy indeed rang true: the apostles and the nascent faith endured gruelling persecution, but was also fertile beyond measure. The faith became a fertile valley from which several monumental civilisations have flowered and a numberless army of saints have been born.

May the vision of the transfigured Christ be for us a **guiding star** in the midst of Lenten fasts and life's difficulties.

God bless,
Dcn. Francis

Looking to Jesus this week of Lent through reflection, retreat and reconciliation ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 27 th	Sunday
Group reflection 5:30pm Gatton Comm Ctr	Rosary Mass Forest Hill Personal reflection	Rosary Mass Gatton Group reflection 9am Gatton	Personal reflection	Stations of Cross Gatton 9am and 5pm Laidley 4pm	Reconciliation 4 to 5:30pm Gatton Mass Gatton	Mass Forest Hill Laidley

Come and be renewed this Lent

Reflection

Look to Jesus - personal and group reflection

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday - 4pm Laidley, 9am & 5pm Gatton

Retreat

20th March - Laidley 27th March - Gatton

Reconciliation

Available every Saturday before Vigil Mass from 4 - 5:30pm



Mass Times

Please note that bookings are essential for all Masses.

Your contact information is required at the time of booking for COVID tracing purposes.

Saturday 27th February
6:00pm Gatton

Sunday 28th February
7:00am Forest Hill
9:00am Laidley

Monday 1st March
No Mass

Tuesday 2nd March
4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Forest Hill Mass

Wednesday 3rd March
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton Mass

Thursday 4th March
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton
Liturgy of the Word
with Communion

Friday 5th March
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton
Liturgy of the Word
with Communion
Adoration and Benediction

9am Gtn Stations of Cross
4pm Ldly Stations of Cross
5pm Gtn Stations of Cross

Saturday 6th March
6:00pm Laidley

Sunday 7th March
7:00am Glenore Grove
9:00am Gatton

Reconciliation

Available every **Saturday afternoon from 4 - 5:30pm** before the Vigil Mass.

Mass on Television

Every Sunday at 6am

- Channel 10
- WIN Channel 350



Parish News and Notices

Welcome to Mass—UPDATED INFORMATION—14 February 2021

With the warmer weather, all the doors of the church are opened to assist with the air flow. Please do not use them to enter or exit. Only use the one door located near the monitor to enter and exit.

- ☑ Please phone or email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au early in the week 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, even if you make a booking, and if you **are unwell, please DO NOT come to Mass**

2021 ROSTERS

New rosters have now commenced and have been emailed this week, or are available for collection at the churches. These rosters are for Gatton, Laidley and Glenore Grove for Welcomers, Monitors, Altar Servers, Readers and Projectionists. Cleaning rosters are already in place for all churches.

NB: If you are going to be away and unable to volunteer for the roster, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a replacement. Thank you

HYMN PRACTICE ... to sing is to pray twice

Come and join a practice session on the **first Monday** evening of every month, alternating between Gatton and Laidley churches. Suitable for people who like to sing in the choir ... and perfect for everyone who sings in the pews!

Everyone is welcome! New hymns are coming soon...

Monday 1st March 7pm Gatton Church Monday 5th April 7pm Laidley Church



UPDATED PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

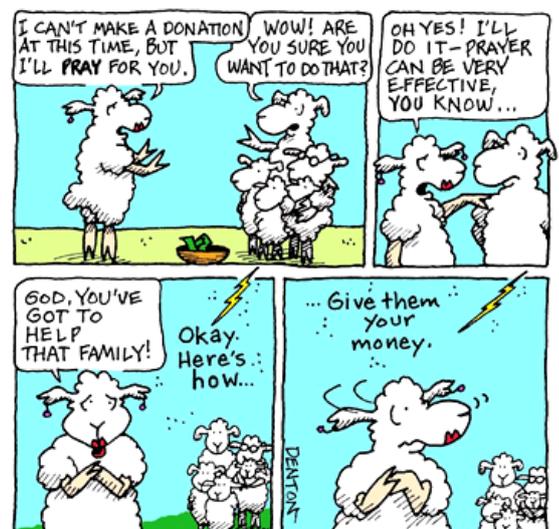
For people who have their own direct debit set up for Planned Giving, please amend your bank information as the parish has new account numbers effective this month. **BSB: 064 786 Account: 10002 4412**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to the amazing **Mike Nowlan** as he celebrates his 70th birthday during the week.

May God continue to bless him and keep him healthy and strong in the days ahead.

If you or someone in your family is celebrating a milestone birthday or special anniversary this year, (and you don't want it to be kept a secret) please contact the Parish Office with details, or add the information to the list at the churches.



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"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Sheepish Question:

What are my blind spots when it comes to making sacrifices for God?

News from the Inclusion and Outreach Ministry team

Our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge reminded us in his homily letter of 7 February 2021, that the journey of faith was never meant to be taken alone. On that journey together, Archbishop Mark invites us to be a welcoming presence in our community, to ensure that new faces are greeted in a warm and friendly way, so that in finding us, they will find Jesus.

One of the goals for our ministry is to improve the experience of welcome to newcomers and visitors to our community. The Archbishop's invitation of inclusion and welcoming is timely. As a community we can do something about it.

For some of us, it's easy to talk to visitors or newcomers who come to Mass or church events, but for others it's not so easy. Just remember, it starts with 'hello and welcome'.

Our team has prepared welcome bookmarks and cards to assist with that welcoming experience to our community. In the coming weeks we will have these items at our churches. Your comments are invited.



News from St Mary's Playshed

Everything is fresh and renewed at St Mary's Playshed. If you have little children, or help care for your grandchildren, come and visit the Playshed, located off the carpark behind St Mary's Church in Gatton.

There are lots of indoor and great outdoor activities for the children, and plenty of space for the mums, dads and carers to sit and chat. Bev has a well planned program and the children are encouraged to explore their surroundings and expand their ability through play.

There is still have space available for new children to join in ... Come along every Thursday at 9am.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY 2021

It is that time of year again! The sacramental journey is about to begin for school age children, and together we will journey with these wonderful children and their families.

If you have a child who is eligible for the Sacramental Journey and has not received an application form from their school, please contact the Parish office.

The return date for the forms is Friday 5th March 2021.

There will be two opportunities for parents to attend a formation and information session. This will be a session for parents only, and attendance is essential.

These dates are **Friday 19th March and Saturday 20th March.**

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance in this important stage of their faith development.



ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE MORE, BUT TO BE MORE THIS LENT

Project Compassion ...

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to **Project Compassion 2021** and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.



Coffee for Christ this Lent

Each time you enjoy a coffee this Lent, by yourself, or with friends, why not also buy one for Christ! Just put the money aside and place in a specially marked box at the church each week.

At the end of Lent, we will use these funds to assist families in need this Easter.

1. Buy your coffee
2. Buy one for Christ (and put money aside)
3. Take a photo and send to office for our photo wall



OUR PARISH

Parish Priest:

Father Noyichan
M Antony MCBS
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Deacon:

Francis Fernandes

Parish Manager:

Chris Pingel

Parish Assistant:

Elmarie Cunliffe

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Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic Parish



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Complaints/Disclosures

Phone: STOPLINE
1300 304 550

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:

Mary & Lionel Dusart, Albert Curry, Lorraine Sells, Priscilla Pianko, Angela Curry, Norma Hall, John O'Dea, Bill Lansdown, Tahlia Utz, Marie Coleman, Mark Liesch, Rachel Bennett, Vivian Moore, Jillian Hall, Catherine Dormer, Lynette Pocock, Elizabeth Marten, Albert Hall, Judy McGlade, Joel Thiele, Clara Hutchinson, Bree Kohlhase, Steven Campbell, Stasiu Kaminski, Georgina Edwards, Marjorie Cusack, Helen Colley, Pat Pingel, Paul & Margaret Kelly, Joan Egan, Michael Trail (aged 10), 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:

James Watts, Bill Dwyer, Mary Lowien, Robin Hyde

ANNIVERSARIES:

Curtis Sutton, Cecily Frances Ward, Charles Howard Francis, Fred Gowdy, Gregory Thomas Elliott, William John Friend, Maxwell Henry Martin, Joseph Robeck, Annie Gough, Brian Upton, Myrtle Grace Friske, Julie-Anne McNeill, Harold Woodbine, Maria Mertens, Margaret May O'Brien, Martin John Costello, Elizabeth Hauser



PARISH PRAYER

Prayer of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;

In you Mary placed her trust;

With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

Show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

and defend us from every evil. Amen

Courtesy: ACBC for the Year of Saint Joseph



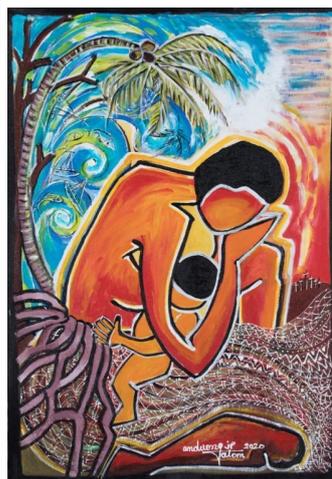
Reflection

All God's children have the privilege of being light-sharers powered by the Holy Spirit. We're designed to live as radiant beacons of God's everlasting hope and unconditional love. When we're sharing the gospel and serving others in the name of Jesus, we become brilliant spotlights and living testimonies.

Every good deed, kind smile, gentle word of encouragement, and heartfelt prayer produces a beaming reminder of God's faithfulness and His unconditional and life-transforming love (Matthew 5:14-16).

Wherever God leads us, and however we serve Him, we can be used by Him to help others shine His light. As God, by His Spirit, provides the true illumination, we can reflect the light and love of His presence.

World Day of Prayer Friday 5th March



10:00am

1:00pm

Gatton Uniting Church
Laidley Cultural Centre

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year - this year the focus is on Vanuatu and a collection will be taken during the services to support a Trauma Healing Project in the Pacific Islands.