



Mass Times

Saturday 13 January

6 pm Gatton

Sunday 14 January

7 am Forest Hill

9 am Laidley

Tuesday 16 January

4:30 pm Rosary

5 pm Forest Hill

Mass

Wednesday 17 January

8:30 am Rosary

9 am Gatton Mass

Friday 19 January

8:30 am Rosary

9 am Laidley Mass

Saturday 20 January

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 21 January

7 am Glenore Gve

9 am Gatton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available before 6pm
Vigil Mass and other
times by appointment.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 14 January '24

Tizeteite - What you seek?

We are now in the Ordinary time of the church's liturgical year. Following the sixth Sunday of the Ordinary time, we commence the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which is on the February 14th. After the Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday we celebrate Easter on Sunday, March 31.

Today's first reading come from the first book of Samuel, which recalls God calling the young Samuel. That compliments the theme of today's Gospel, which is John's account of Jesus calling the first disciples Andrew and then his brother Simon Peter. The Responsorial psalm takes up the theme of responding to God's call. Our response is: ***"Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will"***. The theme of today's response is picked up from the first reading.

In the Gospel we have the account of the call of the first disciples. ***"What do you seek?"*** This is the question Jesus asked to the first disciples for the first time. The evangelist John is directing that question not only to Andrew and his companion, he is also addressing his readers.

Isn't that one of the fundamental questions we can ask?

What at this stage of my life am I seeking?

What do I truly desire?

Andrew asks Jesus, ***'where do you live'*** and Jesus answers, ***'come and see'***. Andrew and his companion stayed with Jesus the rest of the day. They transferred their discipleship from John the Baptist to Jesus.

The evangelist John is presenting us with a portrait of genuine discipleship. ***We respond to the invitation to be with Jesus when we are ready to spend time with him and be with him.***

What a sublime thought!

Having met Jesus, the first thing Andrew wants to do is to share this experience with his brother Simon. He tells Simon, ***'We have found the Messiah!'***

Christian discipleship is a ***delightful experience of seeking and finding, questioning and answering. 'What do I seek?' 'Have I found the Messiah?'***

Responsorial Psalm: Second Sunday in Ord Time

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17 January **“Come and See” Meditation – an hour of reflection**

6:30 – 7:30pm St Mary's Church Gatton

Please register your interest with Parish office.

Coming soon...

Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark

Fr Emmanuel will be leading this series of reflections.

Details to be confirmed.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT CARINITY KARINYA PLACE LAIDLAY

In 2024, we are hoping to offer the residents of Karinya a monthly Mass or Liturgy of the Word, and regular Anointing of the Sick. To facilitate this ministry, **we are asking for 2 to 4 people to volunteer** on a rostered basis. Training will be available. Please note you will need to complete safeguarding training and have a Blue Card and Police Check.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS – Monday 15th January

What a special day on Monday! Three wonderful people celebrate their birthday. **Shirley Deberg** will be a young 95, **Mary Bauer** and **Brendan McClure** will both be 80 something. Through both challenges and celebrations, we see these faith filled people experience the love and mercy of God. We thank them for their many years of volunteer service in our parish and community. We are blessed to called them friends, and wish them all a wonderful birthday.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN 2024

Do you have a special wedding anniversary or milestone birthday coming up in 2024? As a parish, we like to celebrate these occasions with a special event once a year, and also acknowledge your occasion in our newsletter (with your permission). Special anniversaries are 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years married. Milestone birthdays are 18, 21, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and every year thereafter. If you would like your special day to be recognised and celebrated, please advise Chris at the Parish Office.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY OF GOD'S WORD 2024?

Copies are still available at all the churches for only \$ 15 – a daily reflection and the readings of the day to help you journey with Jesus every day through His Word.

FREE CHRISTMAS TREES AVAILABLE

There are several trees, of varying sizes, available from the Gatton Community Centre. These were used at Christmas time and are now available for you. Please phone Chris on 5465 3131 to organise your selection.

VOCATION VIEWS

A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from when we are ten years old till we are ninety nine years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: *“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”* Try praying this with sincerity today.

www.vocationbrisbane.com

WELCOME

Are you new to our parish and community?

Have you lived here for a while, and would like to become more involved in our parish?

Would you like to make new friends who share your love of God?

Our Lady of the Valley parish welcomes you and your family to our community. Everyone is welcome, and there is a place for all to experience God's blessings.

If you are new, we invite you to complete a **Parish Census** form available from our website <https://www.olv.org.au/parish-census.html> and someone from our ministry team will contact you to say hello and ensure you feel at home here.

2024 is the YEAR OF PRAYER

An age-old piece of advice is **'Pray as you can and not as you can't'**. Different ways of praying suit different people. Prayer can be very simple and can be done at any time, in any place – even over a cup of tea! It generally helps if we try to become still, calm, and quiet as we step into prayer.

Prayer is really just **being** with God, with or without words. Here we can share our deepest joys, desires, and sorrows with God in complete honesty. Our prayer may be just a few simple words of thanks or bringing to God all our needs and concerns. It can and does change us, and the world.

Pope Francis has announced that the year 2024, in preparation for the Jubilee 2025, will be dedicated to prayer.

The Holy Father called for a daily renewal of the joy and commitment of being men and women of prayer, leading to prayers of simplicity that are in accordance with Christ's heart.

He reiterated ... **"Prayer that comes from the heart**, not like parrots. No. From the heart. May the words that are spoken come from the heart."

He also said **"We must keep alive the torch of hope that has been given to us, and do everything we can to ensure that everyone regains the strength and certainty to look to the future with an open mind, a confident heart and a far-sighted mind.**

The next Jubilee will be able to greatly facilitate the re-composition of a climate of hope and trust, as a sign of a renewed rebirth of which we all feel the urgency. This is why I chose the motto **Pilgrims of Hope** for this upcoming Jubilee."

"COME AND SEE" Wednesday 17 January

An exciting invitation from Jesus awaits each of us: **To be with him and to be sent!** Consider the tree as an archetypal image of spiritual life... **Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches** (Jn.15/5)

Through the meditation of this ancient image, we try to experience the **working of the Trinity in our daily life.**

Father Emmanuel will lead this session in St Mary's Church, Gatton. All are welcome to come and experience this second session of Inner life Meditation on Wednesday 17th commencing at 6:30pm.

Please register your interest with Chris at the Parish Office.

OUR PARISH

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5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Daryl Reynolds, Eric Pingel, James Earley, Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Jodi Thompson, Roslyn Furber, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Parcell, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Sienna Beutel

If parishioners would like a sick person prayed for, please ask their permission. Names will be included for **ONE MONTH**.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Greg Breuer, Marjorie Schulz

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vera Ziebarth, Madeline Brooker, Patrick O'Connor, Thomas Murrihy, Ellen Gould, Michael Ryan, Johanna Dwyer, Daniel Kearney, Marie Bourke, Geraldine Oliver, Mary Cochrane, Mary Gould, Aileen Filewood, Annie Schulz, Molly Mallon, Mary Wiese

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

WORLDLY VIEWS



As he watched Jesus walk by, John said, "Look there is the Lamb of God". Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus.

When was a time you recognised Jesus' presence? Did it change your response and actions?

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

As the new year returns to full speed, the overflow of the Christmas season is still being felt – emotions run high, pain filled memories and suffering can be overwhelming. These phone numbers may be helpful:

Lifeline	13 11 14
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636