



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A) December 4th '22

Mass Times

Saturday 3 December

6 pm Laidley

Sunday 4 December

7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton

Monday 5 December

7:30am Rosary
8 am Gattton

Tuesday 6 December

4:30pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill

Wed'day 7 December

7:30am Rosary
8 am Gattton

Thursday 8 December

7:30am Rosary
8 am Gattton

Friday 9 December

7:30am Rosary
8 am Gattton

Sat'day 10 December

6 pm Gattton

Sunday 11 December

7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

*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.*

“PREPARE the Way for the Lord, Make Straight Paths for Him”

As we come to CELEBRATE Christmas by the end of this month, we **pause to read, pray, and reflect** over the course of the Advent season - a time when Christians eagerly anticipate the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus.

Advent is an INVITATION to set our mind off the stresses of the year. The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to **prepare our hearts in faithful waiting**. It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future will bring. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. **Making space for prayer and reflection** helps us to **better see God at work** in our lives and around the world.

The mission of John the Baptist was to be the **forerunner** of the Messiah. John was so courageous to invite everyone to **'repent'**. Christmas is to live with a loving, kind, forgiving Father who will lead us with Jesus safely home.

The story of the **origin of the Christmas crèche** rests with **St. Francis of Assisi**. In the year 1223, St. Francis, a deacon, was visiting the town of Greccio to celebrate Christmas. So he found a niche in the rock near the town square and set up the altar. He prepared a manger and the brethren were summoned, the people ran together, the forest resounded with their voices, and that venerable night was made glorious by many and brilliant lights and sonorous psalms of praise.

May we too **embrace Him** with all of our love as did St. Francis. May God's spirit **transform** our days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation. Safe travels. Enjoy the holidays. Don't FORGET our **HOLY DAY (Christmas)** is on the way. Get READY to CELEBRATE our Faith and friendship with God and one another!

Noyichan MCB.S.

Responsorial Psalm: Second Sunday of Advent

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Over the past two weekends we have enjoyed celebrating with our many parish volunteers and also with those celebrating special wedding anniversaries and milestone birthdays in 2022.



Lots of great food, so much laughter and fun activities were enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the entertainment, catering and the smooth running of these events. Your assistance made for a fantastic day for all!



VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK

Since the standard volunteer and safeguarding forms were first introduced in 2018, the Archdiocese has continued to adjust the requirements for volunteers and how volunteers are engaged, inducted and supported.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for voluntary workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our parish is committed to maintaining a safe place for all those who serve and who belong to our community. Blue Cards and Police Checks are a still a requirement for some volunteer roles, and these need to be renewed every couple years. Some volunteers will receive an envelope of paperwork this weekend so that our parish is fully compliant with the safeguarding requirements. If you need any assistance filling out these forms, please make a time to see Chris at the Parish Office.

ROSTERS FOR 2023

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteers in our parish. Your unfailing commitment makes such a difference to our Masses.

It is time to prepare the new rosters for 2023, and this is an opportunity for new people to join in their preferred ministry or ministries. Training will be held in early 2023 to refresh both new and experienced volunteers, and updated volunteer paperwork will be distributed from this weekend.

Everyone who is currently on a roster for welcoming, proclaiming the Word of God, Extraordinary ministry, altar serving, projectionist etc will be contacted in the coming weeks to check your availability for 2023.

If you are new to our parish, or would like to join a roster, please contact Chris at the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light the candle of **PEACE**, we pray ...

Loving God,
we thank you for the gift of PEACE
you give us through Jesus.
Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming
by working for Christ's peace to grow in our family.
We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem,
Jesus our Lord. Amen



ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday 10th December 2:00pm **Community Centre Gatton**
"Do you have the heart of the disciple"? Together we can reflect on John the Baptist as he simplified his life, and stilled himself to respond to God's call and what that means for us today as we journey in faith.

2022 THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Saturday 10th December **Community Centre Gatton**
An evening of celebration as we say **THANK YOU** to Father Noy for his friendship and pastoral ministry.
Mass There will be a BBQ and we are requesting **donations of food** for this evening – a list has been compiled and will be at all churches for the next two weeks.
BBQ **Items needed include:** BBQ essentials – meat, bread rolls and salads; Slices or pre-cut dessert items.
BYO Drinks plus tea and coffee available.
Please **RSVP** if you will be attending by advising the monitor at all churches. Thank you!
If you would like to **make a donation towards a farewell gift**, please place your donation in an envelope marked "farewell gift". We will be presenting a special gift to Father Noy on this evening.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Thurs 15th December 9:00am **St Patrick's Laidley**
Friday 16th December 6:00pm **St Mary's Gatton**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Calling all children who would like to take part in the Christmas pageant before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Please phone or email the office to include your child/grandchild/visitors in this fun production.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 24th December 6pm Gatton 8pm Glenore Grove
Sunday 25th December 7am Forest Hill 9am Laidley

OUR PARISH

Parish Priest:

Father Noychan
Antony MCBS
A/ Hrs: 5462 5374

Parish Manager

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OLGC Kindy
5462 4810

OLGC OSHC
0487 001 722

St Mary's Laidley
5465 1240

Sophia College
5411 3400

WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Warren Forbes, Mark Wendt, Michael Trail, Shannon Gilchrist, Barry Crosby, Colleen Scheiwe, Edilberta Parcell, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Catherine Dormer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lucy Kimmings, Lorraine Sells, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Pat Pingel, Elisabeth Maltry, Sienna Beutel

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Renee Klimmer, Myrta Prianes, Bill McNeil, Reg Jackson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hazel Liffin, Coral Brown, Ann Kavanagh, John Joseph Reuter, Mick Bichel, Alice Wilson, Allan Qualischefski, Nicholas Handy, Horace Howe, Tom Jeffes, Tessa Hutton, Jean Crosby, Leslie Mills



BUS TRIP TO MARIAN VALLEY

8 December

Thursday 8th December **Feast of Immaculate Conception**

Bus leaves 7:45am at K-Hub Gatton

Returning 5:00pm

Cost: \$ 30 per person

Bookings & enquiries Theresa 0434 528 904

THAT CATHOLIC SHOP catalogues available

That Catholic Shop is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. Copies of their Christmas Catalogue is now at the churches and include many Catholic and faith-inspired products.

All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need throughout the world. You can also visit their online store www.thatcatholicshop.com

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you so much for your generous support of the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. Our parish donated **\$ 896.00** to the Appeal. Your gift is helping the Church support mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. To learn more about the impact of your support,

visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

