



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
Leviticus
13:1-2,44-46

Psalm
31:1-2,5,11
*I turn to you, Lord,
in time of trouble,
and you fill me with
the joy of salvation.*

Second Reading
I Corinthians
10:31-11:1

Gospel
Mark
1:40-45

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 14 February, 2021

“Lord, if you wish, You can make me Clean”

We realise in few days time we will enter into the holy season of Lent - officially marking with the Ash Wednesday on the 17th of February. This prayer of the leper in the Gospel this Sunday can be our mantra as we journey into this Holy Season. **Lent is always a period of purification** - of body, mind and soul.

This is an opportunity to **explore into the divine horizons of grace**. We all realise life is not the same anymore with the pandemic. Uncertainty has become almost a certain part of life - we should be prepared for the worst. Plan A always has got the other side Plan B. We have learned to be flexible and adaptable to the challenges of this new age.



Let us get ready to tune into this 40 days of purification (from Ash Wednesday to the Holy Saturday, excluding Sundays). We will receive the holy ashes on Wednesday to remind ourselves of the nature of who we are - **“You are dust, unto dust you shall return”** (Gen 3:19).

Through prayer, fasting and acts of charity we will furnish this season with virtues that can **bring grace to our lives and our community**. We want to be the best of ourselves, and that is all about rising to the heights where we find the divine presence.

Prayer (personal, with the community - Lenten reflections, retreat,) will provide us opportunities to *encounter the Divine* during this season.

Fasting is something to help us to discover how strong we are in the body and what are the little sacrifices that can *make a difference* to the lives of many.

Charity always gives us the *opportunity to share* what we have received.

This is a season to recall how we been in our relationship to God and others. **Reconciliation is the effect of our recollection**. This is also a season to **rejoice** as we encounter with God. The very encounter will help us to **reconnect to the stream of grace** where we will find our lives a celebration with God and others.

There are several opportunities during Lent for **Reflection, Retreats and Reconciliation**.

‘Look to Jesus’ - Lenten reflections - get into a group or into a habit of personal reflection

Retreat dates: 20th March - Laidley 27th March - Gatton

Stations of the cross - Fridays of Lent Gatton 9am and 5pm Laidley tbc

Reconciliation - Saturday's during Lent from 4:00 -5:30pm before Vigil Mass

Let us come together to explore this holy season!

Blessings, Father Noy

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 20 th	Sunday
Prepare your 	Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday 9am and 6pm Mass	Personal reflection	Stations of Cross Gatton/Laidley	Reconciliation 4 to 5:30pm Laidley	Mass

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 13th February
6:00pm Gatton

Sunday 14th February
7:00am Forest Hill
9:00am Laidley

Monday 15th February
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday 16th February
4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 17th February
Ash Wednesday

9:00am Laidley
6:00pm Gatton

Thursday 18th February

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

Friday 19th February

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

Adoration and Benediction
9am Gtn Stations of Cross
?pm Ldly Stations of Cross
5pm Gtn Stations of Cross

Saturday 20th February
6:00pm Laidley

Sunday 21st February
7:00am Glenore Grove
9:00am Gatton

Reconciliation

Available by appointment - please phone Parish Office or see Fr Noy after 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**

Lent begins on ASH WEDNESDAY - 17 February

Ash Wednesday is a day on which Catholics traditionally resist eating between meals (fasting) and avoid eating meat (abstaining). Lent is a forty day period of preparation for Easter, and it reminds us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before he took up his ministry. During this time he fasted and prayed. Lent is a time of self-denial and prayer for us as well.

During Lent, we can focus on becoming closer to Jesus by praying a little more, joining a Lenten group who are using the beautiful **Look to Jesus** book, using the little Black Book for daily personal reflection, doing good deeds for others, going without something we like and giving generously to others in need especially through Project Compassion.

MASS TIMES

9:00am St Patrick's Laidley

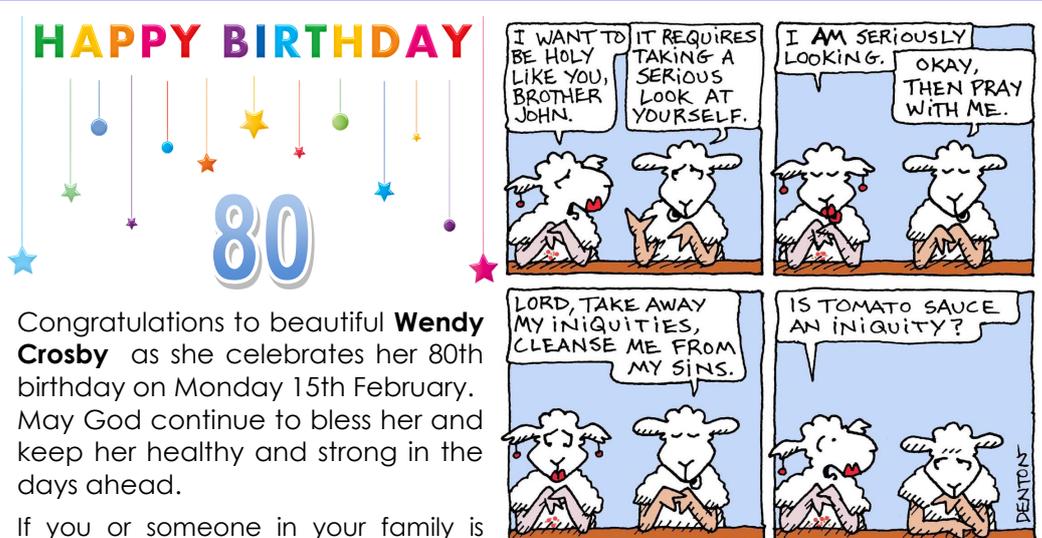
6:00pm St Mary's Gatton

Bookings now available



St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, and young people. He is often represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.

Please note: Mass schedule is subject to any Government changes due to COVID19



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"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Sheepish Question:

If I asked, what would Jesus cleanse from me that I'm not seeing?

Congratulations to beautiful **Wendy Crosby** as she celebrates her 80th birthday on Monday 15th February. May God continue to bless her and keep her 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.

News from the Children and Families team

One of the great goals from the Children and Families strategic plan, is to build stronger relationships between the parish and the schools. This will encourage and enable the children to be trained in altar serving, reading and proclaiming the Word of God, and forming a children's choir to sing at Mass.

Children are encouraged to take part in the **Altar Server** training, and this is scheduled for Monday 22nd February at St Patrick's Laidley after school, and Thursday 25th February at St Mary's Gatton at 3:15pm.

All children of the parish are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday (27/28th March) weekend Masses with the 6pm Vigil in Gatton and 9am Mass in Laidley. Come along and be part of every weekend Mass.

This team have a big year planned, with many exciting initiatives to engage children and their families. Keep an eye out for updates in upcoming newsletters.

✠ Joyful ✠ Inclusive ✠ Inspirational ✠ Loving ✠ Christ-centred ✠ Authentic



News from the St Mary's Primary School Laidley

Our school theme this year is GROW! It has been a very busy start to the 2021 school year and last Friday night saw us gather as a school community for the Welcome Picnic. It was a wonderful way to begin our year with the whole school community getting together. It was challenging in 2020 for the school to engage the community due to the COVID-19 restrictions, however we are very hopeful that this year we will have more opportunity to engage the whole community.

Last week also saw the first P&F AGM and goal setting meeting. It was a great night, and it was excellent to see many parents involved and presenting their ideas to the P&F. Congratulations to new President – Jess Laundry. This week was also the Parent Information Night. At St Mary's, we pride ourselves on working in partnership with our parents to ensure all students achieve academic success.

The Opening School Mass and morning tea was held on Friday 12th February and Year 6 leaders were commissioned to faithfully serve the community in making a difference in the lives of those they touch. Congratulations to Term 1 leaders Indiana Shepley, Cooper Schiewe and Oscar Crack and we look forward to a great year.



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 of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference for the Year of Saint Joseph

St Joseph, help us to grow

On 8 December 2020, Pope Francis declared 2021 to be the Year of St Joseph. St Joseph was a remarkable father, husband, and man. His heart was one that sought to remain pure throughout his adult life, and **through God's grace**, he came to learn of God's plan and the part he was to play in it. And what a plan it was!

Today, let's pray for the intercession of St Joseph in our own life. May he teach us how to have the **courage** to look sincerely at our hearts, name the sin that we find there, and **bring all this to Jesus** who will heal us of all that is unholy within us.

As God's beloved sons and daughters, we are all called by God to become holy, in fact, to become saints!

There is nothing God wants more for each of us than to be in the right relationship with him. We can use this prayer to lead us in praying for his intercession.

Extract from Evangelisation Brisbane Daily Reflection 10th Feb 2021 by Melissa Ledwich

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PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

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Sophia College

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Phone: 5411 3400
Principal: Narelle Dobson
APRE: Margareta Lemon

We pray for ...

THE SICK:

Angela Curry, Norma Hall, John O'Dea, Bill Lansdown, James Watts, 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:

Mary Lowien

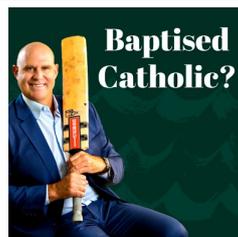
ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Reynolds, Barry Allan Teis, Vernon John (VJ) Ashton, David Joseph Panzram, Elsie Maud Taylor, Ron Dolley, Donna Margaret Church, William John Chadwick, Gerald O'Keefe, Patrick McNamara, Vincent Ronald Mallon, Eileen Ryan, John Joseph Caldwell, Josephine Avington, Catherine Kavanagh, Eunice Mary Kachel, James Noel Lewis, Edward Myles Schipp, Frank Bourke, Colin Walter Robeck, Olivia Margaret Raisin, Genevieve Mary Birney, Jacoba Henrica Stevens, Gerard McDonald, Les Reynolds.

*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.*



Call to all Catholics



Last weekend, Archbishop Mark launched the Call to all Catholics campaign. A bold initiative of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon **what it means to be baptised Catholic**.

His homily was amazing - even if you heard it last week, take the time to listen again. Here is the Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-gqLIMWSqI>

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more, go to: www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic

The Catholic Leader has returned as a print edition—now available!

The Catholic Leader team is encouraging all readers to take up a subscription for their new look monthly publication. Forms available at churches or visit their website www.catholicleader.com.au/subscribe to get started.



For the February edition only, our parish has organised a small number of Catholic Leaders to be available for sale at \$ 4 each.

Great opportunities to contribute to the valuable work of Vinnies

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is currently seeking more volunteers to help with their charitable work. The response for ladies to work in the new shop in Gatton has been wonderful and the shop is functioning very well.



Vinnies are looking for a **few retired men** to assist in the Shed on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7am—10:30am. The work includes helping with furniture collecting and delivery, rag cutting and shifting bags of donated items for the ladies to sort.

Vinnies are also looking for a few extra people to **assist with the Conference work** dealing with clients asking for assistance. This involves one monthly meeting and one afternoon a week from 4pm—5pm.

If you can help in any way, please phone President on 0477 692 677.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you*