



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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Readings for this Week

First Reading
Isaiah
40:1-5,9-11

Psalm
84:9-14
*Lord, let us see your
kindness, and grant us
your salvation.*

Second Reading
2 Peter
3:8-14

Gospel
Mark
1:1-8

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 ADVENT

YEAR B

6 December, 2020

“Prepare the Way for the Lord”

We all know we are in a wonderful time of the year - the season of Advent - a season of '**joyful waiting**' for the Lord. Christian life is all about tuning into the voice of God - "*Speak Lord, thy servant is listening*" (1Samuel 3:10). All those who listen attentively will see the glory of God and that is what happens at Christmas.

Christmas is a time of celebration - a celebration of friendship and love. This is the love which gives us wings to fly over all human imaginations to the divine sphere. John the Baptist reminds us this weekend to embrace that love which is Jesus Himself - who brings the **real joy** to our life.

School holidays are normally a time of celebration of friendship. Friendship that brings communion with our friends and families. Lots of fun and friendship - let us not forget to connect with God and **refresh our friendship with Him** too. As God is making His re entry into our hearts - we must be open to his coming. As we sing the carol 'let every heart, prepare Him room' let us continue consciously to open up to **receive His grace** and that is Christmas.

Little prayers around the Advent wreath with our family, or reading the scripture, or doing little acts of kindness will help us to get ready for this big moment.

Let us tune in to the voice of God.

Happy and blessed holidays!
Father Noy

SPREADING THE JOY IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT

"No one can cultivate a sober and satisfying life without being at peace with him or herself. Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise, interminable and nerve-wracking distractions" Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #225

Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent	Light two candles (both purple) on your Advent Wreath Read Mark 1:1-8
Monday 7th December St Ambrose	Pray for young people who have just finished school
Tuesday 8th December Immaculate Conception of Mary	Pray the Hail Mary together or say a decade of the Rosary
Wednesday 9th December	Share a smile and say hello to as many people as possible today. Be the face of Jesus to others.
Thursday 10th December Our Lady of Loreto	Gather as a family and share something you love about each other. It may be an opportunity to bring peace to a difficult situation.
Friday 11th December St Damascus 1	Pray for those who feel alone and sad at Christmas; especially remember those people away from their families due to distance or family issues.
Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	Go for a walk and thank God for the beauty of creation.

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 5th December
6:00pm Laidley

Sunday 6th December
7:00am Glenore Grove
9:00am Gatton

Monday 7th December
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton

Tuesday 8th December
4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Forest Hill

Wednesday 9th December
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton

Thursday 10th December
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton
7:00pm Adoration
Gatton

Friday 11th December
7:30am Rosary
8:00am Gatton

Saturday 12th December
6:00pm Gatton

Sunday 13th December
7:00am Forest Hill
9:00am Laidley

Mass Online

St Stephen's Cathedral
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast-schedule/>

Mass on Television

Every Sunday at 6am

- Channel 10
- WIN Channel 350

Please note ...

All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice ☩



Parish News and Notices

Collections and Planned Giving Envelopes

A single Parish Collection has recommenced at Gatton. The existing collection system will continue at other Churches.

If you have been thinking about setting up a **regular Direct Debit**, there is a simple form to complete. You can choose any time period from weekly to yearly and any amount is very appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, these are the bank details for EFT transfer (not at a branch of the bank) **BSB: 064 786 Account: 524 440103 Account Name: Gatton Laidley Parish**

Please contact the Parish Office for information or more options.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Thursday night, St Mary's School celebrated their Year 6 Graduation Mass with Father Noy and Deacon Francis.

Families gathered to acknowledge the journey their children have undertaken at St Mary's and to give thanks to God, staff, volunteers and all those who accompanied them through these formative primary school years.

As a parish community, we continue to pray for all graduating children as they prepare for high school in 2021.

Well done parents, children and carers!



Our Lady of Good Counsel Outside School Hours Care

30 Maitland Street, Gatton Ph: 0487 001722

Jayde has an amazing program organised for the school holidays and your children and grandchildren are invited to be part of the fun and games.

Here are a few of the things happening over the next week ...

- # Decorating the classroom as a Christmas space and writing letters to Santa
- # Crazy Sock and Hair Day—prize for the craziest combination
- # Playing with plants and exploring creation
- # Wheelie Day—bring your bike, scooter, roller skates (and your safety gear)



Please note: Mass schedule is subject to any Government changes

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

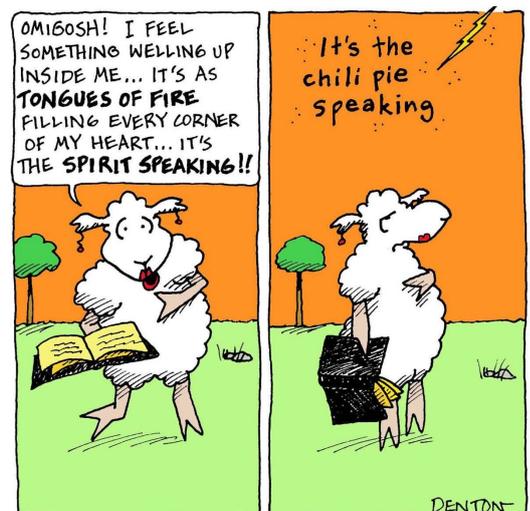
6pm Gatton
8pm Glenore Grove

Christmas Day

7am Forest Hill
9am Laidley

Please phone the Parish Office 5465 3131 or email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au to book seats for you and your family this Christmas. Full details are still required for COVID tracking purposes.

We realise this is an extra burden to provide this information, however your graciousness and understanding is very much appreciated.



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"Prepare the way of the Lord ... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sheepish Question:

How can I recognize and follow the urging of the Holy Spirit within me?

Welcome to Mass—UPDATED INFORMATION—29 November 2020

Key points for attending Mass in our parish:

With the warmer weather approaching, all the doors of the church will be 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. Thank you.

- ☑ Please phone or email gatton@bne.catholic.net.au early in the week to **book your seat/s**.
- ☑ **If you have a permanent booking and you are going to be away, please phone the office to advise, so that your seat can be offered to someone else.**
- ☑ Please **come early**—at least 15 minutes before Mass. This allows enough time to sanitise your hands and be advised of your seat allocation (Gatton /Laidley).
- ☑ Maintain **1.5 metres distance** from people who do not live in your household, especially when entering, going to Holy Communion and when you are leaving the church.

Of course, even if you make a booking, and if you **are unwell, please DO NOT come to Mass**



Keep your distance



Smile and wave!



Wash your hands regularly



Cover coughs and sneezes

Congratulations Vinnies!

On Tuesday morning, members of St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland, together with St Mary's Conference Gatton members and volunteers were present as Father Noy officially blessed the new Gatton Centre of Charity at 19 Railway Street Gatton.

Vinnies Multi Centre Manager Louise Moore lit the candle as Father Noy prayed these grace filled words ... *May this light of love and compassion forever burn brightly in the hearts of all who serve at this Centre.* The beautiful liturgy included readings and prayers of intercession by shop volunteers, the words echoing the heart of all those who serve at the Centre. Our community is especially grateful to the volunteers and members of St Vincent de Paul, their tireless efforts often unseen, but always appreciated.

We share some of the words during Father Noy's blessing of the Centre "... *May all who enter these doors know Your love and care. May it be a place of welcome and true charity, offering a "hand up" to those in need. Bless all who work in this Centre that they may be open to the needs of others, and serve all who come with generosity, compassion and cheerfulness. Bless all who visit this Centre, that they may feel a sense of friendship and community. May those in need be assisted, and may they receive respect, hope, peace and justice.*"



Second Week of Advent—PEACE



The Gospel messages encourage us to focus and to be prepared during this season of Advent. The Advent wreath in your home can be a visible reminder in your busy day.

As you light the second candle ...

God of Peace, as we light this second candle on our Advent wreath, may we be filled with your everlasting Peace. May your spirit guide us as people of peace and light this Advent. Grant us forgiveness for the times our thoughts, actions and words were filled with conflict and negativity. As we prepare for the coming of your Son, as peacemakers, allow us to see Your face in all we meet. Amen

A VOCATION VIEW: WILL YOU BE THE FACE OF CHRIST TO OTHERS THIS DAY?

The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness".

Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

To talk to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre:

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



OUR PARISH

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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:

Mark Liesch, Rachel Bennett, Vivian Moore, Jillian Hall, Helen Forman, Catherine Dormer, Lynette Pocock, Elizabeth Marten, Bernadette Pinchin, Albert Hall, Judy McGlade, Joel Thiele, Clara Hutchinson, Bree Kohlhasse, Steven Campbell, Stasiu Kaminski, Georgina Edwards, Marjorie Cusack, Helen Colley, Pat Pingel, Paul & Margaret Kelly, Mary Van Ansem, 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:

Violet Dawson, Gerry Ryan, Mary-Anne Cornelius, Harvey Dickson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne Philomena Kavanagh, John Joseph Reuter, Mick Bichel, Alice May Wilson, Alban Qualishefski, Nicholas John Hardy, Horace Marshall Howe, Tom Jeffes, Tessa Hutton, Jean Crosby, Leslie Gordon Mills, Victor Miners, Jack Cleary, Dorothy Eileen Brown, Patrick John Friend

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.



Prayers of the Faithful ...

For all those in leadership positions in our Church, in Rome, in our archdiocese, and in our parish; that they may be guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit ... We pray to the Lord

For those who have separated themselves from the grace of God; that they may find this season of Advent a time of reconciliation and peace ... We pray to the Lord

For all the homebound and hospitalised of our parish and for all those who care for them; that they may know joy in their lives ... We pray to the Lord

2021 Resources Now available



God's Word 2021
Special Parish Price \$ 13.00

Also available:
Little Blue Books for Advent
- daily reflections \$ 4.00



2021 Columban Calendars
now on sale at Vinnies.
A beautiful calendar \$ 9.00

Christmas Cards are also
now available.

Vinnies
19-21 Railway St, Gatton

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.

I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.
Amen.



Now available!

Act of Spiritual Communion Liturgy

- ✠ Prepare your sacred space
- ✠ Dress appropriately
- ✠ Turn off your mobile phone and devices
- ✠ Put yourself in the presence of God

- ✠ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ✠ Proclaim the Word of God
- ✠ Say the Lord's Prayer
- ✠ Pray the Prayer
for Spiritual Communion