



## Mass Times

- Saturday 4 January**  
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 5 January**  
7 am Glenore Gve  
9 am Gatton
- Tuesday 7 January**  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5 pm Forest Hill
- Wednesday 8 January**  
8:00 am Adoration  
8:30 am Rosary  
9 am Gatton
- Friday 10 January**  
No Laidley Mass
- Saturday 11 January**  
6 pm Gatton
- Sunday 12 January**  
7 am Forest Hill  
9 am Laidley



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available from 5:30pm  
each Saturday  
afternoon.

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gatton Laidley

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YR C)

5 January 2025

## THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE - SYNOD 2024

In his introduction to the release of the **Action Plans**, Archbishop Mark says:- *"The Synod had three phases: preparation, celebration, implementation. Each of these three phases is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, since if that is not true all we are left with is politics; and the Church is much more than that."*

This week, Anne shares details on the first two of the **8 Decrees that were discerned through the Holy Spirit, discussed and voted on by the members of the Synod**. Two decrees will be included in each newsletter during January.

### Plenary Council Decree 1: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts

The focus here is on the need for a new engagement of the Church with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, beginning with a new kind of listening in the belief that we all can and must learn from the first inhabitants of the land.

### Archdiocesan Synod Action Plans

1. That, building on the Archdiocesan Reconciliation Action Plan, the Archdiocese develop and implement **an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander truth-telling, professional learning and formation plan** that provides opportunities for all those within parishes, communities and agencies to come to a deeper recognition, appreciation and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and spiritualities.
2. That the Archdiocese develop and distribute **culturally appropriate resources** to assist parishes, communities and agencies to include aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, traditions, spiritualities, ritual and symbol in prayers and liturgies.
3. That the Archdiocese develop culturally specific **learning and formation opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples**.

### Responsorial Psalm: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

## THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE - SYNOD 2024

### Plenary Council Decree 2: Choosing Repentance, Seeking Healing

The focus here is on addressing sexual abuse in the Church, making amends for failures in the past and working to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, but especially for the young and the vulnerable.

#### Archdiocesan Synod Action Plans

1. That in dialogue with survivors, the consequences of physical, sexual and spiritual abuse by Church personnel be addressed within the Archdiocese through **truth-telling and story-telling sessions in safe spaces** that may give survivors and their family members a voice to be heard and honoured, and support for research and programs related to trauma-informed spiritual care and the long term impact of spiritual harm.
2. That **a Sunday of the liturgical year be set aside** within the Archdiocese to focus upon safeguarding and healing, with a reassessment of Safeguarding Sunday looking to rename, refocus and resituate it, with the preparation of appropriate ritual and resources, including an annual commissioning of local safeguarding people.
3. That the Archdiocese, in dialogue with survivors, implement **processes that seek forgiveness for historical failings, recognising and addressing their needs**. This could include a formal apology to survivors and their families, symbolic plaques and/or artwork in significant locations, theological reflection on sexual abuse within the Church which ought to be a place of refuge and safety, retreats and days of prayer that can foster healing, and the training of appropriately gifted people to undertake a ministry to survivors and their families.

## RETURNING IN FEBRUARY

Please note the following ministries will resume in February.

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Morning Tea at Laidley



#### A question for us:

What personal and spiritual gifts can I offer as Christ's light to the world?

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to a wonderful Gatton gentleman, **Terry O'Sullivan**.

We are always encouraged by Terry's easy going nature and his willingness to assist in our parish.

His volunteering efforts have been diverse over the many decades in our parish, and we pray that God will grant him excellent health, and that he may find joy and peace in each day.

**Happy Birthday Terry!**



## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office in Laidley will be closed until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. During this time, you are encouraged to email your non-urgent enquiries to [gatton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gatton@bne.catholic.net.au) and this will be checked regularly.

For **urgent** enquiries only (eg: anointing of someone seriously ill, funeral arrangements) please call 0407 132 700. Please refer to our website for Mass times and weekly newsletters.

## CELEBRATING 2024

What a year it has been - a year filled with incredible moments, meaningful connections, and blessings that have enriched our parish community. As a parish community, we not only give thanks for all we've achieved together in 2024 but also look forward with excitement and hope to the plans that will guide us in 2025.

We asked each of the ministry leaders to share some of the highlights of this past year and give us a glimpse into the inspiring plans they have in store to further our mission in the year ahead. This week we share the "**wins**" of 2024 from the Liturgy and Children's Ministry team.

### FROM LITURGY MINISTRY TEAM

We welcomed the liturgist and musician **Michael Mangan** as he provided some valuable insight and training to assist our **Extraordinary ministers and Ministers of the word** be more Christ centred in their ministries.

The **Multicultural** Mass celebration was a wonderful inclusive opportunity for us to celebrate our heritage in a unique liturgical way.

We attended the **Sacramental Program information night** and assisted families as they began their journey with their children.

We celebrated joyfully with those who had a **Special Anniversary or Milestone Birthday** in 2024 with some fun and food.

We helped to provide a loving safe space for those in grief with the **All Souls** commemoration and morning tea. We encouraged members of our team to step into some roles to lead us through the **Releasing the Tears** service, **Second Rites** and writing **Prayers of Intercession**.

We would like to encourage parishioners to attend the **Anointing Mass** and experience the authentic peace that this provides through the healing power of prayer.

### FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY TEAM

It has been wonderful to invite children to hear the Gospel in the language of children at **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 9am Mass in Gatton. We encourage all parents to bring their young children to engage with the words of Jesus so they can live out His message.

Members of the Children and Families team were actively involved in the **sacramental preparation** for Confirmation and First Communion. The children enjoyed their learning and activities, and we continue to pray for them in their faith journey.

## OUR PARISH

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## WE PRAY FOR ...

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Peter Das, Denis Hanrahan, Nikki McLay, Peter Heenan, Paddy Boyd, Toshikatsu Konishi, Shirley Myles, Neville Heenan, Joan Linnan, Sienna Beutel, Brian Wells, McGregor-Shaw Family, Michael Trail, Therese Thompson, James Earley, Theresa Jones, Theresa Knight, Jodi Thompson, Roslyn Furber, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Edilberta Parcell, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jim Brimblecombe, Lenny Jaenke, Diane Samuelsen,  
Peter Campbell, Allen Pickering



### ANNIVERSARIES:

Elizabeth Reynolds, Barry Liddicoat, Agnes Myles, Lilian Litfin, Cecil O'Brien, Desmond Samuelsen, Vincent Ward, Ann Friend, Florence Thom, Warren Jaenke, Jessica Keep, Greg Breuer, Bridget Carmody, Gloria Pierpoint, Queenie Mehegan, Tony Bourke, Michael Falconer

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

**Father in heaven,  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen**



The Jubilee looks back to the first Roman celebration in 1300; and Rome has always been the epicentre of celebration, as it will be of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage which Archbishop Mark hopes to accompany in September next year.

But the Jubilee Year also looks back much further to the biblical jubilee, which was celebrated every fifty years. It was a time of renewal for the people of God, a time to make a new beginning, a time to focus again on the God-given identity of ancient Israel as a community of slaves set free in a world which says that slaves can never come free. In a deeply restless world, may this Jubilee Year be a time of sabbath which God alone can provide, refreshing our souls and putting new heart into the Church.